

August 11, 2022  
Nemaha Natural Resources District  
Regular Meeting  
Tecumseh, Nebraska

1. **CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL/MOMENT OF SILENCE**

Russel Moss called the five hundred sixty-sixth meeting of the Nemaha Natural Resources District Board of Directors to order at 7:05 p.m. Thursday, August 11, 2022, at the NRD headquarters at Tecumseh, Nebraska.

<b>DIRECTORS</b>	Lisa Beethe	Robert Lassen	Eldon Snoke
<b>PRESENT:</b>	Rob Bohling	Tim Loseke	Mike Speece
	Randy Fox	Michael McDonald	Dan Stukenholtz
	Jim Gerweck	Russel Moss	Duane Sugden
	Orval Gigstad	Bill Niedfeldt	Kevin Thorne
	Dan Giittinger	Alan Romine	
	Dan Hodges	Don Siske	

<b>DIRECTORS</b>	Doug Iske
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Jon Keithley

<b>STAFF</b>	Kyle Hauschild, General Manager
<b>PRESENT:</b>	Jane Kuhl, Administrative Manager
	Chuck Wingert, Water Resources Manager
	Jill Rogman, Administrative Assistant

<b>GUESTS</b>	Jeremiah Schutz, NRCS, Tecumseh
<b>PRESENT:</b>	Steve Woerth, Brownville

Following the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence, Moss announced that the Open Meetings Act was posted at the back of the room.

2. **PROOF OF PUBLICATION**

Proof of publication was presented and is on file.

3. **EXCUSED ABSENCES**

Moss stated that Doug Iske and Jon Keithley had requested excused absences.

4. **OPEN FORUMS**

Directors and staff introduced themselves.

5. **STAFF REPORTS**

Hauschild briefly reviewed his report. He added that the staff included in the anniversary recognition was unable to attend so this would be included in a future meeting. Wingert briefly reviewed some items in his report.

## 6. AGENCY/ASSOCIATION REPORTS

### A. Natural Resources Conservation Service

Schutz reviewed his report and explained his idea for updating the SWCP ranking process.

### B. Five Rivers RC&D

Sugden reviewed a letter regarding the status of their grant programs and some other issues that were identified in a recent audit.

### C. Nebraska Association of Resources Districts

Gigstad reported on the recent NACD meeting as well as the upcoming NARD Annual Conference, benefits committee update, and 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the NRDs.

### D. Nebraska Natural Resources Commission

McDonald reported on their meeting held earlier that day and on changes in the next round of grants. He also shared some updates on the funds administered by the Commission.

### E. Steamboat Trace Volunteer Group

Giittinger deferred his report to the long-range plan agenda item.

## 7. STANDING COMMITTEES

### **A. PROGRAMS & PROJECTS COMMITTEE**

1. *Well Permit Applications:* None.

2. *Derek Harms Request for Easement Variance:* Stukenholtz explained that Mr. Harms was asking for permission to run his pivot across the top of the Brownell 14-2 dam. He reported that the committee had concerns about potential damage to the structure. Mr. Harms was not in attendance at the committee or board meeting, so more information was not available. No action.

3. *Hazard Mitigation 2022 BRIC Grant Applications:* Hauschild explained that this grant would fund much of the cost of required updates to the Hazard Mitigation Plan.

**Sugden moved, seconded by Hodges, to approve the 2022 BRIC grant application. Motion carried.**

**AYE:** Beethe, Bohling, Fox, Gerweck, Gigstad, Giittinger, Hodges, Lassen, Loseke, McDonald, Moss, Niedfeldt, Romine, Siske, Snoke, Speece, Stukenholtz, Sugden, Thorne

**NOT PRESENT:** Iske, Keithley

**B. OPERATIONS & EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

1. *Lewiston Schools Foundation Request for Letter of Support for NET Grant:* Fox explained the request for a letter of support for their grant which would fund construction of a community based agricultural center at the school. It was clarified that no financial commitment is included in the letter of support.

**Fox moved, seconded by Stukenholtz, to provide a letter of support for the Lewiston Schools Foundation's NET grant. Motion carried.**

**AYE:** Beethe, Bohling, Fox, Gerweck, Gigstad, Giittinger, Hodges, Lassen, Loseke, Moss, Niedfeldt, Romine, Siske, Snoke, Speece, Stukenholtz, Sugden, Thorne

**NAY:** McDonald

**NOT PRESENT:** Iske, Keithley

2. *Steamboat Trace Volunteer Group Long Range Plan:* Steve Woerth briefly reviewed the six-year plan developed by the Steamboat Trace volunteer group. It included various aspects such as construction, signage, events, and promotion.

**C. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

1. *Selection of Voting Delegate/Alternate for NARD Annual Conference:* Gigstad had volunteered to serve as the delegate; Hodges agreed to be the alternate.

**Moss moved, seconded by Siske, to appoint Orval Gigstad voting delegate and Dan Hodges alternate delegate for the NARD Annual Conference. Motion carried.**

**AYE:** Beethe, Bohling, Fox, Gerweck, Gigstad, Giittinger, Hodges, Lassen, Loseke, McDonald, Moss, Niedfeldt, Romine, Siske, Snoke, Speece, Stukenholtz, Sugden, Thorne

**NOT PRESENT:** Iske, Keithley

2. *Update Bylaws to Reflect Change in Consent Agenda Procedure:* Hauschild explained that following last month's action to move some things around on the agenda, it was discovered that the consent agenda could not be moved without amending the bylaws.

**Niedfeldt moved, seconded by McDonald, to amend the bylaws to move the consent agenda item immediately after the proof of publication.** There was some discussion about leaving it at the end of the meeting. **Motion carried.**

**AYE:** Beethe, Bohling, Fox, Gerweck, Gigstad, Giittinger, Hodges, Lassen, Loseke, McDonald, Moss, Niedfeldt, Romine, Siske, Snoke, Speece, Stukenholtz, Sugden, Thorne

**NOT PRESENT:** Iske, Keithley

**8. REVIEW/ACTION ON PROPOSED FY23 BUDGET**

Rogman briefly reviewed the updated budget figures. Hauschild explained some of the changes or cuts that were made by the budget committee. Questions and discussion centered around balances in the sinking funds, increase in water programs budget (for AEM flights,) trail maintenance (balance remaining on trail repairs), salaries, conservation work, and the replacement of a pickup, which will be postponed until next year.

**Romine moved, seconded by Fox, to approve the budget as proposed.** Hauschild added that we won't have the valuations until August 20, but the budget must be prepared soon so the budget hearing advertisement can be sent to the papers by August 25. **Motion carried.**

**AYE:** Beethe, Bohling, Fox, Gerweck, Gigstad, Giittinger, Hodges, Lassen, Loseke, Moss, Niedfeldt, Romine, Siske, Snoke, Speece, Stukenholtz, Sugden, Thorne

**NAY:** McDonald

**NOT PRESENT:** Iske, Keithley

**9. ANNOUNCEMENTS, SEPTEMBER MEETING DATE/TIME & AGENDA ITEM REQUESTS**

The next meeting will be Thursday, September 8, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. with committee meetings prior to the regular meeting. The budget hearings will also take place prior to the committee meetings. Hauschild reminded everyone of the September 1 deadline to register for the NARD annual conference.

**10. CONSENT AGENDA**

**Siske moved, seconded by Sugden, to approve the consent agenda.** Moss asked if anyone had questions on either the minutes or the treasurer's report. Beethe asked about a bank charge on the treasurer's report, which was charged by error and would be refunded back the following month. **Motion carried.**

**AYE:** Beethe, Bohling, Fox, Gerweck, Gigstad, Giittinger, Hodges, Lassen, Loseke, McDonald, Moss, Niedfeldt, Romine, Siske, Snoke, Speece, Stukenholtz, Sugden, Thorne

**NOT PRESENT:** Iske, Keithley

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

**Siske moved, seconded by Thorne, to adjourn. Motion carried.**

**AYE:** Beethe, Bohling, Fox, Gerweck, Gigstad, Giittinger, Hodges, Lassen, Loseke, McDonald, Moss, Niedfeldt, Romine, Siske, Snoke, Speece, Stukenholtz, Sugden, Thorne

**NOT PRESENT:** Iske, Keithley

The meeting adjourned at 8:43 p.m.

Approved September 8, 2022

Secretary, Nemaha Natural Resources District