

August 10, 2023
Nemaha Natural Resources District
Regular Meeting
Tecumseh, Nebraska

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

Chair Doug Iske called the five hundred seventy-eighth meeting of the Nemaha Natural Resources District Board of Directors to order at 7:07 p.m. Thursday, August 10, 2023, at the NRD headquarters at Tecumseh, Nebraska.

DIRECTORS	Todd Boellstorff	Jon Keithley	Eldon Snoke
PRESENT:	Rob Bohling	Robert Lassen	Mike Speece
	Randy Fox	Tim Loseke	Dan Stukenholtz
	Orval Gigstad	Russel Moss	Duane Sugden
	Dan Hodges	Bill Niedfeldt	Kevin Thorne
	Doug Iske	Alan Romine	

DIRECTORS Jake Armknecht
ABSENT:

STAFF
PRESENT: Kyle Hauschild, General Manager
Jane Kuhl, Administrative Manager
Chuck Wingert, Water Resources Manager
Brooke Gerdes, Administrative Bookkeeper

GUESTS Jeremiah Schutz, NRCS
PRESENT: Steve Woerth, Brownville

Following the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence, Iske 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. **CONSIDERATION OF APPLICATIONS TO FILL VACANCY IN SUBDISTRICT 4**

No applications were received, so efforts to advertise for the opening will continue.

4. **CONSIDERATION OF APPLICATIONS TO FILL VACANCY IN SUBDISTRICT 9**

No applications were received, so efforts to advertise for the opening will continue.

5. **CONSIDERATION OF APPLICATIONS TO FILL VACANCY IN SUBDISTRICT 10**

One application was received; however, in order to make sure everyone has an opportunity to apply, the board decided to wait until the September meeting to fill this spot.

6. **OATH OF OFFICE**

N/A.

7. **CONSENT AGENDA**

- a. Excused Absences: Jake Armknecht
- b. Minutes: no changes
- c. Treasurer’s Report: no changes

Lassen moved, seconded by Stukenholtz, to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried.

AYE: Bohling, Boellstorff, Fox, Gigstad, Hodges, Iske, Keithley, Lassen, Loseke, Moss, Niedfeldt, Snoke, Speece, Stukenholtz, Sugden, Thorne

ABSTAIN: Romine

NOT PRESENT: Armknecht

8. **OPEN FORUMS**

All directors and staff introduced themselves.

9. **STAFF REPORTS**

Hauschild reviewed his report. Wingert reviewed his report.

10. **AGENCY/ASSOCIATION REPORTS**

A. Natural Resources Conservation Service

Schutz reviewed his report. He also announced next month would be his last meeting as he took a new job as the Area Resource Conservationist for the east area of Nebraska.

B. Nebraska Association of Resources Districts

Gigstad reported on the Benefits Committee Meeting and the NACD summer meeting.

C. Nebraska Natural Resources Commission

Fox reviewed their meeting where they scored four large projects and 14 small projects. They approved eight of the small projects and two of the large projects. They will meet again in December.

11. **STANDING COMMITTEES**

A. PROGRAMS & PROJECTS COMMITTEE

1. *Well Permit Applications:* Wingert reviewed the following permit:

Permit #	Landowner Name	Well Location	GPM	Purpose	Score
N802	Bettenhausen Family Farms LLC	NE¼ NW¼ Section 31-7-8, Lancaster Co.	800	Irrigation	220

Bohling moved, seconded by Sugden, to approve well permit N802 for Bettenhausen Family Farms LLC. Motion carried.

AYE: Bohling, Boellstorff, Fox, Gigstad, Hodges, Iske, Keithley, Lassen, Loseke, Moss, Niedfeldt, Romine, Snoko, Speece, Stukenholtz, Sugden, Thorne
NOT PRESENT: Armknecht

2. ***Cost-Share Program for Irrigation Efficiency Components & Resolution for Grant Application:*** A video was shown about the new irrigation nozzles that would be part of the program. There was discussion on the NETF grant to help fund the project along with a WSF grant application next spring.

Sugden moved, seconded by Hodges, to approve a resolution to apply for funding from any source including NETF, WaterSmart, or Water Sustainability Funds. Motion carried.

AYE: Bohling, Boellstorff, Fox, Gigstad, Hodges, Iske, Keithley, Lassen, Loseke, Moss, Niedfeldt, Romine, Snoko, Speece, Stukenholtz, Sugden, Thorne
NOT PRESENT: Armknecht

B. OPERATIONS & EDUCATION COMMITTEE

1. ***Potential Action on Resolution for Steamboat Trace Grant:*** Lassen reviewed the grant application adding that the City of Peru would be the grant applicant and administrator.

Snoko moved, seconded by Speece, to approve a letter of support for the Steamboat Trace NETF grant by the City of Peru. Hauschild explained that the NRD's role would be to help with coordination of any projects on the trail and review/approve improvements. After further discussion, **motion carried.**

AYE: Bohling, Boellstorff, Fox, Gigstad, Hodges, Iske, Keithley, Lassen, Loseke, Moss, Niedfeldt, Romine, Snoko, Speece, Stukenholtz, Sugden, Thorne
NOT PRESENT: Armknecht

C. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

1. ***Adoption of Director Code of Conduct:*** Moss briefly reviewed the process for producing this document, which was provided to everyone last month.

Sugden moved, seconded by Gigstad, to approve the Director Code of Conduct. Motion carried.

AYE: Bohling, Boellstorff, Fox, Gigstad, Hodges, Iske, Keithley, Lassen, Loseke, Moss, Niedfeldt, Romine, Snoko, Speece, Stukenholtz, Sugden, Thorne
NOT PRESENT: Armknecht

2. ***Selection of Voting Delegate/Alternate for NARD Annual Conference:*** Gigstad, Hodges, and Sugden all planned to attend the meeting.

Romine moved, seconded by Thorne, to appoint Orval Gigstad as voting delegate and Dan Hodges as alternate for the NARD Annual Conference. Motion carried.

AYE: Bohling, Boellstorff, Fox, Gigstad, Hodges, Iske, Keithley, Lassen, Loseke, Moss, Niedfeldt, Romine, Snoke, Speece, Stukenholtz, Sugden, Thorne
NOT PRESENT: Armknecht

3. ***Discussion/Action on NPAIT Resolution for Sinking Fund Investment:*** Hauschild explained the fund and the interest rate benefit it could provide. He added that we would continue to look at our local banks for investments too but that this would provide another avenue if necessary.

Gigstad moved, seconded by Loeske, to approve a resolution to join NPAIT. After further discussion, motion carried.

AYE: Bohling, Boellstorff, Fox, Gigstad, Hodges, Iske, Keithley, Lassen, Loseke, Moss, Niedfeldt, Romine, Snoke, Speece, Stukenholtz, Sugden, Thorne
NOT PRESENT: Armknecht

4. ***Discussion on Potential Sale of Property at Prairie Owl:*** Moss explained the history of discussions and thoughts about whether to sell this property. Hauschild explained the steps required which would include obtaining an appraisal and possibly a survey as well as finding a realtor to list the property. This item will appear on the next agenda for more discussion and possible action.
5. ***Discussion/Action on Purchase of Pickups:*** Hauschild explained that there is a pickup meeting our requirements available at a local dealership right now. He explained a process for rotating purchases among the local dealers so that the next vehicle would be purchased from the another local dealer if a purchase could be negotiated at that time. He added that the 2013 Ford F150 would be traded in on this transaction.

Sugden moved, seconded by Fox, to authorize the purchase of a 2023 Ford F250 4x4 crew cab pickup at a cost of \$55,955.00 including trade of the 2013 Ford F150 supercab pickup. Motion carried.

AYE: Bohling, Boellstorff, Fox, Gigstad, Hodges, Iske, Keithley, Lassen, Loseke, Moss, Niedfeldt, Romine, Snoke, Speece, Stukenholtz, Sugden, Thorne
NOT PRESENT: Armknecht

12. REVIEW/DIRECTION ON PROPOSED FY24 BUDGET

Hauschild reviewed the proposed budget that the committee agreed upon after their meeting earlier in the week. The proposed budget was based upon a slight property tax levy increase.

Loeske moved, seconded by Lassen, to approve a budget based on a levy not to exceed \$.0002999. Motion carried.

AYE: Boellstorff, Bohling, Fox, Gigstad, Hodges, Iske, Keithley, Lassen, Loseke, Moss,
Niedfeldt, Romine, Snoke, Speece, Stukenholtz, Sugden, Thorne

NOT PRESENT: Armknecht

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

Directors were encouraged to let staff know if they planned to attend the NARD conference in Kearney in September. The next meeting will be September 14, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. with committee meetings prior to the regular meeting. Budget hearings will also be held prior to the committee meetings.

14. ADJOURNMENT

Romine moved, seconded by Sugden, to adjourn. Motion carried.

AYE: Boellstorff, Bohling, Fox, Gigstad, Hodges, Iske, Keithley, Lassen, Loseke, Moss,
Niedfeldt, Romine, Snoke, Speece, Stukenholtz, Sugden, Thorne

NOT PRESENT: Armknecht

The meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Approved September 14, 2023

Secretary, Nemaha Natural Resources District