

December 9, 2021
Nemaha Natural Resources District
Regular Meeting
Tecumseh, Nebraska

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

Doug Iske called the five hundred fifty-eighth meeting of the Nemaha Natural Resources District Board of Directors to order at 7:04 p.m. Thursday, December 9, 2021, at the NRD Headquarters in Tecumseh, Nebraska.

DIRECTORS PRESENT:	Lisa Beethe Rob Bohling Randy Fox Jim Gerweck Dan Giittinger	Doug Iske Robert Lassen Michael McDonald Russel Moss Bill Niedfeldt	Dan Stukenholtz Duane Sugden Kevin Thorne
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DIRECTORS ABSENT:	Orval Gigstad Dan Hodges Jon Keithley	Tim Loseke Alan Romine Don Siske	Eldon Snoke Mike Speece
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STAFF PRESENT:	Kyle Hauschild, General Manager Jane Kuhl, Administrative Assistant Chuck Wingert, Water Resources Manager
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GUESTS PRESENT:	Jeremiah Schutz, NRCS, Tecumseh
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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. **EXCUSED ABSENCES**

Sugden moved, seconded by Bohling, to approve the excused absences requested by Orval Gigstad, Dan Hodges, Jon Keithley, Tim Loseke, Alan Romine, Don Siske, Eldon Snoke, and Mike Speece. Motion carried on consent agenda.

4. **OPEN FORUMS**

Directors, staff, and guests introduced themselves.

5. **MINUTES**

Stukenholtz moved, seconded by Fox, to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried on consent agenda.

6. **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Sugden moved, seconded by Bohling, to approve the Treasurer's Report as submitted.

Following questions from Beethe regarding the Risk Pool payments and legal fees, **motion carried on consent agenda.**

7. **STAFF REPORTS**

Hauschild, Wingert, and Kuhl reported on various items.

8. **AGENCY/ASSOCIATION REPORTS**

A. Natural Resources Conservation Service

Schutz reviewed his written report which included more staff updates.

B. Five Rivers RC&D

Sugden reported all dues have been received, the last of the grants have come in, and their December meeting would be on the 16th.

C. Nebraska Association of Resources Districts

Directors were reminded that registration for the Legislative Conference would be due prior to the next meeting.

D. Nebraska Natural Resources Commission

McDonald reported they have made some initial determinations on approvals. They are looking at whether some unused money can be reallocated. They meet again next week.

E. Steamboat Trace Volunteer Group

Giittinger reported that the group has been doing some work when the weather is good. Their last scheduled meeting was cancelled.

9. **STANDING COMMITTEES**

A. PROGRAMS & PROJECTS COMMITTEE

1. *Well Permit Applications:* None

2. *Action to Approve Middle Big Nemaha 12 Irrigation Agreement:* Wingert explained the 10-year agreement with United Farm & Ranch Management.

Stukenholtz moved, seconded by Lassen, to approve the irrigation agreement with United Farm & Ranch Management on Middle Big Nemaha 12. Motion carried.

AYE: Beethe, Bohling, Fox, Gerweck, Giittinger, Iske, Lassen, McDonald, Moss, Niedfeldt, Stukenholtz, Sugden, Thorne

NOT PRESENT: Gigstad, Hodges, Keithley, Loseke, Romine, Siske, Snoke, Speece

B. OPERATIONS & EDUCATION COMMITTEE-NO MEETING

C. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- 1. Action to Approve Board of Directors Redistricting Plan:* Moss explained that the committee had reviewed all the options, which had been sent to all directors. Their recommendation was Plan #7-3 because it would affect the fewest current directors while still meeting the 1:1 population ratio requirement.

Moss moved, seconded by Lassen, to approve the election redistricting Plan #7-3 as presented. Motion carried.

AYE: Beethe, Bohling, Fox, Gerweck, Giittinger, Iske, Lassen, Moss, Niedfeldt, Stukenholtz, Sugden, Thorne

NAY: McDonald

NOT PRESENT: Gigstad, Hodges, Keithley, Loseke, Romine, Siske, Snoke, Speece

- 2. Selection of Nominating Committee for 2022 Board Officers:* Iske stated Bill Niedfeldt, Bob Lassen, and Duane Sugden had agreed to serve on the committee.

10. ANNOUNCEMENTS, JANUARY MEETING DATE/TIME & AGENDA ITEM REQUESTS

The next meeting will be Thursday, January 13, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. with committee meetings prior to the regular meeting. There was discussion about the progress on the General Manager's evaluation; Iske reported he had started working on it. Lassen asked to review the process at the next Executive Committee meeting.

11. CONSENT AGENDA

Sugden moved, seconded by Niedfeldt, to approve the consent agenda. Consent agenda items: Excused Absences, Minutes, Treasurer's Report. **Motion carried.**

AYE: Beethe, Bohling, Fox, Gerweck, Giittinger, Iske, Lassen, McDonald, Moss, Niedfeldt, Stukenholtz, Sugden, Thorne

NOT PRESENT: Gigstad, Hodges, Keithley, Loseke, Romine, Siske, Snoke, Speece

12. ADJOURNMENT

Beethe moved, seconded by Thorne, to adjourn. Motion carried.

AYE: Beethe, Bohling, Fox, Gerweck, Giittinger, Iske, Lassen, McDonald, Moss, Niedfeldt, Stukenholtz, Sugden, Thorne

NOT PRESENT: Gigstad, Hodges, Keithley, Loseke, Romine, Siske, Snoke, Speece

The meeting adjourned at 7:56 p.m.