

December 14, 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 eighty-second meeting of the Nemaha Natural Resources District Board of Directors to order at 4:46 p.m. Thursday, December 14, 2023, at the NRD headquarters at Tecumseh, Nebraska.

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

DIRECTORS	Jake Armknecht	Randy Fox
ABSENT:	Todd Boellstorff	Alan Romine

STAFF	Kyle Hauschild, General Manager
PRESENT:	Jane Kuhl, Assistant Manager
	Chuck Wingert, Water Resources Manager

GUESTS	None
PRESENT:	

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 for this position.

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

One application had been received for this position; however, the applicant was unable to attend the meeting.

5. **CONSENT AGENDA**

- Excused Absences: Jake Armknecht, Todd Boellstorff, Randy Fox, Alan Romine
- Minutes: No changes or corrections.
- Treasurer's Report: No changes or corrections.

Bohling moved, seconded by Sugden, to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried.

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

NOT PRESENT: Armknecht, Boellstorff, Fox, Romine

6. OPEN FORUMS

Directors and staff introduced themselves.

7. STAFF REPORTS

Hauschild reviewed the fact sheet about NNRD watershed structures and his plans to travel to Washington DC in January to meet with our Congressional delegation and other potential funding sources. He reported on the Mesonet station projects and recent radio programs in which he participated. He reminded directors of the upcoming legislative conference and the potential EPIC tax which is proposed to replace property taxes.

8. AGENCY/ASSOCIATION REPORTS**A. Natural Resources Conservation Service**

A written report was distributed.

B. Nebraska Association of Resources Districts

Gigstad reported that NARD has hired a new intern. He also reported on a recent NACD meeting he attended.

C. Nebraska Natural Resources Commission

No report.

9. STANDING COMMITTEES**A. PROGRAMS & PROJECTS COMMITTEE****1. Well Permit Applications:** One application was received:

Permit #	Landowner Name	Well Location	GPM	Purpose	Score
803	John R. Beethe	NW¼ NW¼ Section 20-4-10, Johnson Co.	500	Irrigation	256

Bohling moved, seconded by Keithley, to approve well permit No. 803 for John Beethe. Motion carried.

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

NOT PRESENT: Armknecht, Boellstorff, Fox, Romine

B. OPERATIONS & EDUCATION COMMITTEE – NO MEETING

C. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

1. ***Action to Amend Bylaws to Change Board Committee Membership:*** Moss reported the committee reviewed the bylaws. Hauschild explained some wording that might need to be cleared up as well as possibly maintaining the past Chair on the Executive Committee for one year. No action.
2. ***Encroachment on Steamboat Trace Property in Peru:*** Moss explained that some utilities had been installed by mistake on Steamboat Trace property by an adjacent landowner. There was discussion about the City of Peru's approval of a building permit for this work. Board consensus was to recommend the City of Peru address the issue since they issued the building permit. The Manager was directed to contact the City.
3. ***Selection of Voting Delegate/Alternate for NARD Legislative Conference:***

Sugden moved, seconded by Lassen, to appoint Orval Gigstad as voting delegate and Dan Hodges as alternate for the 2024 NARD Legislative Conference. Motion carried.

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

ABSTAINING: Hodges

NOT PRESENT: Armknecht, Boellstorff, Fox, Romine

4. ***Agreement with Houston Engineering for Design/Engineering on UBN 7-A:*** Hauschild explained the work required to bring this high hazard dam at Adams up to DNR standards.

Lassen moved, seconded by Thorne, to approve the agreement with Houston Engineering for the UBN 7-A repair project. Motion carried.

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

NOT PRESENT: Armknecht, Boellstorff, Fox, Romine

10. ANNOUNCEMENTS, JANUARY AGENDA ITEM REQUESTS

Directors were reminded that volunteers were still needed for a board officer nominating committee. The next regular meeting of the board of directors will be Thursday, January 11, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. with committee meetings held prior to the meeting.

11. ADJOURNMENT

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

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

The meeting adjourned at 5:44 p.m.

Secretary, Nemaha Natural Resources District