

February 8, 2024
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-fourth meeting of the Nemaha Natural Resources District Board of Directors to order at 7:09 p.m. Thursday, February 8, 2024, at the NRD headquarters at Tecumseh, Nebraska.

DIRECTORS PRESENT:	Todd Boellstorff	Doug Iske	Eldon Snoke
	Rob Bohling	Jon Keithley	Mike Speece
	Patty Coates	Robert Lassen	Dan Stukenholtz
	Kraig Coonce	Russel Moss	Duane Sugden
	Randy Fox	Alan Romine	
	Dan Hodges	Tim Schaardt	

DIRECTORS ABSENT:	Jake Armknecht	Tim Loseke	Kevin Thorne
	Orval Gigstad	Bill Niedfeldt	

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

Iske announced that the Open Meetings Act was posted on the wall in the back of the room.

2. **PROOF OF PUBLICATION**

Proof of publication was presented and is on file.

3. **OATH OF OFFICE**

Hauschild administered the oath of office to Patty Coates and Kraig Coonce, who had been appointed to fill vacancies during the January board meeting.

4. **CONSENT AGENDA**

- a. Excused Absences: Jake Armknecht, Orval Gigstad, Tim Loseke, Bill Niedfeldt, Kevin Thorne
- b. Minutes: Sugden and Romine both clarified they were listed as “not voting” on the appointments of new directors only because they were experiencing difficulties connecting to the meeting.
- c. Treasurer’s Report: Keithley asked about the rural water bills for Kirkman’s Cove.

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

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

5. **OPEN FORUMS**

Directors and staff introduced themselves.

6. **STAFF REPORTS**

Hauschild reported on meetings held during his recent trip to Washington, DC; NARD Legislative Conference; and upcoming legislation.

7. **AGENCY/ASSOCIATION REPORTS**

A. Natural Resources Conservation Service

A written report was distributed.

B. Nebraska Association of Resources Districts

No report.

C. Nebraska Natural Resources Commission

Fox reported he was unable to attend their most recent meeting.

8. **STANDING COMMITTEES**

A. PROGRAMS & PROJECTS COMMITTEE

1. **Well Permit Applications:** Schaardt reported there was one well permit application:

Permit #	Landowner Name	Well Location	GPM	Purpose	Score
809	Bauman Family Limited Partnership	SE¼SW¼ Section 32-3-15, Richardson Co.	500	Irrigation	218

Sugden moved, seconded by Bohling, to approve well permit #809 for Bauman Family Limited Partnership. Motion carried.

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

2. **Big Muddy #10 Reservoir 10-Year Irrigation Agreement:** Wingert briefly reviewed the agreement with Deer Creek Corporation for this structure south of Auburn.

Sugden moved, seconded by Stukenholtz, to approve the 10-year irrigation agreement with Deer Creek Corporation on Big Muddy #10. Motion carried.

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

B. OPERATIONS & EDUCATION COMMITTEE

1. **Discussion on Newspaper Advertisement Plan:** Snoke reported the committee reviewed some ideas but had no action. Staff will investigate additional options.
2. **Review Urban Special Project Preliminary Applications:** Snoke reported that five applications had been received, but not all would qualify for funding. Staff will contact all applicants regarding the next steps. No action needed.
3. **Annual Lease with Lynn Binder for Steamboat Trace Access:** Snoke explained this lease is for operation of an overhead conveyor and winches used to load barges.

Snoke moved, seconded by Keithley, to continue the lease with Lynn Binder on the Steamboat Trace at \$600/year. Motion carried.

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

4. **Financial Assistance for Falls City National Land Judging Team:** Snoke stated the committee recommended providing the \$275 required for the team's registration and to request the team members attend a board meeting.

Lassen moved, seconded by Keithley, to approve \$275 for the Falls City FFA land judging team's registration at the national land judging contest. Motion carried.

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

C. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

1. **Proposal Regarding Steamboat Trace Property Encroachment:** Moss reported that the individual making the proposal was not present at the committee meeting, so they had no action.

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS, MARCH AGENDA ITEM REQUESTS

Directors were reminded that the deadline for incumbents to file for the 2024 election is February 15. The next regular meeting of the board of directors will be Thursday, March 14, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. with committee meetings held prior to the meeting.

10. **ADJOURNMENT**

Bohling moved, seconded by Hodges, to adjourn. Motion carried.

AYE: Boellstorff, Bohling, Coates, Coonce, Fox, Hodges, Iske, Keithley, Lassen, Moss,
Romine, Schaardt, Snoke, Speece, Stukenholtz, Sugden

NOT PRESENT: Armknecht, Gigstad, Loseke, Niedfeldt, Thorne

The meeting adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

Approved March 14, 2024

Secretary, Nemaha Natural Resources District