

January 13, 2022
Nemaha Natural Resources District
Regular Meeting
Tecumseh, Nebraska

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

Doug Iske called the five hundred fifty-ninth meeting of the Nemaha Natural Resources District Board of Directors to order at 7:10 p.m. Thursday, January 13, 2022, via Zoom videoconferencing in the interest of safety due to Covid.

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

DIRECTORS

ABSENT: None

STAFF

PRESENT: Kyle Hauschild, General Manager
Jane Kuhl, Administrative Manager
Chuck Wingert, Water Resources Manager
Ashley Rippe, Information, Education & Grants Coordinator
Jill Rogman, Administrative Assistant

GUESTS

PRESENT: Jeremiah Schutz, NRCS, Tecumseh
Steve Woerth, Brownville

Iske announced that the Open Meetings Act was posted at the back of the board room of the NRD office, which was open to the public.

2. **PROOF OF PUBLICATION**

Iske stated the board meeting was posted as normal in all local newspapers, and those proofs of publication were on file. In addition the virtual meeting was advertised on the District's website, Facebook page, NARD's website and Facebook page, and posted on the front door. In addition directors were notified via email or phone as was NRCS. All local news media was also notified of the change to a virtual format.

3. **EXCUSED ABSENCES**

None

4. **OPEN FORUMS**

No one from the public chose to speak.

5. **MINUTES**

McDonald asked to have Bob Lassen's request for an update on the watershed maintenance projects added to the minutes.

Siske moved, seconded by Bohling, to approve the minutes as amended. Motion carried on consent agenda.

6. **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Lassen asked about the bills from Gana Trucking. McDonald asked about the mileage for Geralyn O'Malley.

Stukenholtz moved, seconded by Lassen, to approve the Treasurer's Report as submitted. Motion carried on consent agenda.

7. **STAFF REPORTS**

Hauschild provided a review of some legislation. Lassen asked about the town hall meeting in Peru. Hauschild was not at the meeting but was told an update was provided on the opening of the trail and plans for the depot area. Steve Woerth added that their group had started removing some dead trees at the depot. Stukenholtz commented on some trees that the County took down along the trail (that we had originally planned to take down.)

8. **AGENCY/ASSOCIATION REPORTS**

A. Natural Resources Conservation Service

Schutz reviewed his written report which included more staff updates.

B. Five Rivers RC&D

No report.

C. Nebraska Association of Resources Districts

Gigstad commented on the Governor's state of the state speech and its connection with natural resources.

D. Nebraska Natural Resources Commission

McDonald reported that they met to determine which applications to fund. He also answered questions about the LB925 resilient soils and water quality act.

E. Steamboat Trace Volunteer Group

Giittinger reported that most of the discussion at their last meeting was about the Peru area. He added that the group had worked on getting a couple of large trees down. Woerth added that they are planning to get a nature trail book and signage back in place and that they are starting to get interest in holding events on the trail.

9. **STANDING COMMITTEES - NONE**

10. ACTION ON WELL PERMIT APPLICATIONS

Wingert reviewed the following well permit applications:

Permit #	Landowner Name	Well Location	GPM	Purpose	Score
N751	Richard Jansen	SW ¹ / ₄ SW ¹ / ₄ Section 27-6-11 of Johnson Co.	500	Irrigation	226
N752	Brooke Gerdes	SW ¹ / ₄ NW ¹ / ₄ Section 31-3-15 of Richardson Co	500	Irrigation	223
N753	Brooke Gerdes	NE ¹ / ₄ NW ¹ / ₄ Section 31-3-15 of Richardson Co	500	Irrigation	297

Siske moved, seconded by Sugden, to approve well permit applications N751, N752, and N753. Motion carried.

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

11. BIDS FOR TREE CUTTING ON NNRD DAMS

Bids received were as follows:

Site	Mike Borrenpohl	Dresen Contracting, LLC
Spring Creek 9-A	\$1,250.00	\$1,425.00
South Branch 58	\$1,575.00	\$1,650.00
Upper Big Nemaha 1-B41	\$1,975.00	\$2,150.00
Upper Big Nemaha 18-A	\$2,700.00	\$2,875.00
Upper Big Nemaha 9-A	\$2,550.00	\$2,700.00
Wilson Creek 10-E	\$2,400.00	\$2,250.00
Wilson Creek 2-X	\$3,000.00	\$2,700.00
Upper Little Nemaha 8	\$2,975.00	\$2,875.00
Upper Little Nemaha 61	\$1,675.00	\$1,400.00
Upper Little Nemaha 63	\$1,975.00	\$1,750.00
Total-Borrenpohl	\$10,050.00	
Total-Dresen		\$10,975.00

After some questions about the timeline for completing the work and what is required of the contractors, **Siske moved, seconded by Fox, to approve the low bids submitted by Mike Borrenpohl and Dresen Contracting as listed for cutting trees on 10 structures. Motion carried.**

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

12. ACTION TO TRANSFER FUNDS FROM 319 KIRKMAN’S COVE SINKING FUND TO GENERAL FUND

Hauschild explained that work had begun on this project, so it was time to transfer funds to pay bills. In response to questions, Hauschild added that the project should be completed

around April, so the \$30,000 in the sinking fund would be needed by then. We would pay the total billings up front and then request reimbursement for the 319 grant's share of the total.

Sugden moved, seconded by Lassen, to authorize the \$30,000 in 319 Kirkman's Cove sinking funds to be transferred to the general fund. Motion carried.

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

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

The next meeting will be Thursday, February 10, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. with committee meetings prior to the regular meeting. Iske reported the following items would be placed on the February agenda: Election of Officers; Discussion on Policy for Operation of Motorized Devices by Disabled Persons at NNRD Recreation Areas; Updating District Bank Signatory Authority; Review/Discussion on General Manager Evaluation Process.

McDonald asked to look at streaming the monthly board meetings. He also asked for some basic metrics on our website and Facebook regarding who's using it. McDonald also asked for an update from the nominating committee on who had been contacted about running for office. Iske reported that all current officers have agreed to run again and that nominations will be accepted from the floor at the next meeting.

14. CONSENT AGENDA

Siske moved, seconded by Bohling, to approve the consent agenda. Consent agenda items: Minutes, Treasurer's Report. **Motion carried.**

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

15. ADJOURNMENT

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

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

NOT VOTING: Thorne

The meeting adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

Approved February 10, 2022

Secretary, Nemaha Natural Resources District