

January 12, 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-first meeting of the Nemaha Natural Resources District Board of Directors to order at 7:04 p.m. Thursday, January 12, 2023, at the NRD headquarters at Tecumseh, Nebraska.

DIRECTORS PRESENT:	Jake Armknecht	Doug Iske	Eldon Snoke
	Matt Bloss	Jon Keithley	Mike Speece
	Rob Bohling	Robert Lassen	Dan Stukenholtz
	Randy Fox	Michael McDonald	Duane Sugden
	Jim Gerweck	Russel Moss	Kevin Thorne
	Orval Gigstad	Bill Niedfeldt	
	Dan Hodges	Alan Romine	

DIRECTORS ABSENT: Tim Loseke

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

GUESTS PRESENT: Jeremiah Schutz, NRCS
Kent Zimmerman, NE Dept of Natural Resources
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. **OATH OF OFFICE**

Kyle Hauschild administered the oath of office to the following, newly elected board members: Jake Armknecht, Matt Bloss, Doug Iske, Russel Moss, Bill Niedfeldt, Alan Romine, Dan Stukenholtz, Duane Sugden, and Kevin Thorne.

4. **ELECTION OF OFFICERS – REPORT FROM NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

Romine reported the committee nominated Doug Iske for Chair. No other nominations were provided from the floor. Following a secret ballot, Doug Iske received 17 yes votes, 1 no vote, and 1 abstention.

Romine reported the committee nominated Russel Moss for Vice-Chair. No other nominations were provided from the floor. Following a secret ballot, Russel Moss received 15 yes votes, 1 no vote, 1 abstention.

Romine reported the committee nominated Tim Loseke for Secretary/Treasurer. No other nominations were provided from the floor. Following a secret ballot, Tim Loseke received 17 yes votes, 1 no vote, and 1 abstention.

Romine reported the committee nominated Orval Gigstad for NARD Representative. No other nominations were provided from the floor. Following a secret ballot, Orval Gigstad received 17 yes votes and 1 abstention.

5. CAUCUS TO ELECT NEMAHA BASIN REPRESENTATIVE TO THE NEBRASKA NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION

Kent Zimmerman from the Nebraska Department of Natural Resources conducted the caucus by first taking roll and circulating a sign-in sheet. He reviewed the procedures and rules for the election and then asked for nominations from the floor. Niedfeldt nominated Randy Fox. With no other nominations, it was agreed to use a unanimous consensus vote. All voted in favor, and no one voted in opposition; the motion to elect Randy Fox to serve as Nemaha Basin representative to the Nebraska Natural Resources Commission passed.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Excused Absences: Tim Loseke
- b. Minutes: no changes
- c. Treasurer's Report: no changes.

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

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

7. OPEN FORUMS

Directors and staff introduced themselves.

8. STAFF REPORTS

Hauschild reviewed his report as well as the 319 grant for Kirkman's Cove, schedule for slip lining watershed structures, and the board vacancy in Subdistrict 4. Wingert reviewed his activities and report as well as the ENWRA meeting he attended. He added that our NETF grant for AEM flights was not approved.

9. **AGENCY/ASSOCIATION REPORTS**

A. Natural Resources Conservation Service

Schutz reviewed his written report which was distributed to all members.

B. Five Rivers RC&D

Sugden had nothing new to report.

C. Nebraska Association of Resources Districts

Gigstad expressed appreciation for the vote to appoint him to the NARD again. He briefly reviewed the role of the NARD for the new members, and he commented on the upcoming Legislative Conference.

D. Nebraska Natural Resources Commission

McDonald had no report but invited Kent Zimmerman to comment. He reported they are conducting caucuses in some of the basins, and they had three other open positions. He thanked Mike for his four years on the Commission. He mentioned the change in the schedule for grant applications.

E. Steamboat Trace Volunteer Group

Woerth reported they received notice of their incorporation and that they plan to start applying for grants. They have three events planned.

10. **STANDING COMMITTEES**

A. PROGRAMS & PROJECTS COMMITTEE

1. *Well Permit Applications:* The following well permit applications were reviewed by the committee:

Permit #	Landowner Name	Well Location	GPM	Purpose	Score
N775	Darrell Teselle	NW¼ NE¼ Section 28-7-7, Lancaster Co.	1,000	Irrigation	255
N776	Blane Anthony	NW¼ SW¼ Section 31-7-15, Otoe Co.	222	Irrigation	222
N777	Blane Anthony	SE¼ NE¼ Section 01-6-14, Nemaha Co.	800	Irrigation	201
N778	E & M Farms, Inc.	NW¼ SW¼ Section 35-4-12, Nemaha Co.	800	Irrigation	258
N779	Arend Nyland	NW¼ SW¼ Section 11-6-8, Gage Co.	800	Irrigation	241
N780	CCS Rentals, LLC	SW¼ NE¼ Section 31-7-15, Otoe Co.	600	Wetland Flooding	257
N781	Nathan & Tiffany Buhr	SE¼ NW¼ Section 24-5-8, Gage Co.	400	Irrigation	231
N782	Laurie Saathoff	NE¼ SE¼ Section 11-5-9, Johnson Co.	800	Irrigation	307
N783	E Energy Adams, LLC	NE¼ NW¼ Section 17-6-8, Gage Co.	330	Industrial	215

Stukenholtz moved, seconded by Sugden, to approve the following well permit applications: N775, N776, N777, N778, N779, N780, N781, N782, and N783.
Motion carried.

AYE: Armknecht, Bloss, Bohling, Fox, Gerweck, Gigstad, Hodges, Iske, Keithley, Lassen, McDonald, Moss, Niedfeldt, Romine, Snoke, Speece, Stukenholtz Sugden, Thorne

NOT PRESENT: Loseke

B. OPERATIONS & EDUCATION COMMITTEE

- 1. Review Urban Special Projects Policy & Project Update:** Fox reported the committee reviewed the policy and was considering making the priority for trail projects higher as well as better defining what constitutes a trail. No action was recommended at this time to allow more time to make final changes prior to the start of next year's program. The current project in Palmyra has not yet started construction.
- 2. Discussion on Potential NNRD Steward Award:** Fox explained that the committee discussed the different award opportunities already out there. He encouraged all directors to submit ideas for award recipients. No action.
- 3. Discussion on Plans for Integrated Outreach Opportunities:** Fox reviewed some of the plans to promote our water quality and quantity programs. Lassen expanded on the opportunities to educate the public about the positive things we are doing. No action.

C. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE – NO MEETING

11. RESOLUTION TO UPDATE BANK SIGNATORY AUTHORITY FOLLOWING OFFICER ELECTIONS

Iske read the resolution which identifies the officers who are authorized to sign bank documents and/or checks.

Iske moved, seconded by Stukenholtz, to approve the resolution to update bank signatory authority. Motion carried.

AYE: Armknecht, Bloss, Bohling, Fox, Gerweck, Gigstad, Hodges, Iske, Keithley, Lassen, McDonald, Moss, Niedfeldt, Romine, Snoke, Speece, Stukenholtz, Sugden, Thorne

NOT PRESENT: Loseke

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

The next meeting will be Thursday, February 9, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. with committee meetings prior to the regular meeting. Armknecht distributed information about an Auburn Board of Public Works meeting regarding a wellhead protection area. There was some discussion about whether the NRD had any role or authority in this area.

13. ADJOURNMENT

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

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

Approved February 9, 2023

Secretary, Nemaha Natural Resources District