

January 11, 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-third meeting of the Nemaha Natural Resources District Board of Directors to order via Zoom videoconference at 7:05 p.m. Thursday, January 11, 2024, at the NRD headquarters at Tecumseh, Nebraska.

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

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| DIRECTORS | Jake Armknecht |
| ABSENT: | Randy Fox |

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| STAFF | Kyle Hauschild, General Manager |
| PRESENT: | Jane Kuhl, Assistant Manager |

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| GUESTS | Justin Linder, NRCS, Pawnee City |
| PRESENT: | Kraig Coonce, Rulo |
| | Patty Coates, Nebraska City |

Iske announced that the Open Meetings Act would be made available electronically to anyone requesting it.

2. **PROOF OF PUBLICATION**

Proof of publication was presented and is on file.

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

Patty Coates had provided a letter of application and also introduced herself and explained her interest in the position. No other applications were received.

Speece moved, seconded by Stukenholtz, to appoint Patty Coates to fill the vacancy in Subdistrict 4. Motion carried.

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

NOT VOTING: Romine

NOT PRESENT: Armknecht, Fox

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

Kraig Coonce had provided a letter of application and also introduced himself and explained his interest in this position. No other applications had been received.

Lassen moved, seconded by Snoke, to appoint Kraig Coonce to fill the vacancy in Subdistrict 9. Motion carried.

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

NOT VOTING: Sugden

NOT PRESENT: Armknecht, Fox

5. **OATH OF OFFICE**

Because this was a video conference meeting, oath of office for the newly appointed board members will take place at the February meeting.

6. **ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

Iske reported no one volunteered to serve on a nominating committee, and all current officers have agreed to serve another term. He opened the floor for nominations, but none were presented.

Stukenholtz moved, seconded by Lassen, to appoint the following officers for 2024: Doug Iske-Chair; Russel Moss-Vice Chair; Tim Loseke-Secretary/Treasurer; Orval Gigstad-NARD Representative. Motion carried.

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

NOT PRESENT: Armknecht, Fox

7. **CONSENT AGENDA**

- a. Excused Absences: Jake Armknecht, Randy Fox
- b. Minutes: No changes or corrections.
- c. Treasurer's Report: No changes or corrections.

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

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

NOT PRESENT: Armknecht, Fox

8. **OPEN FORUMS**

Introductions were omitted; no comments were received from the public.

9. **STAFF REPORTS**

Hauschild briefly commented on his upcoming meetings in Washington, DC, and on the upcoming NARD Legislative Conference in Lincoln.

10. AGENCY/ASSOCIATION REPORTS

A. Natural Resources Conservation Service

Justin Linder briefly reviewed his report including updates on staffing changes and their current workload.

B. Nebraska Association of Resources Districts

Gigstad had no report except that they are getting ready for the Legislative Conference.

C. Nebraska Natural Resources Commission

No report.

11. STANDING COMMITTEES

A. PROGRAMS & PROJECTS COMMITTEE

1. *Well Permit Applications:* None.

B. OPERATIONS & EDUCATION COMMITTEE

1. *Discussion on Newspaper Advertisement Plan:* This item was postponed to the February agenda.

C. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

1. *Update on Steamboat Trace Property Encroachment:* Hauschild reported he had contacted the City of Peru regarding their building permit but had not heard back from them.

2. *Agreement for FEMA Hazard Mitigation Plan Funds:* Hauschild explained that this agreement was for funding to develop the required updates to the plan.

Moss moved, seconded by Lassen, to approve the FEMA Hazard Mitigation Plan Funding Agreement. Hauschild pointed out that the FEMA share is \$133,312,50, and the local share is \$44,437.50 (which will be shared among the participants in the plan, which includes the counties, NRD, cities, etc.) **Motion carried.**

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

NOT PRESENT: Armknecht, Fox

12. ANNOUNCEMENTS, FEBRUARY AGENDA ITEM REQUESTS

Directors were reminded that the deadline for incumbents to file for the 2024 election is February 15. Information would be sent to everyone. The next regular meeting of the board of directors will be Thursday, February 8, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. with committee meetings held prior to the meeting. Because committee assignments will be set next month, directors were

asked to provide their preference by ranking them 1-3 and submitting to Doug Iske before the next meeting.

13. **ADJOURNMENT**

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

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

NOT PRESENT: Armknecht, Fox

The meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

Approved February 8, 2024

Secretary, Nemaha Natural Resources District