

June 8, 2023
Nemaha Natural Resources District
Regular Meeting
Tecumseh, Nebraska

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

Vice-Chair Russel Moss called the five hundred seventy-sixth meeting of the Nemaha Natural Resources District Board of Directors to order at 8:16 p.m. Thursday, June 8, 2023, at the NRD headquarters at Tecumseh, Nebraska.

DIRECTORS PRESENT:	Jake Armknecht	Dan Hodges	Dan Stukenholtz
	Matt Bloss	Russel Moss	Duane Sugden
	Randy Fox	Eldon Snoke	Kevin Thorne
	Orval Gigstad	Mike Speece	

DIRECTORS ABSENT:	Rob Bohling	Jon Keithley	Bill Niedfeldt
	Jim Gerweck	Robert Lassen	Rob Pflieger
	Doug Iske	Tim Loseke	Alan Romine

STAFF PRESENT: Kyle Hauschild, General Manager
Jane Kuhl, Administrative Manager

GUESTS PRESENT: None

Following the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence, Moss announced that the Open Meetings Act was posted at the back of the room. Moss added that this would be a very brief meeting since many of the board members were absent.

2. **PROOF OF PUBLICATION**

Proof of publication was presented and is on file.

3. **CONSIDERATION OF APPLICATIONS TO FILL VACANCY IN SUBDISTRICT 2**

This item was postponed to the July meeting. No action.

4. **CONSENT AGENDA**

- Excused Absences: Rob Bohling, Jim Gerweck, Doug Iske, Jon Keithley, Bob Lassen, Tim Loseke, Bill Niedfeldt, Rob Pflieger, Alan Romine.
- Minutes: no changes
- Treasurer's Report: no changes

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

AYE: Armknecht, Bloss, Fox, Gigstad, Hodges, Moss, Snoke, Speece, Stukenholtz, Sugden, Thorne

NOT PRESENT: Bohling, Gerweck, Iske, Keithley, Lassen, Loseke, Niedfeldt, Pflieger, Romine

5. **OPEN FORUMS**

6. **STAFF REPORTS**

Written reports were distributed.

7. **AGENCY/ASSOCIATION REPORTS**

A. Natural Resources Conservation Service

A written report was distributed to all directors.

B. Nebraska Association of Resources Districts

Gigstad reported they would be meeting the following week.

C. Nebraska Natural Resources Commission

Fox reported they would probably start scoring projects soon.

8. **STANDING COMMITTEES**

A. PROGRAMS & PROJECTS COMMITTEE

1. *Well Permit Applications:* None.

2. *Surface Water Irrigation Agreement – Long Branch 2:*

Sugden moved, seconded by Hodges, to approve renewal of the 10-year surface water irrigation agreement with Elaine Speckmann on Long Branch 2. Motion carried.

AYE: Armknecht, Bloss, Fox, Gigstad, Hodges, Moss, Snoke, Speece, Stukenholtz, Sugden, Thorne

NOT PRESENT: Bohling, Gerweck, Iske, Keithley, Lassen, Loseke, Niedfeldt, Pflieger, Romine

B. OPERATIONS & EDUCATION COMMITTEE

1. *Discussion on Potential Scholarship Program:* No discussion.

2. *Update from Steve Woerth on Steamboat Trace:* No update.

C. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

1. *Discussion on Adoption of Director Code of Conduct:* No discussion.

2. ***Action to Accept Resignation of Jim Gerweck and Begin Process to Fill Vacancy in Subdistrict 9:*** A letter had been received on Jim's behalf submitting his resignation.

Sugden moved, seconded by Hodges, to accept the resignation of Jim Gerweck as Subdistrict 9 director. The vacancy will be advertised for possible action to appoint a new member at the July meeting. **Motion carried.**

AYE: Armknecht, Bloss, Fox, Gigstad, Hodges, Moss, Snoke, Speece, Stukenholtz, Sugden, Thorne

NOT PRESENT: Bohling, Gerweck, Iske, Keithley, Lassen, Loseke, Niedfeldt, Pflieger, Romine

3. ***FY24 Liability, Property & Workers Comp Insurance Quote:*** Kuhl provided to the board the renewal rates from our current agent, FNIC, totaling \$48,528 for FY24, which is just over a 10 percent increase for all coverages.

Fox moved, seconded by Armknecht, to approve the insurance quote of \$48,528 for FY24 from FNIC. Motion carried.

AYE: Armknecht, Bloss, Fox, Gigstad, Hodges, Moss, Snoke, Speece, Stukenholtz, Sugden, Thorne

NOT PRESENT: Bohling, Gerweck, Iske, Keithley, Lassen, Loseke, Niedfeldt, Pflieger, Romine

4. ***Salary/Benefits for FY24:*** No discussion/action.

5. ***FY24 Budget Planning:*** Moss explained the process for preparing this year's budget.

- a. ***SWCP Funding for Summer Work:*** Kuhl reported approximately \$125,000 would be required to fund summer work this year.

Hodges moved, seconded by Speece, to authorize \$125,000 for approval of summer conservation cost-share work. Motion carried.

AYE: Armknecht, Bloss, Fox, Gigstad, Hodges, Moss, Snoke, Speece, Stukenholtz, Sugden, Thorne

NOT PRESENT: Bohling, Gerweck, Iske, Keithley, Lassen, Loseke, Niedfeldt, Pflieger, Romine

9. **ANNOUNCEMENTS, JULY MEETING DATE/TIME & AGENDA ITEM REQUESTS**

The next meeting will be July 13, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. with committee meetings prior to the regular meeting. Agenda items not addressed at this meeting will be placed on the July meeting agenda.

10. **ADJOURNMENT**

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

AYE: Armknecht, Bloss, Fox, Gigstad, Hodges, Moss, Snoke, Speece, Stukenholtz, Sugden, Thorne

NOT PRESENT: Bohling, Gerweck, Iske, Keithley, Lassen, Loseke, Niedfeldt, Pflieger, Romine

The meeting adjourned at 8:41 p.m.

Approved July 13, 2023

Secretary, Nemaha Natural Resources District