

March 14, 2024
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 eighty-fifth meeting of the Nemaha Natural Resources District Board of Directors to order at 7:06 p.m. Thursday, March 14, 2024, at the NRD headquarters at Tecumseh, Nebraska.

DIRECTORS PRESENT:	Todd Boellstorff	Dan Hodges	Mike Speece
	Rob Bohling	Tim Loseke	Dan Stukenholtz
	Patty Coates	Russel Moss	Duane Sugden
	Kraig Counce	Alan Romine	Kevin Thorne
	Randy Fox	Tim Schaardt	
	Orval Gigstad	Eldon Snoke	

DIRECTORS ABSENT:	Jake Armknecht	Doug Iske	Bill Niedfeldt
	Jon Keithley	Robert Lassen	

STAFF PRESENT:	Kyle Hauschild, General Manager
	Jane Kuhl, Assistant Manager
	Chuck Wingert, Water Resources Manager
	Charlie Pierce, Resources Specialist
	Aaron Stalder, Resources Specialist

Moss 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. **CONSENT AGENDA**

- a. Excused Absences: Jake Armknecht, Doug Iske, Jon Keithley, Robert Lassen, Bill Niedfeldt
- b. Minutes: No questions.
- c. Treasurer's Report: No questions.

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

AYE: Boellstorff, Bohling, Coates, Counce, Fox, Gigstad, Hodges, Loseke, Moss, Romine, Schaardt, Snoke, Speece, Stukenholtz, Sugden, Thorne

NOT PRESENT: Armknecht, Iske, Keithley, Lassen, Niedfeldt

4. **OPEN FORUMS**

Directors and staff introduced themselves.

5. **STAFF REPORTS**

Hauschild reported on a recent manager’s meeting, the NARD Washington, DC, conference, meetings with state senators, and watershed slip lining projects that would be starting soon. The South Fork 14-4 project is complete, and he provided an update on the Upper Big Nemaha 7-A repair. Tyler Martin with the Nebraska Department of Natural Resources gave a brief report on the Voluntary Integrated Management Plan. Charlie Pierce provided the annual water department presentation.

6. **AGENCY/ASSOCIATION REPORTS**

A. Natural Resources Conservation Service

Mike Burgert provided his report with was also distributed.

B. Nebraska Association of Resources Districts

Gigstad reported on the recent board meeting and the new officers, the insurance program status, budget, and a new position. He also mentioned nominations would be accepted soon for the awards program.

C. Nebraska Natural Resources Commission

Fox reported on their meeting in Kearney where they reviewed all the projects.

7. **STANDING COMMITTEES**

A. PROGRAMS & PROJECTS COMMITTEE

3. *Options for Ziegler Creek Z-3 Drainage Issue:* Mike Burgert reviewed the location of the problem and the grade control issue. He talked about some options for getting the water to run back where it belongs. After some discussion about the role, if any, the District has in this situation, the consensus was to take no action.

1. *Well Permit Applications:* Wingert reviewed the following applications:

Permit #	Landowner Name	Well Location	GPM	Purpose	Score
N812	Sugden Farms	NE¼ NW¼ Section 30-6-10, Johnson Co.	700	Irrigation	270
N813	John Rinne	NE¼ SE¼ Section 16-6-12, Johnson Co.	600	Irrigation	223

Schaardt moved, seconded by Stukenholtz, to approve well permit #N812 for Sugden Farms. Motion carried.

AYE: Boellstorff, Bohling, Coates, Coonce, Fox, Gigstad, Hodges, Loseke, Moss, Romine, Schaardt, Snoke, Speece, Stukenholtz, Thorne

ABSTAINING: Sugden

NOT PRESENT: Armknecht, Iske, Keithley, Lassen, Niedfeldt

Schaardt moved, seconded by Hodges, to approve well permit #N813 for John Rinne. Motion carried.

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

2. **Resolution for Water Sustainability Fund Grant for Irrigation Efficiency Cost-Share:** Wingert reviewed the resolution and the grant for this cost-share project.

Schaardt moved, seconded by Fox, to approve the resolution for the Water Sustainability Fund grant for irrigation efficiency cost-share with the stipulation that Russel Moss be allowed to sign it on behalf of the board chair. Motion carried.

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

B. OPERATIONS & EDUCATION COMMITTEE

1. **Bids for Removal of Trees on Steamboat Trace Property near Peru:** Snoke reviewed the bids received:

Contractor	Total Quote
Christiansen Tree Service	\$12,200.00
Schmidt Excavating	\$13,000.00
National Concrete Cutting	\$13,000.00
Zech Construction	\$15,100.00
Tree Worx Tree Service	\$17,885.00
The Lumberjack Company	\$18,200.00
Tri-Point Tree & Landscaping	\$19,000.00
B F Construction	\$28,282.50
Small Town Girl Construction	\$68,625.00

Snoke moved, seconded by Speece, to approve the bid from Christiansen Tree Service in the amount of \$12,200.00 for tree removal at the Steamboat Trace near Peru. Motion carried.

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

2. **Sponsorship of Nebraska Envirothon Team:** Snoke explained that a team from Norris High School qualified for the state contest in April. The NRD has typically sponsored the \$100 contest registration fee for teams from our District.

Snoke moved, seconded by Speece, to approve paying the \$100 registration fee for the Norris High School State Envirothon qualifying team. Motion carried.

AYE: Boellstorff, Bohling, Coates, Coonce, Fox, Gigstad, Hodges, Loseke, Moss, Romine, Schaardt, Snoke, Speece, Stukenholtz, Sugden, Thorne

NOT PRESENT: Armknecht, Iske, Keithley, Lassen, Niedfeldt

C. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

1. ***Proposal Regarding Steamboat Trace Property Encroachment:*** Loseke reported the committee met with the owner of the adjacent property, who would like to enter into a lease agreement for the property in question.

Loseke moved, seconded by Sugden, to deny the request from Josh Whisler for a lease agreement on Steamboat Trace property in Peru. After further discussion, motion carried.

AYE: Boellstorff, Bohling, Coates, Coonce, Fox, Gigstad, Hodges, Loseke, Moss, Romine, Schaardt, Snoke, Speece, Stukenholtz, Sugden, Thorne

NOT PRESENT: Armknecht, Iske, Keithley, Lassen, Niedfeldt

2. ***Consultant Proposals to Prepare Update to Hazard Mitigation Plan:*** Loseke explained that only one proposal was received from JEO Consulting Group. The committee reviewed the proposal and anticipated cost, which totals \$172,340.

Loseke moved, seconded by Gigstad, to accept the proposal from JEO Consulting Group for preparation of the All-Hazards Multi-Jurisdictional Mitigation Plan Update. Motion carried.

AYE: Boellstorff, Bohling, Coates, Coonce, Fox, Gigstad, Hodges, Loseke, Moss, Romine, Schaardt, Snoke, Speece, Stukenholtz, Sugden, Thorne

NOT PRESENT: Armknecht, Iske, Keithley, Lassen, Niedfeldt

3. ***Bids for Disk Mower:*** Bids received were as follows:

Dealer	Description	Total Bid
Burr Farm Machinery, Dunbar	24 Enorossi ERDM 5-2	\$8,450.25
AKRS Equipment, Auburn	22 John Deere R200	\$12,250.00
Lewis Implement Co., Humboldt	23 New Holland 107M	\$12,690.00
KanEquip, Inc., Syracuse	23 New Holland 107M	\$13,500.00

Gigstad moved, seconded by Fox, to approve the Lewis Implement bid of \$12,690.00 for the 2023 New Holland 107M. Much discussion centered around the different specifications of each model and what would be the best choice for the kind of work to be done. After further discussion, **motion carried.**

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

4. *Membership in Southeast Nebraska Weed Management Group:* Loseke explained that this group was organizing with several counties in our District and had asked the NRD to be a member. They are also looking for an entity to help with handling grant funds and the group's finances. An agreement is being developed but was not yet available for review. Once completed this item will be on the agenda for potential approval. No action.

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS, APRIL AGENDA ITEM REQUESTS

The next regular meeting of the board of directors will be Thursday, April 11, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. with committee meetings held prior to the meeting.

9. ADJOURNMENT

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

AYE: Boellstorff, Bohling, Coates, Coonce, Fox, Gigstad, Hodges, Loseke, Moss, Romine, Schaardt, Snoke, Speece, Stukenholtz, Sugden, Thorne

NOT PRESENT: Armknecht, Iske, Keithley, Lassen, Niedfeldt

The meeting adjourned at 9:08 p.m.

Secretary, Nemaha Natural Resources District