

May 11, 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-fifth meeting of the Nemaha Natural Resources District Board of Directors to order at 7:08 p.m. Thursday, May 11, 2023, at the NRD headquarters at Tecumseh, Nebraska.

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

DIRECTORS	Rob Pfleger
ABSENT:	Mike Speece

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

GUESTS	
PRESENT:	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. **CONSENT AGENDA**

- a. Excused Absences: Rob Pfleger, Mike Speece
- b. Minutes: no changes
- c. Treasurer's Report: no changes

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

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

NOT PRESENT: Pfleger, Speece

4. **OPEN FORUMS**

Directors and staff introduced themselves. Steve Woerth asked to be on the agenda next month to provide details regarding their RTP grant application and regarding special permits for motorized vehicles on the Steamboat Trace.

5. **STAFF REPORTS**

Hauschild reviewed his report, provided an update on the number of park permits sold so far this year, and reviewed the recent slip lining project at some watershed structures. Wingert reviewed his report adding that beach monitoring began May 1.

6. **AGENCY/ASSOCIATION REPORTS**

A. Natural Resources Conservation Service

A written report was distributed to all directors.

B. Nebraska Association of Resources Districts

Gigstad reported that he helped plant a tree at the state capitol on Arbor Day for NARD. He also reported on the health insurance program status, the upcoming basin tour, and a hearing about NETF rule changes.

C. Nebraska Natural Resources Commission

Fox reported that they had two meetings back-to-back and that he will be on the selection committee. They have 17 projects.

7. **STANDING COMMITTEES**

A. PROGRAMS & PROJECTS COMMITTEE

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

Permit #	Landowner Name	Well Location	GPM	Purpose	Score
N800	Luke Pietzyk	NE¼ SW¼ Section 34-7-10, Otoe County	800	Irrigation	229
N801	Mike Pietzyk	NE¼ SW¼ Section 23-6-10, Johnson County	800	Irrigation	225

Bohling moved, seconded by Sugden, to approve well permit applications N800 and N801. Motion carried.

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

NOT PRESENT: Pflieger, Speece

2. *Transfer Permit #008 – Mike Pietzyk:*

Bohling moved, seconded by Keithley, to approve transfer permit #008 for Mike Pietzyk. Bohling added all transfer requirements had been met. Motion carried.

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

NOT PRESENT: Pfleger, Speece

3. **Discussion on WaterSmart:** Wingert briefly reviewed this grant, and there was some discussion about what use this would be to the NRD. No action.

B. OPERATIONS & EDUCATION COMMITTEE

1. **Action to Approve Awards Program Changes:**

Lassen moved, seconded by Stukenholtz, to approve the awards program as presented. There was some discussion on how many awards would be selected each year. After further discussion, **motion carried.**

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

NOT PRESENT: Pfleger, Speece

2. **Action to Approve Urban Special Project with Village of Sterling:** Lassen reviewed the application for native landscaping which requested \$2,011.03 of matching funds.

Snoke moved, seconded by Gigstad, to approve funding for the Urban Special Project with Village of Sterling in the amount of \$2,011.03. Motion carried.

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

NOT PRESENT: Pfleger, Speece

3. **Discussion Items:** Lassen briefly reviewed the following items: Urban Special Project history; website and social media analytics; public survey; awards banquet; scholarship program. There was some discussion about the budget impacts of an awards banquet. No action.

C. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

1. **Update on Manager's/District Goals:** Moss distributed the responses from the questionnaires that were returned by board members. He discussed how this information could be used for program budgeting as well as for determining management salary adjustments. No action.
2. **Discussion on Adoption of Director Code of Conduct:** Moss explained the committee has some examples from other NRDs and will continue to review and come up with something applicable for our own code. No action.

3. ***Selection of Budget Committee Members:*** Volunteers were requested for a committee of about 6 but not to exceed 10 members. There was discussion on the number and timing of meetings.
4. ***Action to Accept Resignation of Mike McDonald & Begin Process to Fill Vacancy in Subdistrict 2:***
Sugden moved, seconded by Lassen, to accept the resignation of Mike McDonald as Subdistrict 2 director. The vacancy will be advertised for possible action to appoint a new member at the June meeting. **Motion carried.**

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

NOT PRESENT: Pfleger, Speece

8. **ANNOUNCEMENTS, JUNE MEETING DATE/TIME & AGENDA ITEM REQUESTS**

The next meeting will be June 8, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. with committee meetings prior to the regular meeting. Directors were encouraged to let staff know if they planned to attend the basin tour or if they wanted to order NRD apparel.

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

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

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

NOT PRESENT: Pfleger, Speece

The meeting adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

Approved June 8, 2023

Secretary, Nemaha Natural Resources District