

May 9, 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-seventh meeting of the Nemaha Natural Resources District Board of Directors to order at 7:07 p.m. Thursday, May 9, 2024, at the NRD headquarters at Tecumseh, Nebraska.

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

DIRECTORS ABSENT:	Patty Coates	Kraig Coonce	Tim Loseke
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STAFF PRESENT:	Jane Kuhl, Assistant Manager
	Chuck Wingert, Water Resources Manager
	Brooke Gerdes, Administrative Bookkeeper

GUESTS PRESENT:	Allison Caspers, Tecumseh	Richard James, Verdon
	Renee Critser, Auburn	Joe Oswalt, E Energy, Adams
	Tracy Ensor, Unadilla	Steve Woerth, Brownville

Iske announced that the Open Meetings Act is posted on the wall in the back of the room.

2. **PROOF OF PUBLICATION**

Proof of publication was presented and is on file.

3. **CONSIDERATION OF APPLICATIONS TO FILL VACANCY IN AT-LARGE POSITION**

The following submitted applications to fill the position: Allison Caspers, Renee Critser, Tracy Ensor, Jack Frary, Richard James, and Steve Woerth. Those present addressed the board about their interest in the position. Iske announced that a secret ballot would be conducted with a majority of votes required for appointment. Results were:

Allison Caspers	3
Renee Critser	2
Tracy Ensor	6
Jack Frary	3
Richard James	1
Steve Woerth	2

Lassen moved, seconded by Sugden, to narrow the field to the top three and conduct a second secret ballot. Motion carried.

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

NOT PRESENT: Coates, Coonce, Loseke

Results of the second secret ballot were:

Allison Caspers	3
Tracy Ensor	10
Jack Frary	4

Tracy Ensor was administered the oath of office and took her position on the board.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Excused Absences: Patty Coates, Kraig Coonce, Tim Loseke
- b. Minutes: No questions.
- c. Treasurer's Report: No changes.

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

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

NOT PRESENT: Coates, Coonce, Loseke

5. OPEN FORUMS

Directors and staff introduced themselves. Steve Woerth commented on the storm damage done to a bridge on the trail in Brownville.

6. STAFF REPORTS

Hauschild's written report had been mailed. Kuhl followed up with information about the recent public meeting in Adams regarding Upper Big Nemaha 7-A repair plans, the 2024 Water & Natural Resources Tour on June 17-18 in our district, National Land Judging results for Falls City FFA, Your Parks Adventure: Trail Trek on the Steamboat Trace, free park permit weekend, and campground hosts. Wingert reported that beach watch monitoring had started, two applications were received for the nozzle grant program, and chemigation applications were coming in steadily.

7. AGENCY/ASSOCIATION REPORTS

A. Natural Resources Conservation Service

A written report was provided.

B. Nebraska Association of Resources Districts

Gigstad reported on the process underway for potentially selecting a different administrator for the health insurance program. The Basin Tour is coming up on June 10-11, and there are some issues with the NARD's office sprinkler system.

C. Nebraska Natural Resources Commission

Fox reported that at their next meeting they will rate the projects.

8. STANDING COMMITTEES

A. PROGRAMS & PROJECTS COMMITTEE

1. Well Permit Applications: Schaardt reviewed the following applications:

Permit #	Landowner Name	Well Location	GPM	Purpose	Score
N815	E Energy Adams, LLC	NW¼ SE¼ Section 17-6-8, Gage County	170	Industrial	225
N816	E Energy Adams, LLC	NE¼ NE¼ Section 20-6-8, Gage County	239	Industrial	209
N817	E Energy Adams, LLC	NE¼ NE¼ Section 20-6-8, Gage County	309	Industrial	226
N818	E Energy Adams, LLC	SE¼ SE¼ Section 17-6-8, Gage County	331	Industrial	244
N819	E Energy Adams, LLC	NW¼ SE¼ Section 17-6-8, Gage County	321	Industrial	297

Joe Oswalt with E Energy addressed the board regarding their plans for these wells. They want to spread their water use throughout the property as well as ensure their ability to expand. There was discussion about ways to recharge the water back into the ground. Wingert pointed out that the applications were received just prior to this meeting, so action could be postponed until next month. A hydrogeologic investigation is also required prior to acting on these permits, and Olsson will be working on that.

B. OPERATIONS & EDUCATION COMMITTEE

1. Approval of Final Applications for Urban Special Project Funding: Snoke reported that the committee reviewed applications from Palmyra and Talmage. However, the committee had some questions and requested more information on one of the applications. Therefore, action will be postponed until the next meeting.

C. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

1. Discussion on FY25 Salary Adjustments: Moss reported the committee reviewed information and discussed adjustments. No action.

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS, JUNE AGENDA ITEM REQUESTS

The next regular meeting of the board of directors will be Thursday, June 13, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. with committee meetings prior to the board meeting. The budget committee will meet prior to the next meeting. Additional budget committee members are welcome up to a maximum of ten on the committee.

10. **ADJOURNMENT**

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

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

NOT PRESENT: Coates, Coonce, Loseke

The meeting adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

Approved June 13, 2024

Secretary, Nemaha Natural Resources District