

November 9, 2021
Nemaha Natural Resources District
Regular Meeting
Tecumseh, Nebraska

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

Tim Loseke called the five hundred fifty-seventh meeting of the Nemaha Natural Resources District Board of Directors to order at 7:02 p.m. Tuesday, November 9, 2021, at the NRD Headquarters in Tecumseh, Nebraska.

DIRECTORS PRESENT:	Rob Bohling Randy Fox Jim Gerweck Orval Gigstad Dan Giittinger	Dan Hodges Tim Loseke Bill Niedfeldt Alan Romine Don Siske	Eldon Snoke Mike Speece Duane Sugden Kevin Thorne
-------------------------------	--	--	--

DIRECTORS ABSENT:	Lisa Beethe Jon Keithley Doug Iske	Robert Lassen Michael McDonald Russel Moss	Dan Stukenholtz
------------------------------	--	--	-----------------

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

GUESTS PRESENT:	Jeremiah Schutz, NRCS, Tecumseh Steve Woerth, Brownville
----------------------------	---

Following the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence, Loseke 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. **EXCUSED ABSENCES**

Siske moved, seconded by Thorne, to approve the excused absences requested by Lisa Beethe, Doug Iske, John Keithley, Mike McDonald, Russel Moss, and Dan Stukenholtz. Motion carried on consent agenda.

4. **OPEN FORUMS**

Directors, staff, and guests introduced themselves.

5. **MINUTES**

Siske moved, seconded by Hodges, to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried on consent agenda.

6. **TREASURER’S REPORT**

Siske moved, seconded by Sugden, to approve the Treasurer’s Report as submitted. Motion carried on consent agenda.

7. **STAFF REPORTS**

Hauschild reviewed his written report that had been distributed. Wingert reviewed his report.

8. **AGENCY/ASSOCIATION REPORTS**

A. Natural Resources Conservation Service

Schutz reviewed activities within their offices including some staff updates.

B. Five Rivers RC&D

Sugden reported there was no meeting due to a lack of a quorum.

C. Nebraska Association of Resources Districts

Gigstad reported on the recent board meeting and some appropriations from the Foundation. He also talked about the tree planting initiative with Executive Travel and the upcoming 50th anniversary of the NRDs.

D. Nebraska Natural Resources Commission

Hauschild read a brief report provided by Mike McDonald regarding the applications received for Water Sustainability Funds.

E. Steamboat Trace Volunteer Group

Giittinger reported on their recent meeting and plans to clean up the trailhead at Peru and investigating engineering services that may be available. Steve Woerth reported they are also looking at cleaning up the trail from Brownville to the south.

9. **STANDING COMMITTEES**

A. PROGRAMS & PROJECTS COMMITTEE

1. Well Permit Applications: Wingert reviewed the following well permit applications:

Permit #	Landowner Name	Well Location	GPM	Purpose	Score
N749	Randy & Kerri Miller	NE¼ NW¼ Section 10-5-11, Johnson Co.	700	Irrigation	265
N750	Derek & McKenzie Harms	SE¼ SE¼ Section 12-7-11, Otoe Co.	150	Irrigation	211

Sugden moved, seconded by Siske, to approve well permits N749 and N750. Motion carried.

AYE: Bohling, Fox, Gerweck, Gigstad, Giittinger, Hodges, Loseke, Niedfeldt, Romine, Siske, Snoke, Speece, Sugden, Thorne

NOT PRESENT: Beethe, Iske, Lassen, Keithley, McDonald, Moss, Stukenholtz

B. OPERATIONS & EDUCATION COMMITTEE-NO MEETING

C. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

1. Action to Approve FY2021 Audit:

Sugden moved, seconded by Gigstad, to approve the FY2021 audit report as presented. Motion carried.

AYE: Bohling, Fox, Gerweck, Gigstad, Giittinger, Hodges, Loseke, Niedfeldt, Romine, Siske, Snoke, Speece, Sugden, Thorne

NOT PRESENT: Beethe, Iske, Lassen, Keithley, McDonald, Moss, Stukenholtz

2. Request for Qualifications from Consulting Firms for Kirkman’s Creek 319

Watershed Plan: Hauschild reviewed and provided recommendations regarding the three proposals received from EA Engineering, FYRA Engineering, and HDR Engineering.

Siske moved, seconded by Fox, to accept the proposal from FYRA Engineering for the Kirkman’s Creek 319 Watershed Plan. Hauschild explained the funding that is available for the plan and the process for negotiating a contract with FYRA. After further discussion, **motion carried.**

AYE: Bohling, Fox, Gerweck, Gigstad, Giittinger, Hodges, Loseke, Niedfeldt, Romine, Siske, Snoke, Speece, Sugden, Thorne

NOT PRESENT: Beethe, Iske, Lassen, Keithley, McDonald, Moss, Stukenholtz

3. Bids for Sale of 2008 Ford Taurus X: Bids received for the District’s Ford Taurus X were publicly opened at 3:00 that afternoon with the following results:

Bidder	Bid Amount
Nick Egger, Auburn	\$5,101.00
Charlie Pierce, Elk Creek	\$5,101.00
Bob Bohling, Tecumseh	\$4,850.00
Peggy Borrenpohl, Tecumseh	\$4,850.00
Brett VanWinkle, Tecumseh	\$3,700.00
Mitch Flynn, Dawson	\$3,300.00
Commercial Bus & Vehicles, South Lyon, MI	\$1,313.00

Because of a tie in the high bid, Hauschild had contacted both bidders to let them know the tie would be broken by a coin toss during the board meeting. Iske designated Egger as “heads” and Pierce as “tails,” and Niedfeldt tossed the coin. The toss was tails, so Pierce was the winner of the bid.

Sugden moved, seconded by Hodges, to award the high bid of \$5,101.00 for the 2008 Ford Taurus X to Charlie Pierce. Motion carried.

AYE: Bohling, Fox, Gerweck, Gigstad, Giittinger, Hodges, Loseke, Niedfeldt, Romine, Siske, Snoke, Speece, Sugden, Thorne

NOT PRESENT: Beethe, Iske, Lassen, Keithley, McDonald, Moss, Stukenholtz

4. **Review Board of Directors Redistricting Options:** Loseke explained that the staff is still working on more options, which will be provided to the board prior to the next meeting. A decision will be needed at that time to approve new subdistrict boundaries. No action.
5. **Selection of Nominating Committee for 2022 Board Officers:** Because so many directors were absent, this will be selected at the next meeting. No action.
6. **Authorize Payment of Cash Rent to Rich Wilson for Duck Creek Sediment Basin Project:** Hauschild explained that since the project had not been started yet, this should have been paid last spring for a small, temporary easement area.

Hodges moved, seconded by Siske, to approve payment of \$1,100 to Rich Wilson for 2021 cash rent of 4.4 acres included in a temporary easement area associated with the Duck Creek sediment basin project. Motion carried.

AYE: Bohling, Fox, Gerweck, Gigstad, Giittinger, Hodges, Loseke, Niedfeldt, Romine, Siske, Snoke, Speece, Sugden, Thorne

NOT PRESENT: Beethe, Iske, Lassen, Keithley, McDonald, Moss, Stukenholtz

10. ANNOUNCEMENTS, DECEMBER MEETING DATE/TIME & AGENDA ITEM REQUESTS

The next meeting will be Thursday, December 9, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. with committee meetings prior to the regular meeting. Agenda items may include the Mesonet and water quality items requested by McDonald at the October meeting.

11. CONSENT AGENDA

Sugden moved, seconded by Gigstad, to approve the consent agenda. Consent agenda items: Excused Absences, Minutes, Treasurer's Report. **Motion carried.**

AYE: Bohling, Fox, Gerweck, Gigstad, Giittinger, Hodges, Loseke, Niedfeldt, Romine, Siske, Snoke, Speece, Sugden, Thorne

NOT PRESENT: Beethe, Iske, Lassen, Keithley, McDonald, Moss, Stukenholtz

12. ADJOURNMENT

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

AYE: Bohling, Fox, Gerweck, Gigstad, Giittinger, Hodges, Loseke, Niedfeldt, Romine, Siske, Snoke, Speece, Sugden, Thorne

NOT PRESENT: Beethe, Iske, Lassen, Keithley, McDonald, Moss, Stukenholtz

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Approved December 9, 2021

Secretary, Nemaha Natural Resources District