

November 10, 2022
Nemaha Natural Resources District
Regular Meeting
Tecumseh, Nebraska

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

Chair Doug Iske called the five hundred sixty-ninth meeting of the Nemaha Natural Resources District Board of Directors to order at 7:03 p.m. Thursday, November 10, 2022, at the NRD headquarters at Tecumseh, Nebraska.

DIRECTORS	Lisa Beethe	Doug Iske	Don Siske
PRESENT:	Randy Fox	Tim Loseke	Mike Speece
	Jim Gerweck	Michael McDonald	Dan Stukenholtz
	Orval Gigstad	Russel Moss	Duane Sugden
	Dan Giittinger	Bill Niedfeldt	Kevin Thorne
	Dan Hodges	Alan Romine	

DIRECTORS	Rob Bohling	Jon Keithley
ABSENT:	Robert Lassen	Eldon Snoke

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

GUESTS	Steve Woerth, Brownville
PRESENT:	Jeremiah Schutz, NRCS
	Christy Haddan, Schulz & Associates

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**

- Excused Absences: Jon Keithley, Bob Lassen, Rob Bohling, Eldon Snoke
- Minutes: McDonald asked about the manager's goals and timetable for evaluation.
- Treasurer's Report: No comments/questions.

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

AYE: Beethe, Fox, Gerweck, Gigstad, Giittinger, Hodges, Iske, Loseke, Moss, Niedfeldt, Romine, Siske, Speece, Stukenholtz, Sugden, Thorne

NAY: McDonald

NOT PRESENT: Bohling, Keithley, Lassen, Snoke

4. **OPEN FORUMS**

Directors and staff introduced themselves.

5. **STAFF REPORTS**

Hauschild reviewed his report and the Upper Big Nemaha 7-A open house. Wingert briefly reviewed some items in his report.

Christy Haddan with Schulz and Associates then distributed copies and reviewed the results of the FY21-22 audit. She answered questions about some of the findings in the report including deposits in Western National Bank that exceeded the pledged collateral coverage as of June 30. She also explained some inaccuracies on payroll tax returns. Kuhl explained that steps have been taken to correct the returns and get some of the penalties waived and that procedures have been changed to avoid this in the future. Hauschild explained that the bank collateral issue resulted from a change in bank ownership and miscommunication.

6. **AGENCY/ASSOCIATION REPORTS**

A. Natural Resources Conservation Service

Schutz reviewed some items in his report.

B. Five Rivers RC&D

Sugden reported on the finances of the Council and current issues being addressed.

C. Nebraska Association of Resources Districts

Gigstad reported on the benefits committee meeting and on the recent board meeting.

D. Nebraska Natural Resources Commission

McDonald reviewed the Commission meeting from October 19 and the number of projects selected for funding.

E. Steamboat Trace Volunteer Group

Giittinger asked Steve Woerth to review the most recent meeting. He commented on planned improvements and events.

7. **STANDING COMMITTEES**

A. PROGRAMS & PROJECTS COMMITTEE

1. *Well Permit Applications:* The following permits were received:

Permit #	Landowner Name	Well Location	GPM	Purpose	Score
N770	Randall & Amy Gyhra	SW¼SW¼ Section 19-6-11, Johnson Co.	700	Irrigation	207
N771	Richard & Mary Ann Jansen	SW¼NE¼ Section 33-6-11 Johnson Co.	700	Irrigation	225
N772	George Henry Brantley	SE¼SE¼ Section 34-7-6, Lancaster Co.	900	Irrigation	295
N774	Bettenhausen Family Farms	SE¼SE¼ Section 19-7-7, Lancaster Co.	900	Irrigation	302

Stukenholtz moved, seconded by Sugden, to approve well permits N770, N771, N772, and N774. Motion carried.

AYE: Beethe, Fox, Gerweck, Gigstad, Giittinger, Hodges, Iske, Loseke, McDonald, Moss, Niedfeldt, Romine, Siske, Speece, Stukenholtz Sugden, Thorne
NOT PRESENT: Bohling, Keithley, Lassen, Snoke

2. ***Discussion on Potential Slip Lining Projects on Watershed Structures:*** There was discussion about the process, options, and cost involved. Hauschild explained that this company seems to be the only one around that uses this process. No action.

B. OPERATIONS & EDUCATION COMMITTEE

1. ***Action on Quotes for Hew Hydrants at Duck Creek Recreation Area:*** Quotes received to replace five hydrants were as follows:

Contractor	Total Quote
Kuhl Construction	\$2,515.00
JC DirtWork	\$3,150.65
Nebraska Digging	\$5,500.00

Fox moved, seconded by Giittinger, to accept the quote of \$2,515.00 from Kuhl Construction for replacement of five hydrants at Duck Creek Recreation Area. Motion carried.

AYE: Beethe, Fox, Gerweck, Gigstad, Giittinger, Hodges, Iske, Loseke, McDonald, Moss, Niedfeldt, Romine, Siske, Speece, Stukenholtz Sugden, Thorne
NOT PRESENT: Bohling, Keithley, Lassen, Snoke

2. ***Discussion on Steamboat Trace Closures for Hunting Seasons:*** Fox reported that the committee reviewed the different seasons and that he and staff were going to check with other trail operators to see how they are handling closures. No action.
3. ***Action to Approve PIE Grant Application:*** Fox explained that this grant application would be for the purchase of a stormwater floodplain simulation model. Committee members had asked for more information about how it would be used and other grants potentially available. No action.
4. ***Recognition of Gary Lesoing Retirement:*** McDonald explained the idea for recognition of Lesoing's retirement, which was discussed with Jon Keithley, Dan Hodges, and others.

McDonald moved, seconded by Beethe, to recognize Gary Lesoing with a board resolution during the December meeting. If he is unable to attend, the recognition could be postponed until January.

AYE: Beethe, Fox, Gerweck, Gigstad, Giittinger, Hodges, Iske, Loseke, McDonald, Moss, Niedfeldt, Romine, Siske, Speece, Stukenholtz Sugden, Thorne
NOT PRESENT: Bohling, Keithley, Lassen, Snoke

C. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

1. Action to Approve FY22 Audit Report:

Stukenholtz moved, seconded by Thorne, to approve the FY22 audit report as presented. Motion carried.

AYE: Beethe, Fox, Gerweck, Gigstad, Giittinger, Hodges, Iske, Loseke, McDonald, Moss, Niedfeldt, Romine, Siske, Speece, Stukenholtz Sugden, Thorne
NOT PRESENT: Bohling, Keithley, Lassen, Snoke

2. Appointment of Nominating Committee for 2023 Board Officers: Moss asked for volunteers to serve on this committee, or the Chair would select members. No action.

3. Action on Quote for New Telephone System: A summary of quotes received from Capital Business Systems, Diode Technology, Kidwell Communication, and Unite Private Networks was distributed and is attached to the file copy of these minutes. Final cost will be dependent upon number of licenses and options selected.

Stukenholtz moved, seconded by Fox, to authorize staff to accept the quote from Unite Private Networks for a new telephone system. Motion carried.

AYE: Beethe, Fox, Gerweck, Gigstad, Giittinger, Hodges, Iske, Loseke, McDonald, Moss, Niedfeldt, Romine, Siske, Speece, Stukenholtz Sugden, Thorne
NOT PRESENT: Bohling, Keithley, Lassen, Snoke

4. Action to Approve Long Range Plan: Hauschild reviewed the plan. Discussion was held on whether to include something about drought mitigation and nitrate education. McDonald also asked that newspapers be added to the information and education page as part of our information programs.

Gigstad moved, seconded by Gerweck, to approve the plan with adjustments to include drought mitigation and nitrate education. More discussion was held on exactly what to add or change. Gigstad then withdrew his motion. No action was taken, and the plan will be amended and brought back for approval next month.

5. Action to Reclaim Land Adjacent to Steamboat Trace: Hauschild reviewed areas that have been impacted along the trail and the effect on the trail. He added that reclaiming this property would allow our staff to be more efficient in maintaining the trail.

Loseke moved, seconded by Sugden, to pursue reclaiming the land along the Steamboat Trace trail which is part of the right-of-way of the trail. After further discussion, **motion carried.**

AYE: Beethe, Fox, Gerweck, Gigstad, Giittinger, Hodges, Iske, Loseke, McDonald, Moss, Niedfeldt, Romine, Siske, Speece, Sugden, Thorne

NAY: Stukenholtz

NOT PRESENT: Bohling, Keithley, Lassen, Snoke

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

The next meeting will be Thursday, December 8, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. with committee meetings prior to the regular meeting. Beethe asked to have a draft of the manager's goals and objectives and evaluation process in writing so the board could review it and take action.

9. ADJOURNMENT

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

AYE: Beethe, Fox, Gerweck, Gigstad, Giittinger, Hodges, Iske, Loseke, McDonald, Moss, Niedfeldt, Romine, Siske, Speece, Stukenholtz, Sugden, Thorne

NOT PRESENT: Bohling, Keithley, Lassen, Snoke

The meeting adjourned at 9:28 p.m.

Approved 12/8/22

Secretary, Nemaha Natural Resources District