

October 14, 2021
Nemaha Natural Resources District
Regular Meeting
Tecumseh, Nebraska

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

Chair Doug Iske called the five hundred fifty-sixth meeting of the Nemaha Natural Resources District Board of Directors to order at 8:00 p.m. Thursday, October 14, 2021, at the NRD Headquarters in Tecumseh, Nebraska.

DIRECTORS	Lisa Beethe	Doug Iske	Alan Romine
PRESENT:	Rob Bohling	Robert Lassen	Don Siske
	Randy Fox	Tim Loseke	Eldon Snoke
	Jim Gerweck	Michael McDonald	Dan Stukenholtz
	Orval Gigstad	Russel Moss	Duane Sugden
	Dan Giittinger	Bill Niedfeldt	Kevin Thorne

DIRECTORS	Dan Hodges	Mike Speece
ABSENT:	Jon Keithley	

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

GUESTS	Jeremiah Schutz, NRCS, Tecumseh
PRESENT:	Steve Woerth, Brownville
	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. **EXCUSED ABSENCES**

Siske moved, seconded by Fox, to approve the excused absences requested by Dan Hodges and Mike Speece. Motion carried on consent agenda.

4. **OPEN FORUMS**

Directors, staff, and guests introduced themselves.

5. **MINUTES**

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

6. TREASURER'S REPORT

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

7. FY2021 AUDIT REPORT

Christy Haddan with Schulz and Associates distributed copies of the FY2021 audit report and reviewed the highlights of the report. Directors were encouraged to take the reports home and review them before the next board meeting.

8. STAFF REPORTS

Hauschild reviewed his written report that had been distributed. Wingert reported on the status of the redistricting, which he had been working on since receiving the census data. He added that the VIMP stakeholders meeting would be October 26 at 6:00.

9. AGENCY/ASSOCIATION REPORTS**A. Natural Resources Conservation Service**

Schutz reviewed activities within their offices.

B. Five Rivers RC&D

Sugden reported they would be meeting on October 21.

C. Nebraska Association of Resources Districts

Gigstad reported that the Nemaha delegation ended up opposing the resolution, which was approved. He also reported on the board meeting and the 50th anniversary of the NRDs.

D. Nebraska Natural Resources Commission

McDonald reported they meet next month and that the applications are being reviewed.

10. STANDING COMMITTEES**A. PROGRAMS & PROJECTS COMMITTEE**

- 1. SWCP Requests for Extensions:* Kuhl explained two landowners had requested extensions because of an NRCS delay in designing the projects. She added the projects were estimated to take approximately 7-10 days to complete.

Beethe moved, seconded by Gerweck, to approve extensions until the November, 2021, board meeting date for the Schardt Family Trust and Anita Loek SWCP projects. Motion carried.

AYE: Beethe, Bohling, Fox, Gerweck, Gigstad, Giittinger, Iske, Lassen, Loseke, McDonald, Moss, Niedfeldt, Romine, Siske, Snoke, Stukenholtz, Sugden, Thorne

NOT PRESENT: Hodges, Keithley, Speece

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

Permit #	Landowner Name	Well Location	GPM	Purpose	Score
N745	Gabriel Hayes	SE¼ NE¼ Section 20-2-18, Richardson Co	1,500	Wetland	224
N746	Bryce & Lisa Andrew	SE¼ NW¼ Section 11-4-15, Nemaha Co.	600	Irrigation	230
N747	Bryce & Lisa Andrew	SW¼ NE¼ Section 11-4-15, Nemaha Co.	600	Irrigation	217
N748	Twin Sycamore Farms	SE¼ NW¼ Section 27-4-12, Nemaha Co.	800	Irrigation	272

Stukenholtz moved, seconded by Gerweck, to approve well permits N745, N746, N747, and N748. Motion carried.

AYE: Beethe, Bohling, Fox, Gerweck, Gigstad, Giittinger, Iske, Lassen, Loseke, McDonald, Moss, Niedfeldt, Romine, Siske, Snoke, Stukenholtz, Sugden, Thorne

NOT PRESENT: Hodges, Keithley, Speece

B. OPERATIONS & EDUCATION COMMITTEE

1. **Discussion on Steamboat Trace Improvement Plan:** Steve Woerth reviewed the make-up of the Steamboat Trace volunteer committee and their plans to increase publicity of the trail and to improve some physical aspects associated with the trail. There was some discussion about their desire to help open up the south end at Brownville. Staff will investigate liability concerns with the NRD's insurance agent.
2. **Consideration of Adding Day Use Improvements at Kirkman's Cove & Iron Horse Trail Lake:** Snoke explained that he has witnessed visitors to Kirkman's Cove setting up tailgate type sites along the lake. He asked if it would be possible to develop formal tailgating areas to avoid cars parking on the grass. After some discussion, it was suggested that staff investigate areas that might work with input from Snoke.
3. **Discussion on Mesonet Station/Water Quality Education:** Thorne stated there was not much time to discuss this at the committee meeting and suggested it be added to next month's agenda. McDonald indicated these should be two separate items.

C. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

1. **Action to Approve Master Plan for 2021-2030:** Moss indicated that the Master Plan had been emailed out to directors again on two occasions since the last meeting.

Sugden moved, seconded by Gigstad, to approve the 2021-2030 Master Plan.

After some discussion about the section referring to the Steamboat Trace, it was agreed that the statement estimating number of users would be removed. There was some discussion about other recreation aspects of the plan. After further discussion, **motion carried.**

AYE: Beethe, Bohling, Fox, Gerweck, Gigstad, Giittinger, Iske, Lassen, Loseke, Moss, Niedfeldt, Romine, Siske, Snoke, Stukenholtz, Sugden, Thorne

NAY: McDonald

NOT PRESENT: Hodges, Keithley, Speece

2. ***Board Meeting Times for November-March:*** Moss stated it is traditional to change the board meeting time following the daylight saving time change.

Fox moved, seconded by Beethe, to adjust board meetings to start at 7:00 p.m. from November-March with committees generally beginning at 6:00 p.m. After brief discussion, **motion carried.**

AYE: Beethe, Bohling, Fox, Gerweck, Gigstad, Giittinger, Iske, Lassen, Loseke, McDonald, Moss, Niedfeldt, Romine, Snoke, Stukenholtz, Sugden, Thorne

NAY: Siske

NOT PRESENT: Hodges, Keithley, Speece

3. ***Rescheduling November Board Meeting Due to Veterans Day Holiday:*** Moss stated the recommendation from the committee was to move the meeting to Tuesday, November 9.

Moss moved, seconded by Lassen, to move the November, 2021, board meeting to Tuesday, November 9, due to the Veterans Day holiday. After discussion regarding potential conflicts on that date, **motion carried.**

AYE: Beethe, Bohling, Fox, Gerweck, Gigstad, Giittinger, Iske, Lassen, Loseke, Moss, Niedfeldt, Romine, Stukenholtz, Thorne

NAY: McDonald, Siske, Snoke, Sugden

NOT PRESENT: Hodges, Keithley, Speece

11. ANNOUNCEMENTS, NOVEMBER MEETING DATE/TIME & AGENDA ITEM REQUESTS

The next meeting will be Tuesday, November 9, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. with committee meetings prior to the regular meeting. McDonald asked to have noted that he had asked for an item to be on this month's agenda, and it was not.

12. CONSENT AGENDA

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

AYE: Beethe, Bohling, Fox, Gerweck, Gigstad, Giittinger, Iske, Lassen, Loseke, Moss, Niedfeldt, Romine, Siske, Snoke, Stukenholtz, Sugden, Thorne

NAY: McDonald

NOT PRESENT: Hodges, Keithley, Speece

13. ADJOURNMENT

Siske moved, seconded by Gerweck, to adjourn. Motion carried.

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

The meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

Approved November 9, 2021

Secretary, Nemaha Natural Resources District