

October 12, 2023
Nemaha Natural Resources District
Regular Meeting
Tecumseh, Nebraska

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

Doug Iske called the five hundred eightieth meeting of the Nemaha Natural Resources District Board of Directors to order at 7:03 p.m. Thursday, October 12, 2023, at the NRD headquarters at Tecumseh, Nebraska.

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

DIRECTORS ABSENT:	Jake Armknecht	Mike Speece
	Jon Keithley	

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

GUESTS PRESENT:	Christy Hadden, Schulz & Associates
	Peggy Grof, Auburn

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. **CONSIDERATION OF APPLICATIONS TO FILL VACANCY IN SUBDISTRICT 4**

No applications were received for this position.

4. **CONSIDERATION OF APPLICATIONS TO FILL VACANCY IN SUBDISTRICT 9**

No applications were received for this position.

5. **CONSENT AGENDA**

- a. Excused Absences: Jake Armknecht, Jon Keithley
- b. Minutes: No changes or corrections.
- c. Treasurer's Report: No changes or corrections.

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

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

NOT PRESENT: Armknecht, Keithley, Speece

6. OPEN FORUMS

Directors and staff introduced themselves. Peggy Grof updated the Board on the anniversary celebration of the Steamboat Trace that was held October 7. She further explained some planning they expect to undergo for the trail. Loseke talked about the event and brought an award presented to the NRD from the Steamboat Trace Association.

7. REVIEW/ACTION ON FY23 AUDIT REPORT

Christy Haddan of Schulz and Associates presented and reviewed the FY23 audit report. The only deficiency noted was regarding segregation of duties, which was due to an extended vacancy in the bookkeeper position during the year. She added that deficiencies identified in last year's audit had been rectified.

During the Executive Committee report, the board took the following action:

Sugden moved, seconded by Lassen, to approve the FY23 audit report as presented. Motion carried.

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

NOT PRESENT: Armknecht, Keithley, Speece

8. STAFF REPORTS

Hauschild provided a verbal report. Wingert provided a brief report.

9. AGENCY/ASSOCIATION REPORTS

A. Natural Resources Conservation Service

No report.

B. Nebraska Association of Resources Districts

Gigstad reported on the NARD annual conference.

C. Nebraska Natural Resources Commission

Fox stated they had not met last month, and he reviewed their upcoming schedule.

10. STANDING COMMITTEES

A. PROGRAMS & PROJECTS COMMITTEE

1. Well Permit Applications: None.

2. **Review/Action to Adjust Cost-Share Rates for Flow Meters:** Wingert reviewed the information he had collected on the cost-share provided by other districts and the change in the cost of meters.

Bohling moved, seconded by Sugden, to approve an increase in cost-share rates for flow meters to 50% up to \$750. After some discussion on how this would affect this year's budget, **motion carried.**

AYE: Boellstorff, Bohling, Fox, Gigstad, Hodges, Iske, Lassen, Loseke, Moss, Niedfeldt, Romine, Schardt, Snoke, Stukenholtz, Sugden, Thorne
NOT PRESENT: Armknecht, Keithley, Speece

3. **Discussion/Action on Extensions of Time for SWCP Projects:** Bohling explained that three projects were not completed by their original deadlines due to delays in design and layout by NRCS. It was recommended to allow an extension of time to complete construction since the landowner was not at fault in these instances.

Bohling moved, seconded by Gigstad, to approve an extension of time through November 9, 2023, for the following projects: Ben Robison, Dan Parks, and Schardt Family Trust. After further discussion, **motion carried.**

AYE: Boellstorff, Bohling, Fox, Gigstad, Hodges, Iske, Lassen, Loseke, Moss, Niedfeldt, Romine, Snoke, Stukenholtz, Sugden, Thorne
ABSTAINING: Schardt
NOT PRESENT: Armknecht, Keithley, Speece

4. **Bids for Dam Repair on South Fork 14-4:** Bids were received for work to install twin CMP (to be purchased by the NRD.)

Contractor (installation)	Total Bid
Tim Sisco Construction	\$25,850.00
B.A.B., Inc.	\$48,480.00

Supplier (pipe)	Total Quote
Contech	\$17,855.40
Ace-Eaton	\$23,360.00

Bohling moved, seconded by Hodges, to approve the low bids of \$25,850.00 from Tim Sisco Construction for the installation and from Contech for \$17,855.40 for the materials for the South Fork 14-4 repair. Motion carried.

AYE: Boellstorff, Bohling, Fox, Gigstad, Hodges, Iske, Lassen, Loseke, Moss, Niedfeldt, Romine, Schardt, Snoke, Stukenholtz, Sugden, Thorne
NOT PRESENT: Armknecht, Keithley, Speece

B. OPERATIONS & EDUCATION COMMITTEE

1. *Discussion/Action on Tree Program Pricing Changes:* Lassen explained that tree prices had increased requiring an increase in the costs we charge. The price will cover the cost of the trees and the packaging materials.

Lassen moved, seconded by Thorne, to increase the tree prices from \$1.25/tree to \$1.35/tree. Lassen added that other costs including cost of planting the trees will remain unchanged. **Motion carried.**

AYE: Boellstorff, Bohling, Fox, Gigstad, Hodges, Iske, Lassen, Loseke, Moss, Niedfeldt, Romine, Schardt, Snoke, Stukenholtz, Sugden, Thorne

NOT PRESENT: Armknecht, Keithley, Speece

C. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

1. *Discussion/Action on Possible Drilling Program Changes:* Hauschild explained that demand for this service has diminished and that it takes at least two people or two trips to get all the equipment to a site.

Moss moved, seconded by Lassen, to discontinue the NRD's drilling service until a need for it returns. The District will keep the drill for our own projects. **Motion carried.**

AYE: Boellstorff, Bohling, Fox, Gigstad, Hodges, Iske, Lassen, Loseke, Moss, Niedfeldt, Romine, Schardt, Snoke, Stukenholtz, Sugden, Thorne

NOT PRESENT: Armknecht, Keithley, Speece

2. *Discussion/Action on Long Range Plan:* The plan had been provided to all members, and questions were addressed on some areas. A minor change to clarify the schedule for beach sampling was requested.

Moss moved, seconded by Stukenholtz, to approve the 2023 Long Range Plan with one change as requested. Motion carried.

AYE: Boellstorff, Bohling, Fox, Gigstad, Hodges, Iske, Lassen, Loseke, Moss, Niedfeldt, Romine, Schardt, Snoke, Stukenholtz, Sugden, Thorne

NOT PRESENT: Armknecht, Keithley, Speece

3. *Discussion on State Auditor's Report & Legal Issues:*

Moss moved, seconded by Stukenholtz, to go into closed session for the protection of the public interest to discuss the State Auditor's report and legal issues. Motion carried.

AYE: Boellstorff, Bohling, Fox, Gigstad, Hodges, Iske, Lassen, Loseke, Moss,
Niedfeldt, Romine, Schardt, Snoke, Stukenholtz, Sugden, Thorne
NOT PRESENT: Armknecht, Keithley, Speece

The board went into closed session at 8:13 p.m. At 8:26 p.m., the board took the following action to return to open session.

Bohling moved, seconded by Thorne, to return to open session. Motion carried.

AYE: Boellstorff, Bohling, Fox, Gigstad, Hodges, Iske, Lassen, Loseke, Moss,
Niedfeldt, Romine, Schardt, Snoke, Stukenholtz, Sugden, Thorne
NOT PRESENT: Armknecht, Keithley, Speece

11. ANNOUNCEMENTS, NOVEMBER AGENDA ITEM REQUESTS

Hauschild updated the board on the status of Upper Big Nemaha 7-A adding that a public open house would be held in November to update the Adams community. The next regular meeting of the board of directors will be Thursday, November 9, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. with committee meetings held prior to the regular meeting.

12. ADJOURNMENT

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

AYE: Boellstorff, Bohling, Fox, Gigstad, Hodges, Iske, Lassen, Loseke, Moss, Niedfeldt,
Romine, Schardt, Snoke, Stukenholtz, Sugden, Thorne
NOT PRESENT: Armknecht, Keithley, Speece

The meeting adjourned at 8:41 p.m.

Approved November 9, 2023

Secretary, Nemaha Natural Resources District