

September 8, 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-seventh meeting of the Nemaha Natural Resources District Board of Directors to order at 7:07 p.m. Thursday, September 8, 2022, at the NRD headquarters at Tecumseh, Nebraska.

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

DIRECTORS ABSENT:	Jon Keithley	Tim Loseke
	Robert Lassen	

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

GUESTS PRESENT:	None
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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: Iske stated that Jon Keithley, Bob Lassen, and Tim Loseke had requested excused absences.
- Minutes: No comments/questions.
- Treasurer's Report: McDonald asked about two payments for attorney services.

Stukenholtz moved, seconded by Thorne, to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried.

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

NOT PRESENT: Keithley, Lassen, Loseke

4. **OPEN FORUMS**

Directors and staff introduced themselves.

5. **STAFF REPORTS**

Hauschild reviewed his report. Wingert briefly reviewed some items in his report.

6. **AGENCY/ASSOCIATION REPORTS**

A. Natural Resources Conservation Service

A written report was distributed.

B. Five Rivers RC&D

Sugden reported that he checked with the Secretary of State, and RC&D is in good standing with their non-profit status. They are now waiting to hear from the NET officials regarding status of their grants.

C. Nebraska Association of Resources Districts

Gigstad reported they are working on bylaws for the NARD organizations. He also reported on the anniversary tree planting at the State Capitol. He added that the NRDs would be represented at Husker Harvest Days where the Hall of Fame awards would be announced.

D. Nebraska Natural Resources Commission

McDonald stated they had not met since last month, so he had nothing new to report.

E. Steamboat Trace Volunteer Group

Giittinger stated they have been working on articles of incorporation and have setup an executive committee. Two Peru State College students are working on a new brochure.

7. **STANDING COMMITTEES**

A. PROGRAMS & PROJECTS COMMITTEE

1. *Well Permit Applications:* None.

B. OPERATIONS & EDUCATION COMMITTEE – NO MEETING

C. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

1. *Review NARD Resolution & Provide Direction for Delegates:* Hauschild explained that the resolution appears to ask NRDs to play a role in determining sustainable farming and ranching practices. Moss stated the committee did not feel this was the NRD's responsibility; and, therefore, the committee recommended against supporting the resolution.

Moss moved, seconded by Stukenholtz, to oppose support of the NARD Resolution 2022-1. Motion carried.

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

NAY: McDonald

NOT PRESENT: Keithley, Lassen, Loseke

2. ***Proposals for Engineering on Upper Big Nemaha 7-A:*** Moss stated four proposals were received ranging in cost from \$4,500 to \$15,000 for investigating possible seepage at this structure. The \$4,500 proposal was from FYRA Engineering; and since it was below \$5,000, the committee authorized the manager to proceed with offering the contract to FYRA. Hauschild explained the project and need for the engineering study.

8. **ACTION TO APPROVE FY23 BUDGET & RESOLUTION SETTING THE PROPERTY TAX**

Hauschild reviewed the final budget figures adding that some additional cuts were needed to keep the levy at the same rate as last year.

Sugden moved, seconded by Gerweck, to approve the FY23 budget as presented and the resolution setting the property tax request at \$2,333,603.99 resulting in a levy of \$0.029532. Beethe asked about a small difference in tax amounts on the valuation spreadsheet, which was a result of rounding differences. **Motion carried.**

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

NAY: McDonald

NOT PRESENT: Keithley, Lassen, Loseke

9. **ANNOUNCEMENTS, OCTOBER MEETING DATE/TIME & AGENDA ITEM REQUESTS**

The next meeting will be Thursday, October 13, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. with committee meetings prior to the regular meeting. McDonald requested to have discussion on the wellness program and use of newspapers for education on next month's agenda.

10. **ADJOURNMENT**

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

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

NOT PRESENT: Keithley, Lassen, Loseke

The meeting adjourned at 8:08 p.m.