

April 8, 2021
Nemaha Natural Resources District
Regular Meeting
Tecumseh, Nebraska

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

Chair Mike McDonald called the five hundred fiftieth meeting of the Nemaha Natural Resources District Board of Directors to order at 8:04 p.m. Thursday, April 8, 2021, at the NRD Headquarters in Tecumseh, Nebraska.

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

DIRECTORS	Orval Gigstad	Mike Speece
ABSENT:	Tim Loseke	

STAFF	Kyle Hauschild, General Manager
PRESENT:	Jane Kuhl, Administrative Assistant
	Chuck Wingert, Water Resources Manager
	Charlie Pierce, Water Resources Technician
	Jill Rogman, Administrative Assistant

GUESTS	
PRESENT:	Stephen Kennedy, NRCS, Auburn

Following the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence, McDonald 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**

Bohling moved, seconded by Gerweck, to approve the excused absences requested by Orval Gigstad, Tim Loseke, and Mike Speece. Motion carried on consent agenda.

4. **OPEN FORUMS**

NRD 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**

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

7. **STAFF REPORTS**

Hauschild briefly reviewed his report. Pierce provided a report on the water department programs and activities over the past year.

8. **AGENCY/ASSOCIATION REPORTS**

A. Natural Resources Conservation Service

Kennedy reviewed their written report, which had been distributed.

B. Five Rivers RC&D

Sugden reported they would be starting their household hazardous waste collections the following day and asked for any volunteers who would like to help.

C. Nebraska Association of Resources Districts

No report.

D. Nebraska Natural Resources Commission

McDonald reported that their next meeting is the 21st at Kearney, and they would be looking at WSF applications.

9. **STANDING COMMITTEES**

A. Programs & Projects Committee

1. ***Bids for Repairs to Brownell 4-2:*** Hauschild reported that three bids were received for this project which included replacing the pipe and riser. All bids were significantly higher than the budgeted allowance, so the staff and committee recommended refusing all bids and re-bidding the project next fiscal year.

2. ***Bids for Repairs to Rinne-Holland Special Project:*** Bids received for this project involving replacement of the hooded inlet were as follows:

Contractor	Total Bid
B.A.B., Inc.	\$26,754.00
Malone Construction Co.	\$31,340.00
Nebraska Digging services	\$33,333.00
High Plains Enterprises	\$110,000.00

Gerweck moved, seconded by Lassen, to approve the low bid of \$26,754.00 submitted by B.A.B., Inc., for repairs to the Rinne-Holland Special Project. Motion carried.

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

NOT PRESENT: Gigstad, Loseke, Speece

3. *Request from Louis Stukenholtz for Reimbursement of Expense for Conservation*

Work: Stephen Kennedy reviewed the timetable involved with this project, which was part of the Buck/Duck Watershed Project. He felt this conservation work was probably done well but that the NRCS had no records of inspecting the work and could not verify what was done. However, he suggested they could reverse-engineer the project to determine if it met NRCS standards. Some discussion and concern were expressed about paying for a project after the deadline.

Gerweck moved, seconded by Sugden, to authorize payment of 50 percent of the \$8,245 claim submitted by Louis Stukenholtz for conservation work involved with the Buck/Duck Watershed Project contingent upon favorable engineering approval from NRCS that the work meets their specifications. Motion carried.

AYE: Bohling, Fox, Gerweck, Giittinger, Hodges, Iske, Keithley, Lassen, Moss, Siske, Sugden

NAY: Beethe, McDonald, Niedfeldt, Romine, Snoke, Thorne,

ABSTAINING: Stukenholtz

NOT PRESENT: Gigstad, Loseke, Speece

4. *Action on Well Permit Applications:* Wingert reviewed the following applications:

Permit #	Landowner Name	Well Location	GPM	Purpose	Score
N739	William E. Othmer	SE¼ SE¼ Section 18-6-12, Johnson Co.	800	Irrigation	232
N740	City of Syracuse	SE¼ Section 33-7-11, Otoe Co.	500	Municipal	NA
N741	City of Syracuse	SE¼ Section 33-7-11, Otoe Co.	500	Municipal	NA

Gerweck moved, seconded by Sugden, to approve well permit application N739 for William Othmer. Motion carried.

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

NOT PRESENT: Gigstad, Loseke, Speece

Gerweck moved, seconded by Lassen, to approve well permit applications N740 and N741 for the City of Syracuse. Motion carried.

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

NOT PRESENT: Gigstad, Loseke, Speece

B. Operations & Education Committee-No meeting**C. Executive Committee****1. Resolution to Authorize a Temporary Line of Credit with American National Bank:**

Hauschild explained that our cash flow was tight in part because of a large payment that was made for the UBN 25-C project and a delay in receiving grant reimbursements. He added that we may not need to use the line of credit but that this would provide a safety net in the event we need it.

Romine moved, seconded by Sugden, to approve the resolution authorizing a temporary line of credit up to \$200,000 through American National Bank.
Motion carried.

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

NOT PRESENT: Gigstad, Loseke, Speece

- 2. Manager's Eval and District Goals and Employment Agreement:** McDonald reported that the committee went over some goals and reviewed an employment agreement. It will be looked at again next month. No action.
- 3. Salary and Benefits:** McDonald reported they talked about a set figure, but they do not know insurance rates yet. Next month they want to review salaries, insurance, merit, and service and come up with a package. No action.
- 4. Ad-Hoc Committee:** McDonald stated they reviewed the master plan and are getting close on it.
- 5. Steamboat Trace Trail Tour Update:** Hauschild reported on the status of the trail and issues that would make a tour difficult if not impossible in places. However, in general the trail was in better shape than he expected. Unfortunately, attendance for the scheduled tour was expected to be low, so a future tour might be scheduled later this summer. Giittinger reported that he had talked to the Nebraska City trail group about their intentions to loop a trail around town and then go through some private property to connect to the Steamboat Trace. They already have a significant amount of money in place to start the project, but it would likely be a few years before they might connect to our trail. McDonald added that all the options would be considered in preparing for next year's budget. No action.

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

The next meeting will be May 13, 2021, at 8:00 p.m. with committee meetings prior to the regular meeting.

11. **CONSENT AGENDA**

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

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

12. **ADJOURNMENT**

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

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

The meeting adjourned at 9:38 p.m.

Approved 5/13/21

Secretary, Nemaha Natural Resources District