

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

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

Chair Bill Niedfeldt called the five hundred forty-seventh meeting of the Nemaha Natural Resources District Board of Directors to order at 7:05 p.m. Thursday, January 14, 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
<i>*Participated via Zoom</i>	Jim Gerweck	Tim Loseke	Dan Stukenholtz*
	Orval Gigstad	Michael McDonald	Duane Sugden
	Dan Giittinger	Russel Moss	
	Dan Hodges	Bill Niedfeldt	

DIRECTORS
ABSENT: Mike Speece
Kevin Thorne

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

GUESTS
PRESENT: Jeremiah Schutz, NRCS, Tecumseh

Following the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence, Niedfeldt 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. **OATH OF OFFICE**

Scott Nelson, a notary public, administered the oath of office to the following, newly elected board members: Rob Bohling, Randy Fox, Jim Gerweck, Orval Gigstad, Dan Giittinger, Dan Hodges, Jon Keithley, Bob Lassen, Mike McDonald, and Eldon Snoke.

4. **ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

Gerweck reported on behalf of the nominating committee that Mike McDonald was their nominee for Chair. The floor was opened for additional nominations for Chair, but none were offered. It was moved and seconded that nominations cease. Following a secret ballot vote, Mike McDonald was elected Chair with 18 votes.

Gerweck reported that Doug Iske was their nominee for Vice-Chair. The floor was opened for additional nominations for Vice Chair, but none were offered. It was moved and seconded that nominations cease. Following a secret ballot vote, Doug Iske was elected Vice Chair with 17 votes.

Gerweck reported that Russel Moss and Tim Loseke were the committee's nominees for Secretary/Treasurer. The floor was opened for additional nominations for Secretary/Treasurer, but none were offered. It was moved and seconded that nominations cease. Following a secret ballot vote, Tim Loseke received 13 votes; Russel Moss received 6 votes.

Gerweck reported that Orval Gigstad and Don Siske had agreed to serve as the NARD representative and alternate, respectively.

Gerweck moved, seconded by Beethe, to appoint Orval Gigstad as the NARD representative and Don Siske as NARD alternate. Motion carried.

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

5. **EXCUSED ABSENCES**

Siske moved, seconded by Beethe, to approve the excused absences requested by Mike Speece and Kevin Thorne. Motion carried on consent agenda.

6. **OPEN FORUMS**

NRD directors, staff, and guests introduced themselves.

7. **MINUTES**

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

8. **TREASURER'S REPORT**

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

9. **STAFF REPORTS**

Hilske reviewed his written report. Nelson reviewed his report.

10. **AGENCY/ASSOCIATION REPORTS**

A. Natural Resources Conservation Service

Schutz reviewed his written report, which had been distributed.

B. Five Rivers RC&D

Sugden reported they met in December and that they received eight applications for the invasive weed grant and funded three of those. They will vote on officers next month.

C. Nebraska Association of Resources Districts

Gigstad reported that details about the Legislative Conference would be released the next day. Over \$13,000 was donated to the general office fund and \$9,950 to the NARD Foundation in lieu of fees normally paid toward annual conferences.

D. Nebraska Natural Resources Commission

McDonald reported that they had not met since the last meeting.

11. HEALTHY SOILS TASK FORCE REPORT

McDonald provided a PowerPoint presentation updating the board on the results of the Task Force's meetings and briefly reviewed the findings and the action plan.

12. STANDING COMMITTEES**A. Programs & Projects Committee**

1. *Bids for Tree Cutting Maintenance on NRD Dams:* Bids received were as follows:

Structure	Mike Borrenpohl	Brad Goracke	Ethan Dresen
Ziegler Z-15	\$4,650	\$4,300	\$2,200
W.C. 2-Y	\$2,750	\$3,800	\$1,350
W.C. 2-2	\$1,400	\$4,500	\$2,350
UBN 6-A	\$2,250	\$3,000	\$880
UBN 20-B	\$1,200	\$2,400	\$1,140
UBN 23-B	\$3,400	\$3,000	\$1,460
SC 8-A	\$1,275	\$4,500	\$725
SC 3-1	\$1,175	\$3,500	\$820
SC 3-3	\$1,025	\$3,500	\$1,115
	Mike Borrenpohl	Ron Graham	Ethan Dresen
Kirkman's Cove	\$75/hour	\$58/hour	\$68/hour

Gerweck moved, seconded by Hodges, to approve the low bids submitted for the tree cutting on watershed structures and at Kirkman's Cove. Motion carried.

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

NOT PRESENT: Speece, Thorne

2. *Report on 2020 Irrigation Water Use/Discussion on Balance of 300-point Area in Richardson County:* Wingert reviewed maps and information about the 2020 flowmeter readings across the District. He also reported on the committee's discussion about possible educational activities, cost-share program, etc.

3. *Well Permit Applications:* None.

B. Operations & Education Committee-No meeting

C. Executive Committee

1. ***Resolution to Assign the District's Risk Pool Dividend to the NARD Foundation:***
Hilske explained the method for funding the new building and the events that led up to the need to move to a new location.

Siske moved, seconded by Gerweck, to approve the resolution to assign the Risk Pool dividend to the NARD Foundation. Motion carried.

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

NOT PRESENT: Speece, Thorne

2. ***NRD/NRCS Working Agreement:*** Hilske reviewed the main sections of the agreement and the requirements of the NRD.

Lassen moved, seconded by Gerweck, to approve the Statement of Work between the NRD and NRCS. Motion carried.

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

NOT PRESENT: Speece, Thorne

3. ***Updating Board Room Audio/Visual Equipment:*** Iske reviewed the general needs and asked for suggestions from board members. No action.
4. ***Development of a Wellness Program:*** Iske reported that the committee is looking at ideas for the program. They want to survey the staff first for their suggestions, and they may form a committee to work on this. No action.
5. ***Update on Mesonet Weather Station:*** Hilske provided some information and samples of the types of information available from the station near Tecumseh to which the NRD contributed.

6. ***Status of Legislative Conference:***
Sugden moved, seconded by Beethe, to appoint Orval Gigstad as the voting delegate for the NARD Legislative Conference. Motion carried.

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

NOT PRESENT: Speece, Thorne

7. *Action on Letter of Resignation from Bob Hilske as General Manager:*
Siske moved, seconded by Fox, to accept the resignation of Bob Hilske effective March 15, 2021. Hilske reviewed his timeline adding that his last day in the office would be January 29. **Motion carried.**

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

NOT PRESENT: Speece, Thorne

8. *Updating District Bank Signatory Authority:*
Sugden moved, seconded by Beethe, to approve the resolution authorizing the following as signors on all District financial accounts: Mike McDonald, Doug Iske, Tim Loseke, and Kyle Hauschild. Motion carried.

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

NOT PRESENT: Speece, Thorne

Lassen moved, seconded by Beethe, to approve Kyle Hauschild, General Manager, as an authorized signatory for all financial accounts. Motion carried.

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

NOT PRESENT: Speece, Thorne

13. **UPDATE ON MASTER PLAN**

Hilske reported that he is hoping to get some things updated before he leaves before handing off the plan to the new manager to finish.

14. **ANNOUNCEMENTS, FEBRUARY MEETING DATE/TIME & AGENDA ITEM REQUESTS**

Hilske addressed the board and expressed appreciation for the working relationship shared over the past 18 years.

The next meeting will be February 11, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. with committee meetings prior to the regular meeting.

15. **CONSENT AGENDA**

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

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

NOT PRESENT: Speece, Stukenholtz, Thorne

16. **ADJOURNMENT**

Iske moved, seconded by Fox, to adjourn. Motion carried.

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

NOT PRESENT: Speece, Stukenholtz, Thorne

The meeting adjourned at 9:26 p.m.

Approved 2/11/21

Secretary, Nemaha Natural Resources District