

October 10, 2024
Nemaha Natural Resources District
Regular Meeting
Tecumseh, Nebraska

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

Tim Loseke called the five hundred ninety-second meeting of the Nemaha Natural Resources District Board of Directors to order at 7:02 p.m. Thursday, October 10, 2024, at the NRD headquarters at Tecumseh, Nebraska.

DIRECTORS PRESENT:	Todd Boellstorff	Orval Gigstad	Tim Schardt
	Rob Bohling	Dan Hodges	Eldon Snoke
	Patty Coates	Robert Lassen	Mike Speece
	Tracy Ensor	Tim Loseke	Duane Sugden
	Kraig Coonce	Alan Romine	Kevin Thorne

DIRECTORS ABSENT:	Randy Fox	Jon Keithley	Dan Stukenholtz
	Doug Iske	Russel Moss	

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

GUESTS PRESENT:
Mike Burgert, NRCS, Syracuse
Jessi Riggins, Brock
Stacy Knippelmeyer, Cook

Iske announced that the Open Meetings Act is posted on the wall at the back of the room.

2. **PROOF OF PUBLICATION**

Proof of publication was presented and is on file.

3. **CONSENT AGENDA**

- a. Excused Absences: Doug Iske, Jon Keithley, Russel Moss, Dan Stukenholtz
- b. Minutes: No questions.
- c. Treasurer's Report: No changes.

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

AYE: Boellstorff, Bohling, Coates, Coonce, Ensor, Gigstad, Hodges, Lassen, Loseke, Romine, Schardt, Snoke, Speece, Sugden, Thorne

NOT PRESENT: Fox, Iske, Keithley, Moss, Stukenholtz

4. **OPEN FORUMS**

Directors and staff introduced themselves.

5. **STAFF REPORTS**

Hauschild briefly reviewed his report. Wingert added that well measurements were just finished today, so it would take some time to compile that data.

6. **AGENCY/ASSOCIATION REPORTS**

A. Natural Resources Conservation Service

Burgert introduced himself as the new District Conservationist stationed at the Syracuse office. He reviewed his written report which had been distributed.

B. Nebraska Association of Resources Districts

Gigstad reported on the recent annual conference, the NARD building loan, the LEAD program, and Water Policy Task Force.

C. Nebraska Natural Resources Commission

No report.

7. **STANDING COMMITTEES**

A. PROGRAMS & PROJECTS COMMITTEE

3. **Discussion on SWCP Policy:** Schardt reported that the committee discussed changing the cost-share maximum. Burgert commented on some ideas the NRCS might have for the program as well. A subcommittee will meet within the next month to review this in more detail. No action.

1. **Well Permit Applications:** Schardt stated the following application had been reviewed by the committee.

Permit #	Landowner Name	Well Location	GPM	Purpose	Score
N831	Dale & Debra Wolken	NW¼ NW¼ Section 35-5-8, Gage Co.	500	Irrigation	234

Schardt moved, seconded by Bohling, to approve well permit #N831 for Dale & Debra Wolken. Motion carried.

AYE: Boellstorff, Bohling, Coates, Coonce, Ensor, Gigstad, Hodges, Lassen, Loseke, Romine, Schardt, Snoke, Speece, Sugden, Thorne

NOT PRESENT: Fox, Iske, Keithley, Moss, Stukenholtz

2. **Review of Groundwater Rules & Regulations:**

Wingert reviewed some options that could be considered including adding observation wells or setting up a special management area in the area of concern south of Talmage. The committee had also discussed working with the irrigators in that area to increase efficiency. Stacey Knippelmeyer had specific questions about her well and water supply. Hauschild explained some ideas to monitor water use in that area. Jessi Riggins had questions about how a meeting with irrigators would happen,

who would be involved, and could irrigation scheduling be considered. After significant discussion about the various options, Loseke suggested that everyone be patient and let the process develop. Wingert explained the process for changing the rules which would include notices and hearings. No action.

B. OPERATIONS & EDUCATION COMMITTEE-NO MEETING

C. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- 1. Action to Accept Resignation of Bill Niedfeldt & Begin Process to Fill Vacancy in Subdistrict 8:* Hauschild reported that Bill Niedfeldt had moved out of his subdistrict as of October 1 thus making him no longer eligible to serve on the board.

Lassen moved, seconded by Romine, to accept Bill Niedfeldt's resignation and begin the process of filling the vacancy in Subdistrict 8. Motion carried.

AYE: Boellstorff, Bohling, Coates, Coonce, Ensor, Gigstad, Hodges, Lassen, Loseke, Romine, Schaardt, Snoke, Speece, Sugden, Thorne
NOT PRESENT: Fox, Iske, Keithley, Moss, Stukenholtz

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS, NOVEMBER AGENDA ITEM REQUESTS

The next regular meeting of the board of directors will be Thursday, November 14, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. with committee meetings prior to the board meeting.

9. ADJOURNMENT

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

AYE: Boellstorff, Bohling, Coates, Coonce, Ensor, Gigstad, Hodges, Lassen, Loseke, Romine, Schaardt, Snoke, Speece, Sugden, Thorne
NOT PRESENT: Fox, Iske, Keithley, Moss, Stukenholtz

The meeting adjourned at 8:33 p.m.