

September 12, 2024
Nemaha Natural Resources District
Regular Meeting
Tecumseh, Nebraska

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

Chair Doug Iske called the five hundred ninety-first meeting of the Nemaha Natural Resources District Board of Directors to order at 7:15 p.m. Thursday, September 12, 2024, at the NRD headquarters at Tecumseh, Nebraska.

DIRECTORS	Todd Boellstorff	Doug Iske	Tim Schardt
PRESENT:	Rob Bohling	Jon Keithley	Mike Speece
	Patty Coates	Tim Loseke	Dan Stukenholtz
	Tracy Ensor	Russel Moss	Duane Sugden
	Orval Gigstad	Bill Niedfeldt	
	Dan Hodges	Alan Romine	

DIRECTORS	Kraig Coonce	Robert Lassen	Kevin Thorne
ABSENT:	Randy Fox	Eldon Snoke	

STAFF	Kyle Hauschild, Manager
PRESENT:	Jane Kuhl, Assistant Manager
	Chuck Wingert, Water Resources Manager
	Brooke Gerdes, Administrative Bookkeeper
	Charlie Pierce, Water Resources Technician
	Maddie Million, Administrative Secretary

GUESTS	Janet Wiebelhaus, Brock
PRESENT:	Steve Woerth, Brownville
	Jessi Riggins, Brock
	Stacy Knippelmeyer, Cook

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

2. **PROOF OF PUBLICATION**

Proof of publication was presented and is on file.

3. **CONSENT AGENDA**

- a. Excused Absences: Kraig Coonce, Randy Fox, Bob Lassen, Eldon Snoke, Kevin Thorne
- b. Minutes: No questions.
- c. Treasurer's Report: No changes.

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

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

4. **OPEN FORUMS**

Directors and staff introduced themselves. Steve Woerth updated the board about the date and location for the fall foliage tour on the Steamboat Trace.

5. **STAFF REPORTS**

Hauschild briefly reviewed his report. He added that Mike Burgert had accepted the District Conservationist position for the NRCS in our area. There was also discussion about the progress on the UBN 7A project.

6. **AGENCY/ASSOCIATION REPORTS**

A. Natural Resources Conservation Service

No report.

B. Nebraska Association of Resources Districts

Gigstad reported that he attended a meeting of the NACD and that they are in good financial shape. He also reported on the meeting between the NRDs and the Governor in July and the upcoming change to Blue Cross Blue Shield for health insurance.

C. Nebraska Natural Resources Commission

No report.

7. **STANDING COMMITTEES**

A. PROGRAMS & PROJECTS COMMITTEE

1. **Well Permit Applications:** Schaardt stated the following applications had been reviewed by the committee and that N827 would be considered separately from the other three applications.

Permit #	Landowner Name	Well Location	GPM	Purpose	Score
N827	Otto Acres LLC	SE¼ SE¼ Section 14-6-10, Johnson County	800	Irrigation	273
N828	James Gerdes	SW¼ NE¼ Section 30-4-14, Nemaha County	600	Irrigation	257
N829	James Gerdes	NE¼ SE¼ Section 30-4-14, Nemaha County	600	Irrigation	233
N830	James Gerdes	NW¼ NW¼ Section 32-4-14, Nemaha County	600	Irrigation	204

Schaardt moved, seconded by Bohling, to approve well permit #N827 for Otto Acres LLC. Motion carried.

AYE: Bohling, Coates, Gigstad, Hodges, Iske, Keithley, Loseke, Moss, Niedfeldt, Romine, Schaardt, Speece, Stukenholtz, Sugden
NAY: Boellstorff

ABSTAINING: Ensor

NOT PRESENT: Coonce, Fox, Lassen, Snoke, Thorne

Schaardt moved, seconded by Gigstad, to approve well permits N828, N829, and N830 for James Gerdes. After some discussion, **motion carried.**

AYE: Bohling, Ensor, Gigstad, Hodges, Iske, Keithley, Loseke, Moss, Romine, Schaardt, Speece, Stukenholtz, Sugden

NAY: Boellstorff, Niedfeldt

ABSTAINING: Coates

NOT PRESENT: Coonce, Fox, Lassen, Snoke, Thorne

- 2. Discussion on Public Request to Review Well Permit Procedures:** The committee had met with those requesting this agenda item to address the board. Schaardt invited them to address the board. Stacy Knippelmeyer asked that something be put into place to protect their domestic water supplies during dry periods. Wingert explained that an observation well in their neighborhood would provide some base information and that we could look at some other management tools. Jessi Riggins asked if a higher point requirement for scoring wells could be put into place in their area. Janet Wiebelhaus asked the board to reconsider two of the wells approved last spring. Additional discussion and review of the policies will continue within the committee over the next few months. No action.

B. OPERATIONS & EDUCATION COMMITTEE

- 1. Discussion on NRD Logo Revision:** Niedfeldt explained that the committee reviewed options for changing the logo color. He stated it was the consensus of the committee not to change it. No action.
- 2. Action on Bids to Remove Trees at Kirkman's Cove:** Niedfeldt stated the following bids had been received for removing invasive trees on approximately 60 acres at Kirkman's Cove.

Bidder	Total Lump Sum Bid
Borrenpohl Excavating	\$29,500.00
Goracke Contracting	\$36,075.00
Midwest Tree Cutters	\$55,000.00
Minge Tree Service	\$64,935.00
Custom Tree Care	\$113,620.00

Niedfeldt moved, seconded by Gigstad, to approve the low bid of \$29,500 from Borrenpohl Excavating for tree removal at Kirkman's Cove. Motion carried.

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

C. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

1. **Review NARD Resolutions:** Moss reviewed the two resolutions for consideration at the upcoming annual conference. The consensus was to take a neutral position on resolution #1 regarding board meeting schedules and to support resolution #2 about electronic payments.
2. **Discussion/Action on Long-Range Plan:** Moss stated the committee had reviewed the plan which had been sent to all directors. He mentioned that the committee wanted to make sure that the progress on UBN 7-A was updated in the plan.

Moss moved, seconded by Romine to approve the Long-Range Plan on Plan Interlocal Agreement. Motion carried.

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

3. **Discussion/Action on December Board Meeting Schedule:** Moss stated the committee discussed holding the meeting earlier in the day with the committees meeting at 3:30 and the board meeting at 4:30. An informal meeting with staff will precede the committee meetings.

Moss moved, seconded by Boellstorff, to approve the December board meeting schedule with committees at 3:30 and board meeting at 4:30. Motion carried.

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

8. ACTION TO APPROVE FY25 BUDGET & RESOLUTION SETTING PROPERTY TAX REQUEST

Iske read the resolution to set the property tax. Hauschild briefly reviewed the changes made since last month to balance the budget.

Sugden moved, seconded by Gigstad, to approve the FY25 budget as presented and the resolution setting the property tax request at \$2,901,999.67. Motion carried.

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

9. **ANNOUNCEMENTS, OCTOBER AGENDA ITEM REQUESTS**

The next regular meeting of the board of directors will be Thursday, October 10, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. with committee meetings prior to the board meeting.

10. **ADJOURNMENT**

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

AYE: Boellstorff, Bohling, Coates, Ensor, Gigstad, Hodges, Iske, Keithley, Loseke, Moss, Niedfeldt, Romine, Schaardt, Speece, Stukenholtz, Sugden

NOT PRESENT: Coonce, Fox, Lassen, Snoke, Thorne

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Secretary, Nemaha Natural Resources District