

February 13, 2025
Nemaha Natural Resources District
Regular Meeting
Tecumseh, Nebraska

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

Chair Russel Moss called the five hundred ninety-sixth meeting of the Nemaha Natural Resources District Board of Directors to order via Zoom at 7:07 p.m. Thursday, February 13, 2025.

DIRECTORS	Todd Boellstorff*	Dick James	Mike Speece
PRESENT:	Rob Bohling	Robert Lassen	Dan Stukenholtz
	Kraig Coonce*	Tim Loseke	Duane Sugden
	Tracy Ensor	Russel Moss	Kevin Thorne
	Randy Fox	Alan Romine	
	Orval Gigstad	Tim Schaardt	

**Not eligible to vote until oath of office is administered*

DIRECTORS	Patty Coates	Dan Hodges	Eldon Snoke
ABSENT:	Ed Ehmen*	Doug Iske	

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

GUESTS	Mike Burgert, NRCS, Syracuse
PRESENT:	

Opening exercises were omitted due to the virtual nature of the meeting.

2. **PROOF OF PUBLICATION**

Proof of publication was presented and is on file.

3. **OATH OF OFFICE TO NEWLY ELECTED DIRECTORS**

Moss announced this could not be conducted virtually and would be postponed until the next meeting. Therefore, Boellstorff and Coonce would be unable to vote at this meeting.

4. **CONSENT AGENDA**

- a. Excused Absences: Patty Coates, Dan Hodges, Eldon Snoke
- b. Minutes: No changes.
- c. Treasurer's Report: There was discussion regarding payment for tuition and a buffer strip check that was reissued. There was further discussion regarding the process of approving tuition assistance.

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

AYE: Bohling, Ensor, Fox, Gigstad, James, Lassen, Loseke, Moss, Romine, Schaardt, Speece, Stukenholtz, Sugden, Thorne

NOT VOTING: Boellstorff, Coonce

NOT PRESENT: Coates, Ehmen, Hodges, Iske, Snoke

5. **OPEN FORUMS**

No comments.

6. **STAFF REPORTS**

Hauschild reported on some potential irrigation efficiency projects, NRCS-WFPO funding and projects, slip lining projects for dams, NARD Legislative Conference, DNR/NDEE merger bill, legislative bill for funding for watershed rehab, and a tour with national NRCS officials in March. He added that we would be selling a trailer on a consignment sale in Syracuse later in the month and that the public meeting in Adams would not be rescheduled. Updates will be mailed to the landowners instead. Wingert added that we are advertising for the Water Resources Technician position.

7. **AGENCY/ASSOCIATION REPORTS**

A. Natural Resources Conservation Service

Burgert reminded directors about the local working group meeting on March 12 at 9:00 a.m. at the NRD office.

B. Nebraska Association of Resources Districts

Gigstad reported on the Legislative Conference. He stated that there could be a two percent dues increase and that the budget would be approved in June.

C. Nebraska Natural Resources Commission

Fox reported their next meeting would be February 19 in Kearney.

D. ENWRA Report – Postponed until May meeting.

8. **STANDING COMMITTEES**

A. PROGRAMS & PROJECTS COMMITTEE

1. **Action On Well Permit Applications:** Wingert reviewed two of the five applications submitted. The other three were postponed until the March meeting.

Permit #	Landowner Name	Well Location	GPM	Purpose	Score
N842	Ryan Gobber	SE¼ SE¼ Section 18-4-12, Johnson Co.	800	Irrigation	238
N843	Dylan Lempka	NE¼ SE¼ Section 16-5-10, Johnson Co.	800	Irrigation	263

Stukenholtz moved, seconded by Gigstad, to approve well permit N842 for Ryan Gobber and N843 for Dylan Lempka. Motion carried.

AYE: Bohling, Ensor, Fox, Gigstad, James, Lassen, Loseke, Moss, Romine,
Schaardt, Speece, Stukenholtz, Sugden, Thorne

NOT VOTING: Boellstorff, Coonce

NOT PRESENT: Coates, Ehmen, Hodges, Iske, Snoke

2. ***Discussion on Groundwater Rules/Regulations Updates:*** Wingert briefly reviewed the progress he had made on drafting some changes. The committee will meet prior to the next board meeting to review and discuss the updates in depth. No action.
3. ***Discussion on Non-Compliance with Irrigation Well Flowmeter Requirement:*** Wingert reviewed the status of this meter and a letter that was sent requiring compliance. There was brief discussion about options should the landowner not comply, which could include a cease-and-desist order until the meter is installed. No action.
4. ***Action on Cooperative Agreement with UNL Conservation & Survey Division:*** Postponed until May meeting.

B. OPERATIONS & EDUCATION COMMITTEE

1. ***Review Urban Special Project Preliminary Applications:*** Kuhl briefly reviewed the five applications received explaining that all met the basic requirements of the program. She reviewed the next steps and final approval process that would take place in May. No action.
2. ***Action on Annual Lease with Lynn Binder for Steamboat Trace Access:*** Postponed until March meeting.
3. ***Possible Financial Assistance for Falls City FFA National Land Judging Team:*** Postponed until March meeting.

C. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

1. ***Action on Amended Interlocal Agreement for Southeast Weed Management Association:*** Postponed until March meeting.
2. ***Discussion/Action on Status of NNRD Staff in NRCS Offices during Federal Government Shutdown:*** The current policy was reviewed, and limitations on providing alternate work for those employees were discussed. No action was taken.
3. ***Discussion/Action on Purchase of New ATV:*** Hauschild reviewed the two quotes obtained for a Honda Foreman 4x4 with electric shift. No Limit Power in Nebraska City quoted \$8,978.10, and Rod's Power Sports in Lincoln quoted \$8,829.10. Both are in stock. Stukenholtz emphasized that we should be buying from within our district. There was also discussion about adding a winch at an estimated cost of \$500.

Stukenholtz moved, seconded by Fox, to approve the purchase of a Honda Foreman ATV from No Limit Power at a cost of \$8,978.10 plus the cost of the winch. Motion carried.

AYE: Bohling, Ensor, Fox, Gigstad, James, Lassen, Loseke, Moss, Romine, Schardt, Speece, Stukenholtz, Sugden, Thorne

NOT VOTING: Boellstorff, Coonce

NOT PRESENT: Coates, Ehmen, Hodges, Iske, Snoke

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

The next regular meeting of the board of directors will be Thursday, March 13, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. with committee meetings prior to the board meeting. Hauschild reminded directors of the upcoming EQIP Working Group Meeting on March 12 and the Washington DC conference in late March. An explanation and discussion on the tuition assistance program will be on the March agenda.

10. **ADJOURNMENT**

Stukenholtz moved, seconded by Lassen, to adjourn. Motion carried.

AYE: Bohling, Ensor, Fox, Gigstad, James, Lassen, Loseke, Moss, Romine, Schardt, Speece, Stukenholtz, Sugden, Thorne

NOT VOTING: Boellstorff, Coonce

NOT PRESENT: Coates, Ehmen, Hodges, Iske, Snoke

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Secretary, Nemaha Natural Resources District