

January 9, 2025
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-fifth meeting of the Nemaha Natural Resources District Board of Directors to order at 7:09 p.m. Thursday, January 9, 2025, at the NRD headquarters at Tecumseh, Nebraska.

DIRECTORS	Rob Bohling	Doug Iske	Tim Schardt
PRESENT:	Patty Coates	Dick James	Eldon Snoke
	Tracy Ensor	Robert Lassen	Mike Speece
	Randy Fox	Tim Loseke	Dan Stukenholtz
	Orval Gigstad	Russel Moss	Duane Sugden
	Dan Hodges	Alan Romine	

DIRECTORS	Todd Boellstorff	Kevin Thorne
ABSENT:	Kraig Coonce	

STAFF	Kyle Hauschild, Manager
PRESENT:	Jane Kuhl, Assistant Manager
	Brooke Gerdes, Administrative Bookkeeper

GUESTS	Gary Pietzyk
PRESENT:	

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

The oath of office was administered to the following newly elected/re-elected directors: Rob Bohling, Patty Coates, Randy Fox, Orval Gigstad, Dan Hodges, Bob Lassen, Tim Schardt, Eldon Snoke, and Mike Speece.

4. **ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

On behalf of the nominating committee, Lassen presented the slate of candidates for each office. Lassen nominated Russel Moss for Chair. With no further nominations, Sugden moved that nominations cease.

Sugden moved, seconded by Gigstad, to appoint Russel Moss Chair for 2025. Motion carried.

AYE: Bohling, Coates, Ensor, Fox, Gigstad, Hodges, Iske, James, Lassen, Loseke, Romine, Schaardt, Snoke, Speece, Stukenholtz, Sugden

ABSTAINING: Moss

NOT PRESENT: Boellstorff, Coonce, Thorne

Lassen nominated Alan Romine for Vice-Chair. There being no further nominations, Gigstad moved that nominations cease.

Sugden moved, seconded by Ensor, to appoint Alan Romine Vice-Chair for 2024.

Motion carried.

AYE: Bohling, Coates, Ensor, Fox, Gigstad, Hodges, Iske, James, Lassen, Loseke, Moss, Schaardt, Snoke, Speece, Stukenholtz, Sugden

ABSTAINING: Romine

NOT PRESENT: Boellstorff, Coonce, Thorne

Lassen nominated Tim Loseke for Secretary-Chair. There being no further nominations, Bohling moved that nominations cease.

Sugden moved, seconded by Moss, to appoint Tim Loseke Secretary-Treasurer for 2024. Motion carried.

AYE: Bohling, Coates, Ensor, Fox, Gigstad, Hodges, Iske, James, Lassen, Moss, Romine, Schaardt, Snoke, Speece, Stukenholtz, Sugden

ABSTAINING: Loseke

NOT PRESENT: Boellstorff, Coonce, Thorne

Lassen nominated Orval Gigstad for NARD representative for 2025. There being no further nominations, Sugden moved that nominations cease.

Sugden moved, seconded by Snoke, to appoint Orval Gigstad NARD representative for 2025. Motion carried.

AYE: Bohling, Coates, Ensor, Fox, Hodges, Iske, James, Lassen, Loseke, Moss, Romine, Schaardt, Snoke, Speece, Stukenholtz, Sugden

ABSTAINING: Gigstad

NOT PRESENT: Boellstorff, Coonce, Thorne

The board thanked Iske for his service to the board as Chair, and Moss assumed the Chair position.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Excused Absences: Todd Boellstorff, Kraig Coonce, Kevin Thorne
- b. Minutes: No changes.
- c. Treasurer's Report: There was discussion regarding cash flow, and Gerdes distributed a budget report as of December 31.

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

AYE: Bohling, Coates, Ensor, Fox, Gigstad, Hodges, Iske, James, Lassen, Loseke, Moss, Romine, Schaardt, Snoke, Speece, Stukenholtz, Sugden

NOT PRESENT: Boellstorff, Coonce, Thorne

6. OPEN FORUMS

Directors and staff introduced themselves.

7. STAFF REPORTS

Hauschild provided an oral report on the following topics: NARD Legislative Conference, Washington, DC, trip, legislation and a bill for watershed repair funding, trail closure for late deer season, camper fire at Duck Creek, holiday office closures, contracts for rip rap placement and slip lining watershed structures, partnership meetings, and the Upper Big Nemaha 7-A project and public meeting.

8. AGENCY/ASSOCIATION REPORTS

A. Natural Resources Conservation Service

A written report was distributed.

B. Nebraska Association of Resources Districts

Gigstad commented on a new soil health subcommittee and the upcoming legislative conference.

C. Nebraska Natural Resources Commission

Fox reported that they have a meeting in February.

9. ACTION ON WELL PERMIT APPLICATION

Schaardt reported that the following application had been received:

Permit #	Landowner Name	Well Location	GPM	Purpose	Score
N839	Gary & Martha Pietzyk	SW¼ SW¼ Section 12-6-10, Johnson Co.	800	Irrigation	238

Hauschild briefly reviewed the application and invited comments from Gary Pietzyk, but he had none. **Schaardt moved, seconded by Bohling, to approve well permit N838. Motion carried.**

AYE: Bohling, Coates, Ensor, Fox, Gigstad, Hodges, Iske, James, Lassen, Loseke, Moss, Romine, Schaardt, Snoke, Speece, Stukenholtz, Sugden

NOT PRESENT: Boellstorff, Coonce, Thorne

10. STANDING COMMITTEES

A. PROGRAMS & PROJECTS COMMITTEE-NO MEETING**B. OPERATIONS & EDUCATION COMMITTEE-NO MEETING****C. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

1. *Discussion/Action on Designating Bank(s) for District Checking, Savings:* Romine reviewed a handout detailing the banks who responded to a request for proposals.

Romine moved, seconded by Sugden, to close the money market account at Western National Bank and move the funds to a money market account at American National Bank. Kuhl and Hauschild explained the benefits of moving the money market account. **Motion carried.**

AYE: Bohling, Coates, Ensor, Fox, Gigstad, Hodges, Iske, James, Lassen, Loseke, Moss, Romine, Schaardt, Snoke, Speece, Stukenholtz, Sugden

NOT PRESENT: Boellstorff, Coonce, Thorne

2. *Discussion/Action to Approve Purchase of Pickup, Trailer:* Romine explained that a pickup meeting the specifications needed was available at Brinkman Brothers in Tecumseh. The purchase price, after trade in of the 2012 Dodge Ram, was \$42,290, not including the cost of running boards and mud flaps.

Romine moved, seconded by Lassen, to approve up to \$43,600 for the purchase of a 2025 Chevrolet 1500 crew cab LT and running boards and mud flaps. Hauschild reviewed the process for purchasing the truck including investigating prices for in-stock trucks from other dealerships within the district. **Motion carried.**

AYE: Bohling, Coates, Ensor, Fox, Gigstad, Hodges, Iske, James, Lassen, Loseke, Moss, Romine, Schaardt, Snoke, Speece, Stukenholtz, Sugden

NOT PRESENT: Boellstorff, Coonce, Thorne

3. *Discussion/Action on Quotes for Restroom at Wirth Brothers Lake:* Romine reviewed two quotes received from Boom Concrete-\$21,550.25 and CXT-\$35,436. We have purchased from both companies in the past.

Romine moved, seconded by Sugden, to approve the purchase of the restroom from Boom Concrete for \$21,550.25. Motion carried.

AYE: Bohling, Coates, Ensor, Fox, Gigstad, Hodges, Iske, James, Lassen, Loseke, Moss, Romine, Schaardt, Snoke, Speece, Stukenholtz, Sugden

NOT PRESENT: Boellstorff, Coonce, Thorne

11. ANNOUNCEMENTS, FEBRUARY AGENDA ITEM REQUESTS

The next regular meeting of the board of directors will be Thursday, February 13, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. with committee meetings prior to the board meeting. Moss requested discussion on status of NRD staff in NRCS offices during federal government shutdown.

12. ADJOURNMENT

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

AYE: Bohling, Coates, Ensor, Fox, Gigstad, Hodges, Iske, James, Lassen, Loseke, Moss, Romine, Schardt, Snoke, Speece, Stukenholtz, Sugden

NOT PRESENT: Boellstorff, Coonce, Thorne

The meeting adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

Secretary, Nemaha Natural Resources District