

January 10, 2019
Nemaha Natural Resources District
Regular Meeting
Tecumseh, Nebraska

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

Chair Dan Hodges called the five hundred twenty-third meeting of the Nemaha Natural Resources District Board of Directors to order at 7:05 p.m. Thursday, January 10, 2019, at the NRD Headquarters in Tecumseh, Nebraska.

DIRECTORS	Lisa Beethe	Robert Lassen	Don Siske
PRESENT:	Rob Bohling	Tim Loseke	Eldon Snoke
	Jim Gerweck	Michael McDonald	Mike Speece
	Orval Gigstad	Russel Moss	Dan Stukenholtz
	Dan Hodges	William Niedfeldt	Duane Sugden
	Doug Iske	Alan Romine	Kevin Thorne

DIRECTORS	Dave Guhde
ABSENT:	Jon Keithley

STAFF	Bob Hilske, Manager
PRESENT:	Scott Nelson, Assistant Manager
	Jane Kuhl, Administrative Assistant
	Chuck Wingert, Water Resources Manager
	Charlie Pierce, Water Resources Technician

GUESTS	Roger Reichmuth, NRCS, Tecumseh
PRESENT:	Kent Zimmerman, DNR, Lincoln
	Steve Sugden, Adams
	Dave Hunter, Auburn BPW
	Ken Swanson, Auburn BPW
	Vanessa Silke, Baird Holm Law Firm, Omaha
	Don Blankenau, Blankenau Wilmoth Jarecke LLP, Lincoln
	Dave Antholz, Cook

Following the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence, Hodges 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 following directors who were reelected in the 2018 general election: Lisa Beethe, Doug Iske, Robert Lassen, Tim Loseke, Russel Moss, Bill Niedfeldt, Alan Romine, Don Siske, Eldon Snoke, Dan Stukenholtz, Duane Sugden, and Kevin Thorne.

4. **CAUCUS TO ELECT NEMAHA BASIN MEMBER TO NEBRASKA NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION**

Kent Zimmerman from the Nebraska Department of Natural Resources conducted the caucus by first taking roll and circulating a sign-in sheet. He reviewed the procedures and rules for the election and then asked for nominations from the floor. Gigstad nominated Mike McDonald. With no other nominations, Sugden moved to use a unanimous consensus vote. All voted in favor; the motion to elect Mike McDonald to serve as Nemaha Basin representative to the Nebraska Natural Resources Commission passed. Mike McDonald thanked Steve Sugden for his previous service in this position.

5. **ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

Gigstad reported on behalf of the nominating committee that Bill Niedfeldt had agreed to run 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, Bill Niedfeldt was elected Chair with 17 yes votes and 1 abstention.

Gigstad reported that Mike McDonald had agreed to run for Vice-Chair. The floor was opened for additional nominations for Vice Chair, but none were offered. Following a secret ballot vote, Mike McDonald was elected Vice Chair with 16 yes votes and 2 abstentions.

Gigstad reported that Doug Iske had agreed to run for Secretary/Treasurer. The floor was opened for additional nominations for Secretary/Treasurer. Being none, a secret ballot vote resulted in Doug Iske elected Secretary/Treasurer with 17 yes votes and 1 abstention.

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

Gerweck moved, seconded by Sugden, to appoint Orval Gigstad and Don Siske as NARD representative and alternate for 2019. Motion carried.

AYE: Beehe, Bohling, Gerweck, Hodges, Iske, Lassen, Loseke, McDonald, Moss, Niedfeldt, Romine, Snoke, Speece, Stukenholtz, Sugden, Thorne

ABSTAINING: Gigstad, Siske

NOT PRESENT: Guhde, Keithley

6. **EXCUSED ABSENCES**

Siske moved, seconded by Gigstad, to approve the excused absence requested by Jon Keithley. Motion carried on consent agenda.

7. **OPEN FORUMS**

All NRD directors, staff, and guests introduced themselves.

8. **MINUTES**

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

9. TREASURER'S REPORT

Stukenholtz asked why the dirt work at Duck Creek had not been bid out since it was over \$5,000. Beethe asked if there was still more work to be done there. Nelson thought there was some work yet to be done. Hilske stated the work was just over \$5,000 but agreed that we normally do bid out larger projects though occasionally we might hire a contractor.

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

10. STAFF REPORTS

Hilske reviewed his written report. Nelson reviewed his written report.

11. AGENCY/ASSOCIATION REPORTS**A. Natural Resources Conservation Service**

Reichmuth reported on the work they have been able to do in light of the weather. They are doing legwork on EQIP contracts. He also commented that their office has remained open so far throughout the Federal shutdown since they had some carryover funds available.

B. Five Rivers RC&D

Sugden reported they have applied for another weed grant and are going to try to do more pasture tours. He reported on the success of the household hazardous waste collections and that they have applied for another grant. Their electronics collection grant was approved, and they hope to have those sometime in April. They are also looking for a few new members.

C. Nebraska Association of Resources Districts

Gigstad reported that NACD has announced another round of technical assistance funding. The NARD Legislative Conference is later this month, and directors were encouraged to attend. He also suggested inviting our new State Senator to one of our board meetings to become acquainted with our District.

D. Nebraska Natural Resources Commission

Steve Sugden reported that they met December 18 in Kearney. Resource Development Funds will no longer exist after all allocated funds are paid out. Leroy Sievers, DNR legal counsel, is retiring; and they have hired a new attorney. They reviewed Water Quality Fund applications, and the board approved those that were recommended.

12. AUBURN INDUCED RECHARGE PERMIT PRESENTATION

Vanessa Silke introduced Don Blankenau, who gave some history on the statutes which he had helped to formulate that provide for this type of permit. He explained how this permit system would work and the permits that have been obtained by two other communities (Lincoln and Omaha). Silke provided a map that illustrates the location of the Auburn wells and the stream reach that is included in the permit application. Ken Swanson explained the difficulty in finding wells that provide enough volume. Dave Hunter explained how their

wells are influenced by surface water in the Nemaha River and their concern for the reliability of that supply. He added that they have invested a considerable amount of money in their water treatment plant. Blankenau explained that communities with these permits must have a conservation plan in place before administration of the permit is allowed. Silke added that DNR has not yet acted on this permit application.

13. STANDING COMMITTEES

A. Programs & Projects Committee

- 1. Camp Catron Erosion Issue:** Nelson reviewed the erosion situation that is threatening a foot bridge at the camp. He explained that this issue came up about 10 years ago but that there were no funds available in our budget to address it at that time. Now that the problem has worsened, the camp is again asking for assistance. He stated if the board chooses to assist with a project, it would have to wait until the 2020 budget. No action.
- 2. Kirkman's Sediment Basin Mitigation Plan/404 Permit Application:** Nelson reviewed the requirement for developing wetland mitigation acres as part of 404 permit requirements. The estimate for creating these acres could be \$360,000 and would include about 10 additional acres. He described the wetlands as wet meadows and reviewed the areas considered for these acres. He added that he would be meeting with HDR and the Corps in February to discuss the number of acres required and would report back after that meeting. No action.
- 3. Well Permit Applications:** Wingert briefly reviewed the details of the following permit application:

Permit #	Landowner Name	Well Location	GPM	Purpose	Score
N715	Robert Salomons Rev. Trust	NW¼SE¼ 4-6-10, Johnson Co.	600	Irrigation	299

Sugden moved, seconded by Lassen, to approve well permit N715 for Robert Salomons Rev. Trust. Motion carried.

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

- 4. Discussion on Groundwater Rule Revisions:** Pierce reviewed the static water level changes over the past year as well as some other average changes. He selected a few wells to use as examples and compared long-term water level changes versus one-year changes in these wells.

B. Operations & Education Committee-No meeting

C. Executive Committee

1. **Quotes for Purchase of New Utility Boat/Motor/Trailer:** Pierce reviewed the following quotes that were obtained for a 17-foot aluminum boat with 25 hp electric start motor:

Bidder	Description	Total Quote
Omaha Marine Center	Crestliner Retriever Jon Deluxe	\$12,807.00
Sealand Marine	Lowe Roughneck Deluxe Tiller	\$13,585.00
Premier Boating Center	Lund Predator 1760	\$13,800.00
Mellage Truck & Tractor	War Eagle Model 860LDV (18 foot)	\$15,471.00

Pierce explained that the Omaha Marine Center quote included everything to make the boat water ready. The quote from Mellage did not include the prop.

McDonald moved, seconded by Sugden, to approve the quote of \$12,807.00 from Omaha Marine Center for a Crestliner Retriever Jon Deluxe. Motion carried.

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

2. **Bids for Construction of Maintenance Building at Duck Creek Recreation Area:** Hilske explained that only one valid bid was received, which was over the budget amount. The other bid received did not include the required bid security. Hilske suggested rejecting the bid and rebidding it without the bond requirements with hopes that now that the holidays have passed that more interest could be generated.

McDonald moved, seconded by Gigstad, to reject the bid received for the construction of the maintenance building at Duck Creek. Motion carried.

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

3. **2019 Committee Assignments:** Hilske asked everyone to fill out the form provided giving their first and second preferences for committee assignments.

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

The next meeting will be February 14, 2019, at 7:00 p.m. with committee meetings prior to the regular meeting.

15. **CONSENT AGENDA**

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

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

16. **ADJOURNMENT**

Siske moved, seconded by Gerweck, to adjourn. Motion carried.

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

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Approved 2/14/19

Secretary, Nemaha Natural Resources District