

January 12, 2017
Nemaha Natural Resources District
Regular Meeting
Tecumseh, Nebraska

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

Vice-Chair Dan Hodges called the five hundredth meeting of the Nemaha Natural Resources District Board of Directors to order at 7:02 p.m. Thursday, January 12, 2017, at the NRD Headquarters in Tecumseh, Nebraska.

DIRECTORS	Lisa Beethe	Doug Iske	Don Siske
PRESENT:	Rob Bohling	Jon Keithley	Mike Speece
	Jim Gerweck	Tim Loseke	Dan Stukenholtz
	Orval Gigstad	Michael McDonald	Duane Sugden
	Dave Guhde	Russel Moss	Kevin Thorne
	Dan Hodges	William Niedfeldt	

DIRECTORS	Jenny Kearney
ABSENT:	Alan Romine

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

GUESTS	Patsy Wing, Shubert
PRESENT:	Richard Wing, Shubert
	Roger Reichmuth, NRCS, Tecumseh
	Doug Wagner, NRCS, Lincoln

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 the following newly elected directors: Rob Bohling, Jim Gerweck, Orval Gigstad, Dave Guhde, Dan Hodges, Jon Keithley, Mike McDonald, Mike Speece, and Kevin Thorne.

4. **ELECTION OF OFFICERS & NARD REPRESENTATIVE**

Bohling announced that Dan Hodges had agreed to run for Chair. No nominations were made from the floor, and a motion was made and seconded that nominations cease. Upon secret ballot, Dan Hodges received 17 votes.

Bill Niedfeldt agreed to run for Vice-Chair. No nominations were made from the floor, and a motion was made and seconded that nominations cease. Upon secret ballot, Bill Niedfeldt received 17 votes.

Bohling reported that Mike McDonald had agreed to run for Secretary-Treasurer. Sugden nominated Russel Moss. With no further nominations from the floor, a motion was made and seconded that nominations cease. Upon secret ballot, Mike McDonald received 12 votes; and Russel Moss received 5 votes.

Bohling reported that Orval Gigstad had agreed to another term as NARD representative and Don Siske as alternate.

Siske moved, seconded by Bohling, to appoint Orval Gigstad as NARD representative and Don Siske as alternate for 2017. Motion carried.

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

5. **EXCUSED ABSENCES**

Siske moved, seconded by Sugden, to approve the excused absences requested by Jenny Kearney and Alan Romine. Motion carried on consent agenda.

6. **OPEN FORUMS**

All NRD directors, staff, and guests introduced themselves.

7. **MINUTES**

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

8. **TREASURER'S REPORT**

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

9. **STAFF REPORTS**

Hilske reviewed his report. He also circulated some drone photos of Duck Creek provided by Dan Stukenholtz. Nelson reviewed his report and then gave a brief presentation on the HDR plan for the sediment basin at Kirkman's Cove and on the Upper Big Nemaha 25-C project. (Both reports are filed with the minutes.)

10. **AGENCY/ASSOCIATION REPORTS**

A. Natural Resources Conservation Service

Reichmuth highlighted the areas they are concentrating on including EQIP rankings and priorities. They will also be working on CSP, and they are expecting a big CRP workload.

B. Five Rivers RC&D

Sugden reported that they elected officers at their last meeting, and Jessica Jones is still their President. They also recognized some anniversaries and retirements of members.

C. Nebraska Association of Resources Districts

Gigstad reported that the NARD staff is working on educating the senators and preparing for legislative conference. He thanked the board for again electing him to represent them.

D. Nebraska Natural Resources Commission

Hilske distributed some information that Steve Sugden had provided and highlighted the final scores for the Water Sustainability Fund projects.

11. STANDING COMMITTEES

A. Programs & Projects Committee

1. Review/Action on Well Permit Application:

Permit#	Landowner Name	Well Location	GPM	Purpose	Score
N684	Gary Pietzyk	NW¼ NE¼ Section 30-6-11, Johnson Co.	700	Irrigation	281

Gerweck moved, seconded by Sugden, to approve well permit N684. Following information provided by Wingert on the well data, **motion carried.**

AYE: Beethe, Bohling, Gerweck, Gigstad, Guhde, Hodges, Iske, Keithley, Loseke, McDonald, Moss, Niedfeldt, Speece, Stukenholtz, Sugden, Thorne

NAY: Siske

NOT PRESENT: Kearney, Romine

2. Update on Groundwater Projects, Studies, and Issues: Wingert discussed work being done to develop risk maps and LBG’s work on a summary sheet on the Shubert issues. Patsy Wing questioned why this situation had been allowed to get to this point at Shubert, and Wingert explained that it is a unique situation and, therefore, difficult to predict.

B. Operations & Education Committee-No meeting

C. Executive Committee

1. Declare Vacancies in Subdistricts 1 and 8: Hilske provided maps that showed the boundaries for the two vacancies and explained how we will advertise and appoint them.

Niedfeldt moved, seconded by Siske, to declare the seats in Subdistricts 1 and 8 vacant and set February as the first month to consider applications to fill them. Motion carried.

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

2. ***FY2017 Committee Appointments:*** Niedfeldt asked everyone to complete and return a form indicating their committee preference.
3. ***Quotes to Purchase a Loader for the Case Tractor:*** Quotes received were limited to matching Case loaders and include installation. They were as follows:

Gage County Equipment, Beatrice	\$8,364
Humboldt Implement, Humboldt	\$7,700

Niedfeldt moved, seconded by Siske, to accept the low quote of \$7,700 from Humboldt Implement for a Case loader. It was noted that \$10,000 had been budgeted for the loader. After some discussion about the specs, **motion carried.**

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

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

Hilske asked directors interested in attending the NARD Washington, DC, conference March 18-22 to contact the office soon. The next board meeting will be on Thursday, February 9, beginning at 7:00 p.m.

13. CONSENT AGENDA

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

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

14. ADJOURNMENT

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

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

Approved February 9, 2017

Secretary, Nemaha Natural Resources District