

January 8, 2026
Nemaha Natural Resources District
Regular Meeting
Tecumseh, Nebraska

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

Chair Russel Moss called the six hundred seventh meeting of the Nemaha Natural Resources District Board of Directors to order at 7:04 p.m. Thursday, January 8, 2026, at the NRD headquarters at Tecumseh, Nebraska.

DIRECTORS

PRESENT:

Todd Boellstorff	Dan Hodges	Alan Romine
Rob Bohling	Doug Iske	Tim Schaardt
Patty Coates	Dick James	Eldon Snoke
Ed Ehmen	Robert Lassen	Dan Stukenholtz
Tracy Ensor	Tim Loseke	Duane Sugden
Orval Gigstad	Russel Moss	Kevin Thorne

DIRECTORS

ABSENT:

Kraig Coonce	Mike Speece
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STAFF

PRESENT:

Kyle Hauschild, Manager
Jane Kuhl, Assistant Manager
Chuck Wingert, Water Resources Manager

GUESTS

PRESENT:

Mike Burgert, NRCS

Moss 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. CONSIDERATION OF APPLICATIONS TO FILL VACANCY IN SUBDISTRICT 5/OATH OF OFFICE

No applications that qualified were received.

4. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

On behalf of the nominating committee, Lassen presented the slate of candidates for each office. Lassen stated the committee nominated Russel Moss for Chair. With no further nominations, results of a secret ballot were 16 votes for Russel Moss.

Lassen stated the committee nominated Alan Romine for Vice-Chair. There being no further nominations, results of a secret ballot were 15 votes for Alan Romine and 1 abstention.

Lassen stated the committee nominated Tracy Ensor for Secretary-Treasurer. There being no further nominations, results of a secret ballot were 17 votes for Tracy Ensor.

Lassen stated the committee nominated Orval Gigstad for NARD representative for 2026. There being no further nominations, results of a secret ballot were 18 votes for Orval Gigstad.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Excused Absences: Kraig Coonce, Mike Speece
- b. Minutes: No questions.
- c. Treasurer's Report: No questions.

Sugden moved, seconded by James, to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried.

AYE: Boellstorff, Bohling, Coates, Ehmen, Ensor, Gigstad, Hodges, Iske, James, Lassen, Loseke, Moss, Romine, Schaardt, Snone, Stukenholtz, Sugden, Thorne

NOT PRESENT: Coonce, Speece

6. OPEN FORUMS

Directors and staff introduced themselves.

7. STAFF REPORTS

Hauschild reviewed his written report.

8. AGENCY/ASSOCIATION REPORTS

A. Natural Resources Conservation Service

Mike Burgert reported that their staff is getting a lot of layout done. A contract employee will be starting soon in Tecumseh. He reported on the status of the SWCP work underway and on the EQIP and CSP signup.

B. Nebraska Association of Resources Districts

Gigstad encouraged attendance at the Legislative Conference.

C. Nebraska Natural Resources Commission

Iske stated they have not had a meeting since last month.

9. ACTION ON WELL PERMIT APPLICATION (NONE)

10. STANDING COMMITTEES

A. PROGRAMS & PROJECTS COMMITTEE

1. *Approve Final Draft of Updated Groundwater Rules and Regulations*

Schaardt moved, seconded by Sugden, to approve the final draft of the proposed changes to the groundwater rules and regulations. Coates offered some clerical corrections. Schaardt reviewed some of the changes. Moss asked about the process for metering wells.

Coates moved, seconded by Boellstorff, to approve the clerical amendments to the original rules changes offered by Coates. Motion carried.

AYE: Boellstorff, Bohling, Coates, Ehmen, Ensor, Gigstad, Hodges, Iske, James, Lassen, Loseke, Moss, Romine, Schaardt, Snone, Stukenholtz, Sugden, Thorne

NOT PRESENT: Coonce, Speece

Upon roll call vote on the original motion as amended, **motion carried.**

AYE: Boellstorff, Bohling, Coates, Ehmen, Ensor, Gigstad, Hodges, Iske, James, Lassen, Loseke, Moss, Romine, Schaardt, Snone, Stukenholtz, Sugden, Thorne

NOT PRESENT: Coonce, Speece

B. OPERATIONS & EDUCATION COMMITTEE

1. Proposed Revisions to NRD Recreation Rules & Regulations:

Ensor moved, seconded by Lassen, to approve the changes to the recreation rules and regulations as presented and schedule a public hearing regarding the changes. Ensor explained most of the changes were in response to the new method for purchasing campsite fees at the parks. After further discussion, **motion carried.**

AYE: Boellstorff, Bohling, Coates, Ehmen, Ensor, Gigstad, Hodges, Iske, James, Lassen, Loseke, Moss, Romine, Schaardt, Snone, Stukenholtz, Sugden, Thorne

NOT PRESENT: Coonce, Speece

2. Discussion on Potential Long-Range Plan for NRD Recreation Areas: Ensor explained that a committee is needed to help develop a long-range plan for all the NRD's recreation areas. Volunteers will be sought. No action.

C. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

1. Agreement with NDWEE for Nemaha River Basin Stream Gages:

Romine moved, seconded by Gigstad, to approve the agreement with NDWEE for Nemaha River Basin stream gages. Schaardt asked why we are installing these gages. Hauschild explained the flood control and water supply information we can obtain. After further discussion about the information available from the gages and their locations, **motion carried.**

AYE: Boellstorff, Bohling, Coates, Ehmen, Ensor, Gigstad, Hodges, Iske, James, Lassen, Loseke, Moss, Romine, Schaardt, Snone, Stukenholtz, Sugden, Thorne

NOT PRESENT: Coonce, Speece

11. ANNOUNCEMENTS, FEBRUARY AGENDA ITEM REQUESTS

The next regular meeting of the board of directors will be Thursday, February 12, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. with committee meetings prior to the board meeting. Ensor provided a brief presentation on how to complete the annual manager evaluation. Directors were reminded of deadlines and to pick up forms if they plan to run for election in 2026. Committee assignments for 2026 will be made before the February meeting.

12. ADJOURNMENT

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

AYE: Boellstorff, Bohling, Coates, Ehmen, Ensor, Gigstad, Hodges, Iske, James, Lassen, Loseke, Moss, Romine, Schaardt, Snone, Stukenholtz, Sugden, Thorne

NOT PRESENT: Coonce, Speece

The meeting adjourned at 8:54 p.m.

Secretary, Nemaha Natural Resources District