

July 10, 2025
Nemaha Natural Resources District
Regular Meeting
Tecumseh, Nebraska

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

Chair Russel Moss called the six hundred first meeting of the Nemaha Natural Resources District Board of Directors to order at 7:02 p.m. Thursday, July 10, 2025.

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

DIRECTORS	Todd Boellstorff	Ed Ehmen
ABSENT:	Kraig Coonce	Tim Schaardt

STAFF	Kyle Hauschild, General Manager
PRESENT:	Jane Kuhl, Assistant Manager
	Chuck Wingert, Water Resources Manager
	Brooke Gerdes, Administrative Bookkeeper

GUESTS	Mike Burgert, NRCS, Syracuse
PRESENT:	Jessi Riggins
	Janet Wiebelhaus
	Lynn Meyer

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. **CONSENT AGENDA**

- Excused Absences: Todd Boellstorff, Kraig Coonce, Ed Ehmen, Tim Schaardt
- Minutes: No changes.
- Treasurer's Report: No changes.

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

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

NOT PRESENT: Boellstorff, Coonce, Ehmen, Schaardt

4. OPEN FORUMS

NRD directors and staff introduced themselves.

5. STAFF REPORTS

Hauschild reviewed his written report. Wingert reviewed his report.

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

Burgert reviewed his written report.

B. Nebraska Association of Resources Districts

Gigstad reported on a recent NACD meeting.

C. Nebraska Natural Resources Commission

Fox reported that the Commission continues to meet and will meet again on July 23 to review project applications. They will now be funded through the lottery.

7. STANDING COMMITTEES**A. PROGRAMS & PROJECTS COMMITTEE****1. *Update on Groundwater Quantity Management Rules & Regulations Revisions:***

Hodges reported on some of the ideas discussed for updating the rules. He felt an extension of the 180-day stay on new well permits may be needed to finish up the changes. Wingert reviewed the timetable and requirements for the current stay and for an extension. A public hearing will be required sometime during the current stay, which would probably be next month. Jessi Riggins asked the board to consider what might be done to address the concerns they have in their area. Janet Wiebelhaus expressed concern about the 13-foot drop of the water level in the new, observation well near her. Hauschild explained that the irrigators would run out of water before the domestic well owners. Lynn Meyer asked questions about the water levels in that same area and what plans the District has going forward. Wingert reviewed the purpose of the observation well and how the readings would be used to monitor groundwater changes. Hodges explained that we are working through a process which may include requiring meters but that it will take time to put that into place.

B. OPERATIONS & EDUCATION COMMITTEE – NO MEETING**C. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

- 1. *Mowing Contract for NRD Recreation Areas, Office:*** Romine explained that the current mowing contractor had offered a new, five-year contract at the current rate but with the option for a two percent increase, if necessary, should their operational costs increase.

Romine moved, seconded by Iske, to approve the proposal for a five-year contract with Jeff & Trevor McClintock beginning with the 2026 mowing season at the current rate of \$25,030. Hauschild further explained that we have been very satisfied with their work. After further discussion, **motion carried.**

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

NOT PRESENT: Boellstorff, Coonce, Ehmen, Schaardt

2. ***Addendum to Lease Agreement for OPPD Trailhead:*** Romine explained that OPPD provided the addendum for the relocated trailhead at the north end of the Steamboat Trace. The agreement includes an annual payment of \$5/year for the 25-year term of the lease, to be paid in in one payment in advance.

Romine moved, seconded by Iske, to approve the addendum to the lease agreement with OPPD for the new trailhead. Motion carried.

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

NOT PRESENT: Boellstorff, Coonce, Ehmen, Schaardt

8. **FY26 BUDGET REVIEW & RESTRICTED FUND ALLOWANCE – 1% INCREASE APPROVAL**

Kuhl explained the restricted fund allowance and how it affects future budgets.

Sugden moved, seconded by Hodges, to approve a 1% increase to the restricted fund allowance in the FY26 budget. Motion carried.

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

NOT PRESENT: Boellstorff, Coonce, Ehmen, Schaardt

Kuhl briefly reviewed the draft budget and potential tax levies and requests.

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

The next regular meeting of the board of directors will be Thursday, August 14, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. with committee meetings prior to the board meeting. Directors were encouraged to let staff know if they plan to attend the NARD Annual Conference in September.

10. **ADJOURNMENT**

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

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

NOT PRESENT: Boellstorff, Coonce, Ehmen, Schaardt

The meeting adjourned at 8:19 p.m.

Secretary, Nemaha Natural Resources District