

March 12, 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 ninth meeting of the Nemaha Natural Resources District Board of Directors to order at 7:14 p.m. Thursday, March 12, 2026, at the NRD headquarters at Tecumseh, Nebraska.

DIRECTORS PRESENT:	Todd Boellstorff	Dick James	Eldon Snoke
	Patty Coates	Klark Knipe	Dan Stukenholtz
	Kraig Coonce	Robert Lassen	Duane Sugden
	Ed Ehmen	Russel Moss	Kevin Thorne
	Tracy Ensor	Alan Romine	
	Dan Hodges	Tim Schardt	

DIRECTORS ABSENT:	Rob Bohling	Adam Howard	Tim Loseke
	Orval Gigstad	Doug Iske	

STAFF PRESENT:	Kyle Hauschild, Manager
	Jane Kuhl, Assistant Manager
	Chuck Wingert, Water Resources Manager

GUESTS PRESENT:	Mike Burgert, NRCS
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Following the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence, 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: Rob Bohling, Orval Gigstad, Adam Howard, Doug Iske, Tim Loseke
- Minutes: No questions.
- Treasurer's Report: No questions.

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

AYE: Boellstorff, Coates, Coonce, Ehmen, Ensor, Hodges, James, Knipe, Lassen, Moss, Romine, Schardt, Snoke, Stukenholtz, Sugden, Thorne

NOT PRESENT: Bohling, Gigstad, Howard, Iske, Loseke

4. **OPEN FORUMS**

Directors and staff introduced themselves.

5. JOHNSON BROCK FFA PRESENTATION

Members of the Johnson Brock FFA, Katelyn Melvin, Hannah Greiner, Hailee Greiner, Charlotte Metschke, and Layla Miller, gave a presentation on solar farms in Nemaha County. Their presentation was an Agricultural Issues Forum as part of a Career Development Event for the Nebraska State FFA Convention.

6. STAFF REPORTS

Hauschild reviewed his written report.

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

Mike Burgert reviewed his written report.

B. Nebraska Association of Resources Districts

Hauschild announced that Orval Gigstad would not be able to attend the June NARD meeting and asked if another director would be willing to attend in his place.

C. Nebraska Natural Resources Commission

No report.

8. STANDING COMMITTEES**A. PROGRAMS & PROJECTS COMMITTEE**

1. ***Discussion/Action on Groundwater Rules and Regulations:*** Schaardt briefly reviewed the committee's discussions and consideration of testimony received last month.

Schaardt moved, seconded by Sugden, to impose an immediate, temporary stay for a period of up to 180 days on issuance of any new well permits, the increase in the number of acres historically irrigated, and the transfer of groundwater as allowed under Nebraska Revised Statute 46-707. Previously approved, unexpired well permits, replacement wells, public water supply wells, well permits for wells designed that will pump from 50 to 150 gallons per minute will continue to be allowed along with test hole drilling and conversions to pivot irrigation. After further discussion, **motion carried.**

AYE: Boellstorff, Coates, Coonce, Ehmen, Ensor, Hodges, James, Knipe, Lassen, Moss, Romine, Schaardt, Snoke, Stukenholtz, Sugden, Thorne
NOT PRESENT: Bohling, Gigstad, Howard, Iske, Loseke

2. ***Approval to Participate in Nitrogen Use Efficiency Program:*** Kuhl reviewed the requirements of this program which is similar to the Nitrogen Reduction Incentive Act program. There was some discussion about the amount of staff time required to carry out the program.

Schaardt moved, seconded by Boellstorff, to approve participation in the Nitrogen Use Efficiency Program. Motion carried.

AYE: Boellstorff, Coates, Coonce, Ehmen, Ensor, Hodges, James, Knipe, Lassen, Moss, Romine, Schaardt, Snoke, Stukenholtz, Sugden, Thorne

NOT PRESENT: Bohling, Gigstad, Howard, Iske, Loseke

B. OPERATIONS & EDUCATION COMMITTEE

1. ***Review of Urban Special Project Preliminary Applications:*** Snoke reviewed the two applications received from the Village of Adams for native plantings in their park and from Village of Burr for a trail within their park. Both would qualify for funding and must now provide a detailed application package to be considered at the May meeting for approval of funding in the FY27 budget. No action.
2. ***Action on Annual Lease with Lynn Binder for Steamboat Trace Access:*** Snoke briefly reviewed the purpose of the lease, which has been set at \$600 for the past several years. He added that while it could be increased by three percent per year, the committee chose not to change it.

Snoke moved, seconded by Thorne, to set the lease for the Steamboat Trace access at \$600 for this year. Motion carried.

AYE: Boellstorff, Coates, Coonce, Ehmen, Ensor, Hodges, James, Knipe, Lassen, Moss, Romine, Schaardt, Snoke, Stukenholtz, Sugden, Thorne

NOT PRESENT: Bohling, Gigstad, Howard, Iske, Loseke

C. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

1. ***Preliminary Budget Discussion:*** Moss briefly discussed some budget and staffing issues that the committee reviewed. He also stated that the Executive Committee would make up the budget committee this year along with one member from each of the other committees and one additional at-large member thus keeping the committee at 10 members. No action.
2. ***Annual Manager Review:*** Moss reported that Ensor had prepared the survey and that there was good response from directors. The report would be available to any board member upon request, and the committee would review it with the manager. No action.

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS, APRIL AGENDA ITEM REQUESTS

The next regular meeting of the board of directors will be Thursday, April 9, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. with committee meetings prior to the board meeting. The Water Department will provide their annual update at this meeting.

10. **ADJOURNMENT**

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

AYE: Boellstorff, Coates, Coonce, Ehmen, Ensor, Hodges, James, Knipe, Lassen, Moss,
Romine, Schaardt, Snoke, Stukenholtz, Sugden, Thorne

NOT PRESENT: Bohling, Gigstad, Howard, Iske, Loseke

The meeting adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

Secretary, Nemaha Natural Resources District