

November 14, 2019
Nemaha Natural Resources District
Regular Meeting
Tecumseh, Nebraska

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

Chair Bill Niedfeldt called the five hundred thirty-third meeting of the Nemaha Natural Resources District Board of Directors to order at 7:00 p.m. Thursday, November 14, 2019, at the NRD Headquarters in Tecumseh, Nebraska.

DIRECTORS	Lisa Beethe	Dan Hodges	Don Siske
PRESENT:	Rob Bohling	Jon Keithley	Eldon Snoke
	Jessica Donnelly	Robert Lassen	Mike Speece
	Randy Fox	Tim Loseke	Duane Sugden
	Orval Gigstad	William Niedfeldt	Kevin Thorne
	Jim Gerweck	Alan Romine	

DIRECTORS	Doug Iske	Russel Moss
ABSENT:	Michael McDonald	Dan Stukenholtz

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

GUESTS	Roger Reichmuth, NRCS, Tecumseh
PRESENT:	Christy Haddan, Schulz & Associates, Fairbury

Following the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence, Niedfeldt 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. **EXCUSED ABSENCES**

Siske moved, seconded by Gerweck, to approve the excused absences requested by Doug Iske, Mike McDonald, Russel Moss, and Dan Stukenholtz. Motion carried on consent agenda.

4. **OPEN FORUMS**

NRD directors and staff introduced themselves. Niedfeldt announced that guests have the option to introduce themselves at this time, and by doing so their names would be included as part of the meeting minutes.

5. **MINUTES**

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

6. **TREASURER'S REPORT**

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

7. **STAFF REPORTS**

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

8. **AGENCY/ASSOCIATION REPORTS**

A. Natural Resources Conservation Service

Reichmuth reviewed his written report emphasizing that they had been busy with fall conservation work layout.

B. Five Rivers RC&D

Sugden reported that they are currently looking to fill a couple of vacancies on their board.

C. Nebraska Association of Resources Districts

Gigstad reported on the funds that were recently approved during the NARD board meeting for distribution from the NARD Foundation. Bessey Nursery will be offering more container trees this year. He also discussed the NCORPE project and the legislation proposing to allow bonding authority to all the NRDs.

D. Nebraska Natural Resources Commission

Hilske reported we should know around January 1 if we get approved for Water Sustainability Funds for more AEM flights.

9. **FY2019 AUDIT REPORT**

Christy Haddan with Schulz and Associates distributed copies of the FY2019 audit report. She briefly reviewed sections of the report and explained that the financial statements fairly presented the financial position of the District.

Sugden moved, seconded by Siske, to approve the FY2019 audit report as presented. Motion carried.

AYE: Beethe, Bohling, Donnelly, Fox, Gerweck, Gigstad, Hodges, Keithley, Lassen, Loseke, Niedfeldt, Romine, Siske, Snoke, Speece, Sugden, Thorne

NOT PRESENT: Iske, McDonald, Moss, Stukenholtz

10. STANDING COMMITTEES

A. Programs & Projects Committee

1. *Update on Deadline Extension for Summer NSWCP Cost-Share Applications:* Kuhl reported that the six applications that were approved for extensions last month were now completed. She also reported that funds were available to approve all but four of the fall applications.
2. *Well Permit Applications:* None.
3. *Update on Fall Groundwater Level Readings:* Wingert provided a report and reviewed the results of the fall groundwater readings. As expected, most were higher than last year.

B. Operations & Education Committee – No meeting

C. Executive Committee

1. *Nominating Committee for 2020 Board Officers:* Gigstad asked for volunteers to serve on the nominating committee. Jim Gerweck and Rob Bohling volunteered. Gigstad asked anyone else who might be interested to contact the staff.
2. *Update/Action on Land Rights for Duck Creek Sediment Basin:*
Gigstad moved, seconded by Beethe, to approve a compensation of \$41,000 for the Wilson perpetual easement plus one year cash rent for four acres of temporary construction easement required for the Duck Creek sediment basin project. Hilske explained the land that would be involved and how the values were determined. **Motion carried.**

AYE: Beethe, Bohling, Donnelly, Fox, Gerweck, Gigstad, Hodges, Keithley, Lassen, Loseke, Niedfeldt, Romine, Siske, Snoke, Speece, Sugden, Thorne
NOT PRESENT: Iske, McDonald, Moss, Stukenholtz
3. *Update on Memorandum of Understanding between NRD and NRCS:* Hilske provided background on the history of this document. He explained that it had been updated to reflect the responsibilities of both the NRDs and NRCS. Gigstad suggested if anyone had questions to contact the staff. No action.

11. PRESENTATION ON DISTRICT DAM MAINTENANCE PROGRAM

Nelson provided a PowerPoint presentation that explained some of the regular maintenance required as well as various special situations that come up with our watershed structures for which we have maintenance responsibilities.

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

The next meeting will be December 12, 2019, at 7:00 p.m. with committee meetings prior to the regular meeting. In addition a staff and director recognition supper will take place at 5:00 prior to the beginning of the meetings.

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, Donnelly, Fox, Gerweck, Gigstad, Hodges, Keithley, Lassen, Loseke, Niedfeldt, Romine, Siske, Snoke, Speece, Sugden, Thorne

NOT PRESENT: Iske, McDonald, Moss, Stukenholtz

14. ADJOURNMENT

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

AYE: Beethe, Bohling, Donnelly, Fox, Gerweck, Gigstad, Hodges, Keithley, Lassen, Loseke, Niedfeldt, Romine, Siske, Snoke, Speece, Sugden, Thorne

NOT PRESENT: Iske, McDonald, Moss, Stukenholtz

The meeting adjourned at 8:57 p.m.

Approved December 12, 2019

Secretary, Nemaha Natural Resources District