

October 11, 2018
Nemaha Natural Resources District
Regular Meeting
Tecumseh, Nebraska

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

Chair Dan Hodges called the five hundred twentieth meeting of the Nemaha Natural Resources District Board of Directors to order at 8:00 p.m. Thursday, October 11, 2018, at the NRD Headquarters in Tecumseh, Nebraska.

DIRECTORS	Rob Bohling	Michael McDonald	Mike Speece
PRESENT:	Jim Gerweck	Russel Moss	Dan Stukenholtz
	Orval Gigstad	William Niedfeldt	Duane Sugden
	Dan Hodges	Alan Romine	Kevin Thorne
	Doug Iske	Don Siske	
	Robert Lassen	Eldon Snoke	

DIRECTORS	Lisa Beethe	Jenny Kearney	Tim Loseke
ABSENT:	Dave Guhde	Jon Keithley	

STAFF	Bob Hilske, Manager
PRESENT:	Scott Nelson, Assistant Manager
	Jane Kuhl, Administrative Assistant
	Charlie Pierce, Water Resources Technician

GUESTS	Roger Reichmuth, NRCS, Tecumseh
PRESENT:	

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. **EXCUSED ABSENCES**

Siske moved, seconded by Sugden, to approve the excused absences requested by Lisa Beethe, Dave Guhde, Jenny Kearney, Jon Keithley, and Tim Loseke. Motion carried on consent agenda.

4. **OPEN FORUMS**

All NRD directors, staff, and guests introduced themselves.

5. **MINUTES**

Siske moved, seconded by Sugden, 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 provided a written report and briefly reviewed some end of the fiscal year totals. He added his appreciation to the board for the help they receive from our clerks.

B. Five Rivers RC&D

Sugden reported that they reviewed their bylaws at their last meeting. He also provided some totals for the recent household hazardous waste collection pointing out that paint is the most common waste product collected.

C. Nebraska Association of Resources Districts

Gigstad reported on the funds raised for the NARD Foundation during the annual conference events, which totaled over \$24,000. He added that he feels our money is well spent with our lobbyists that we have now.

D. Nebraska Natural Resources Commission

No report.

9. STANDING COMMITTEES**A. Programs & Projects Committee**

- Proposals for Engineering Services for Haug Small Dam:*** Nelson reviewed the proposals received from JEO Consulting, Olsson Associates, Settje Engineering, CES Engineering, Koester Engineering, and FYRA Engineering. Each one was rated on four experience categories and their estimated fee. FYRA Engineering ranked highest with a total rating of 5.0, which is the highest possible rating. (A full breakdown of the rankings is filed with the minutes.)

Gerweck moved, seconded by Gigstad, to approve the proposal from FYRA Engineering for services required for the Haug small dam project. Motion carried.

AYE: Bohling, Gerweck, Gigstad, Hodges, Iske, McDonald, Lassen, Moss, Niedfeldt, Romine, Siske, Snoke, Speece, Stukenholtz, Sugden, Thorne

NOT PRESENT: Beethe, Guhde, Kearney, Keithley, Loseke

2. ***Agreement with RJRD, LLC, to Irrigate from Long Branch N-5:*** Nelson reviewed the 10-year agreement noting that there are no other landowners involved with this structure.

Gerweck moved, seconded by Lassen, to approve the agreement with RJRD, LLC, to irrigate from Long Branch N-5. Motion carried.

AYE: Bohling, Gerweck, Gigstad, Hodges, Iske, McDonald, Lassen, Moss, Niedfeldt, Romine, Snoke, Speece, Stukenholtz, Sugden, Thorne

NAY: Siske

NOT PRESENT: Beethe, Guhde, Kearney, Keithley, Loseke

3. ***Bids to Install 20 Groundwater Monitoring Wells:*** Six bids were received to construct 20 observation wells as part of the Nemaha Basin Critical Aquifer Assessment. Bids were figured based on a 100' deep well with standby time for electric logging; final totals will be based on actual depths for each well.

Bidder	Total Bid for 20 Wells
Rieschick Drilling	\$72,600
Drill-Well, LLC	\$82,500
Layne a Granite	\$91,800
Holly Well Drilling	\$92,000
Bornemeier Well Drilling	\$119,000
Sargent Drilling	\$174,720

Gerweck moved, seconded by Sugden, to approve the bid from Rieschick Drilling for constructing the 20 observation wells for the Nemaha Basin Critical Aquifer Assessment project. Motion carried.

AYE: Bohling, Gerweck, Gigstad, Hodges, Iske, McDonald, Lassen, Moss, Niedfeldt, Romine, Siske, Snoke, Speece, Stukenholtz, Sugden, Thorne

NOT PRESENT: Beethe, Guhde, Kearney, Keithley, Loseke

4. ***Extending 300-Point Minimum Score Requirement for Well Permit Approval in Richardson County:***

Gerweck moved, seconded by Bohling, to extend the 300-point minimum score requirement for well permit approval in eastern Richardson County for one year to September 30, 2019. Motion carried.

AYE: Bohling, Gerweck, Gigstad, Hodges, Iske, McDonald, Lassen, Moss, Niedfeldt, Romine, Siske, Snoke, Speece, Stukenholtz, Sugden, Thorne

NOT PRESENT: Beethe, Guhde, Kearney, Keithley, Loseke

5. Well Permit Applications: Permits received were as follows:

Permit#	Landowner Name	Well Location	GPM	Purpose	Score
N709	Ryan Gobber	NE¼ SE¼ Section 28-4-12, Johnson Co.	800	Irrigation	226
N710	Roger Moss	NE¼ NE¼ Section 8-6-10, Johnson Co.	600	Irrigation	238
N711	NE Game & Parks	NW¼ NW¼ Section 15-6-15, Nemaha Co.	750	Wetland	212

Pierce reviewed the test hole information for the Ryan Gobber well. Hilske explained that Nemaha County RWD #2 had filed a Notice of Intent 1,000 foot spacing protection buffer for a test well for a possible future addition to their system. Therefore, we may need to find out how this might impact action to approve or deny the permit.

Gerweck moved, seconded by Sugden, to table action on Ryan Gobber’s well permit #N709 until more information is obtained. Motion carried.

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

After review of the Moss well by Pierce, **Gerweck moved, seconded by Sugden, to approve well permit #N710 for Roger Moss. Motion carried.**

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

Upon review of the Game & Parks Commission well by Pierce, **Gerweck moved, seconded by Sugden, to approve well permit #N711 for the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission. Motion carried.**

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

6. Discussion on Groundwater Rules Changes: Pierce reviewed some of the additional rules under consideration. Gerweck encouraged everyone to write down their ideas and submit them for the committee to consider.

B. Operations & Education Committee

1. Agreement with Nemaha County for Siren at Duck Creek Recreation Area: Romine briefly reviewed the agreement which provides for Nemaha County to operate and maintain the siren. Nemaha County and the NRD share the initial cost of the siren equally with each paying \$12,500.

Romine moved, seconded by Thorne, to approve the Interlocal Agreement between Nemaha County and the NRD for the purchase, installation, and servicing of an emergency siren for Duck Creek Recreation Area. Motion carried.

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

C. Executive Committee

1. Winter Board Meeting Times:

Niedfeldt moved, seconded by Gigstad, to set the regular board meeting times for November-March to 7:00 p.m. with committees beginning at 6:00 p.m. Motion carried.

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

2. Upper Big Nemaha 25-C Project Agreement with NRCS: Hilske explained the issues with the current agreement expiring in September, 2019, and how that would affect the construction schedule for this project. He detailed the options for either extending the agreement or terminating and entering into a new agreement to allow more time for construction.

Niedfeldt moved, seconded by Gerweck, to authorize the Manager to negotiate either an extension of the current agreement or terminate the current agreement and negotiate a new agreement with NRCS. Motion carried.

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

10. ANNOUNCEMENTS, NOVEMBER MEETING DATE/TIME & AGENDA ITEM REQUESTS

The next meeting will be November 8 at 7:00 p.m. with committee meetings prior to the regular meeting.

11. CONSENT AGENDA

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

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

12. **ADJOURNMENT**

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

AYE: Bohling, Gerweck, Gigstad, Hodges, Iske, McDonald, Lassen, Moss, Niedfeldt,
Romine, Siske, Snoke, Speece, Stukenholtz, Sugden, Thorne

NOT PRESENT: Beethe, Guhde, Kearney, Keithley, Loseke

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Approved November 8, 2018

Secretary, Nemaha Natural Resources District