

October 10, 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-second meeting of the Nemaha Natural Resources District Board of Directors to order at 8:03 p.m. Thursday, October 10, 2019, at the NRD Headquarters in Tecumseh, Nebraska.

<b>DIRECTORS</b>	Lisa Beethe	Doug Iske	Alan Romine
<b>PRESENT:</b>	Rob Bohling	Jon Keithley	Don Siske
	Randy Fox	Robert Lassen	Eldon Snoke
	Orval Gigstad	Michael McDonald	Dan Stukenholtz
	Jim Gerweck	Russel Moss	Duane Sugden
	Dan Hodges	William Niedfeldt	Kevin Thorne

<b>DIRECTORS</b>	Jessica Donnelly	Mike Speece
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Tim Loseke	

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

<b>GUESTS</b>	Roger Reichmuth, NRCS, Tecumseh
<b>PRESENT:</b>	

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 Keithley, to approve the excused absences requested by Jessica Donnelly, Tim Loseke, and Mike Speece. 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 Keithley, 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 summarized activities for the past year and a written report was provided.

**B. Five Rivers RC&D**

Sugden reported on the recent household hazardous waste collections, and he thanked the staff for their help.

**C. Nebraska Association of Resources Districts**

Gigstad thanked the board members who attended the annual conference in Kearney in his absence.

**D. Nebraska Natural Resources Commission**

McDonald reported they will meet in December to review applications for funding. They are currently with the DNR director for review.

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

- 1. Deadline Extension for Summer NSWCP Cost-Share Applications:* Kuhl explained which applications were not complete and the struggles with the wet weather to get them done this year. Applicants requiring an extension of time were Michael Schardt, Eldon Schroder, Mark Caspers, Billy Bob Laun, Larry Schardt, and Janell Sommerhalder.

**Gerweck moved, seconded by Bohling, to extend the deadlines for Michael Schardt, Eldon Schroder, Mark Caspers, Billy Bob Laun, Larry Schardt, and Janell Sommerhalder to November 14.** Any applications not complete by that date will be reviewed again next month. **Motion carried.**

**AYE:** Beethe, Bohling, Fox, Gerweck, Gigstad, Hodges, Iske, Keithley, Lassen, McDonald, Moss, Niedfeldt, Romine, Siske, Snoke, Stukenholtz, Sugden, Thorne

**NOT PRESENT:** Donnelly, Loseke, Speece

- 2. Update on Nemaha Basin Non-Point Pollution Plan:* Nelson provided a PowerPoint presentation on the report.

3. **Well Permit Applications:** One application was received as follows:

Permit#	Landowner Name	Well Location	GPM	Purpose	Score
N719	Glen & Betty Meyer	SW¼NW¼ 2-T4N-R 12 E – Nemaha Co	500	Irrigation	206

**Gerweck moved, seconded by Sugden, to approve well permit No. N719. Motion carried.**

**AYE:** Beethe, Bohling, Fox, Gerweck, Gigstad, Hodges, Iske, Keithley, Lassen, Moss, Niedfeldt, Romine, Siske, Snoke, Stukenholtz, Sugden, Thorne

**NAY:** McDonald

**NOT PRESENT:** Donnelly, Loseke, Speece

4. **Update on Groundwater Rules, Projects, & Other Programs:** This item was addressed under agenda item 10.

**B. Operations & Education Committee**

1. **Update on Deadline Extension for Iron Horse Tree Removal Project:** Hodges reviewed the status of this project which is nearly complete. The contractor has been working every day that weather permitted and expects to be done before the end of the month.

**Hodges moved, seconded by Siske, to grant a deadline extension until October 31 for the tree removal project at Iron Horse. Motion carried.**

**AYE:** Beethe, Bohling, Fox, Gerweck, Gigstad, Hodges, Iske, Keithley, Lassen, McDonald, Moss, Niedfeldt, Romine, Siske, Snoke, Stukenholtz, Sugden, Thorne

**NOT PRESENT:** Donnelly, Loseke, Speece

**C. Executive Committee**

1. **Winter Meeting Hours:**  
**McDonald moved, seconded by Gigstad, to set winter meeting hours to 7:00 for the board meeting and 6:00 for committee meetings from November through March. Motion carried.**

**AYE:** Beethe, Bohling, Fox, Gerweck, Gigstad, Hodges, Iske, Keithley, Lassen, McDonald, Moss, Niedfeldt, Romine, Siske, Snoke, Stukenholtz, Sugden, Thorne

**NOT PRESENT:** Donnelly, Loseke, Speece

2. **Approving Grant Agreement for Hazard Mitigation Plan Update:** Hilske reviewed the grant and the process for the plan.

**McDonald moved, seconded by Beethe, to approve the grant agreement with NEMA for the Hazard Mitigation Plan update and appoint Bob Hilske and Jane Kuhl as the District's authorized representatives. Motion carried.**

**AYE:** Beethe, Bohling, Fox, Gerweck, Gigstad, Hodges, Iske, Keithley, Lassen, McDonald, Moss, Niedfeldt, Romine, Siske, Snoke, Stukenholtz, Sugden, Thorne

**NOT PRESENT:** Donnelly, Loseke, Speece

3. ***Update on Land Rights for Duck Creek Sediment Basin:*** McDonald reported that the committee reviewed the negotiations and gave the Manager authority to continue with negotiations and to obtain an appraisal if an agreement cannot be reached. Hilske reviewed the acres needed for the project. No action.
4. ***Future Long Range and Strategic Planning:*** McDonald explained that the committee discussed working on long-range, master planning. They asked for input and ideas or comments from the board. The District's master plan is due next year, so work will begin after the first of the year. No action.

**10. GROUNDWATER RULES AND REGULATIONS REVISION PRESENTATION**

Hilske provided an introduction and explained the difference between the quality and the quantity plans and why they are separate. Wingert then reviewed all the proposed changes and received input on some areas of question. After much discussion and questions, Wingert stated the next step is to submit the updated rules and regulations to the Nebraska Department of Natural Resources for their review and approval. No action.

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

The next meeting will be November 14, 2019, at 7:00 p.m. with committee meetings prior to the regular meeting.

**12. CONSENT AGENDA**

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

**AYE:** Beethe, Bohling, Fox, Gerweck, Gigstad, Hodges, Iske, Keithley, Lassen, McDonald, Moss, Niedfeldt, Romine, Siske, Snoke, Stukenholtz, Sugden, Thorne

**NOT PRESENT:** Donnelly, Loseke, Speece

**13. ADJOURNMENT**

**Siske moved, seconded by Gerweck, to adjourn. Motion carried.**

**AYE:** Beethe, Bohling, Fox, Gerweck, Gigstad, Hodges, Iske, Keithley, Lassen, McDonald, Moss, Niedfeldt, Romine, Siske, Snoke, Stukenholtz, Sugden, Thorne

**NOT PRESENT:** Donnelly, Loseke, Speece

The meeting adjourned at 10:20 p.m.

*Approved November 14, 2019*

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Secretary, Nemaha Natural Resources District