

October 8, 2020
Nemaha Natural Resources District
Regular Meeting
Tecumseh, Nebraska

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

Chair Bill Niedfeldt called the five hundred forty-fourth meeting of the Nemaha Natural Resources District Board of Directors to order at 8:03 p.m. Thursday, October 8, 2020, at the NRD Headquarters in Tecumseh, Nebraska.

DIRECTORS PRESENT:	Lisa Beethe Rob Bohling Jim Gerweck Orval Gigstad Dan Hodges	Robert Lassen Tim Loseke Michael McDonald Russel Moss William Niedfeldt	Alan Romine Don Siske Eldon Snoke Mike Speece Duane Sugden
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DIRECTORS ABSENT:	Jessica Donnelly Randy Fox	Doug Iske Jon Keithley	Dan Stukenholtz Kevin Thorne
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STAFF PRESENT:	Bob Hilske, Manager Scott Nelson, Assistant Manager Jane Kuhl, Administrative Assistant
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GUESTS PRESENT:	Stephen Kennedy, NRCS, Auburn
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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**

Beethe moved, seconded by Lassen, to approve the excused absences requested by Jessica Donnelly, Randy Fox, Doug Iske, Dan Stukenholtz, and Kevin Thorne. Motion carried on consent agenda.

4. **OPEN FORUMS**

NRD directors, staff, and guests introduced themselves.

5. **MINUTES**

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

6. **TREASURER'S REPORT**

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

7. **STAFF REPORTS**

Hilske reviewed his report. Nelson reviewed his report.

8. **AGENCY/ASSOCIATION REPORTS**

A. Natural Resources Conservation Service

Stephen Kennedy, Acting DC, reported they have already taken applications to fill the Resource Conservationist position. They are starting into CSP renewals and are busy with terrace layout. A written report was also distributed.

B. Five Rivers RC&D

Sugden reported they still have three vacancies on the Council. They are trying to schedule some pasture tours through the Southeast Nebraska Grassland Council.

C. Nebraska Association of Resources Districts

Gigstad reported on the annual meeting held in Kearney and the resolution, which did not pass. He also gave an update on the new NARD office building and an estimate of when they might be moved in.

D. Nebraska Natural Resources Commission

McDonald reported that they will meet October 28 to review grant applications.

9. **STANDING COMMITTEES**

A. Programs & Projects Committee – No meeting

B. Operations & Education Committee

1. ***Potential Revisions to NRD Park Rules:*** Romine reviewed some of the areas that the committee reviewed regarding potential rule changes. The committee will work on these again next month. No action.

2. ***2021 NRD Park Fee Schedule:*** Romine reported that the committee discussed raising electrical camping fees and whether to raise park permit fees as well. They also discussed how to honor active military/veterans at the parks. More discussion and potential action will be considered next month.

3. ***Developing a Park Use Survey:*** Romine stated the committee had briefly reviewed some options for conducting a survey and questions that might be included. No action.

4. ***Steamboat Trace History, Past Flood Damage, & Repair Costs:*** The committee briefly reviewed some of the history of the trail and how best to proceed. There was some discussion among the board members about pros and cons of the trail. Moss asked if we could open only sections of the trail that are less troublesome areas. Loseke reported he had ridden the trail and that it might not take as much to get it back in shape as he had thought. Moss suggested finding out how much support there is for opening the trail from the nearby communities. McDonald asked to have some photos or videos of the trail to show board members the issues. No action.
5. ***2020 Master Plan Update:*** No action.

C. Executive Committee

1. ***Donation to the NARD Foundation:*** Gigstad discussed the funding for Foundation programs that was lost this year due to the cancellation of the annual conference. Events connected with the conference bring in as much as \$23,000 for various educational programs. Last year's cost for our NRD to send directors and staff to the conference was about \$3,700.

McDonald moved, seconded by Beethe, to make a donation of \$1,500 to the NARD Foundation in lieu of what would have been spent for the annual conference. Motion carried.

AYE: Beethe, Bohling, Gerweck, Gigstad, Hodges, Lassen, Loseke, McDonald, Moss, Niedfeldt, Romine, Siske, Snoke, Speece, Sugden

ABSENT: Donnelly, Fox, Iske, Keithley, Stukenholtz, Thorne

2. ***Bids to Replace a 4x4 Diesel Pickup:*** Bids were received for a new, ¾-ton 4x4 diesel pickup. Included in the bid is trade-in of the 2011 Ford F250 4x4 diesel.

Dealer	Field Ford, Tecumseh	Zoellner Ford, Beatrice	Brinkman Bros., Tecumseh
Description	2021 Ford F250- XL	2021 Ford F250- XL	2021 Chevy 2500 -WT
Bid Price	\$49,000.00	\$41,726.00	\$47,420.00
Trade Allowance	(\$26,400.00)	(\$15,000.00)	(\$18,520.00)
Final Bid	\$22,600.00	\$26,726.00	\$28,900.00

McDonald moved, seconded by Lassen, to approve the bid of \$22,600 from Field Ford for a 2021 Ford F250 diesel 4x4 pickup with trade-in of a 2011 Ford F250.

There was some discussion on the timeline involved with delivery of the pickup.

Motion carried.

AYE: Beethe, Bohling, Gerweck, Gigstad, Hodges, Lassen, Loseke, McDonald, Moss, Niedfeldt, Romine, Siske, Snoke, Speece, Sugden

ABSENT: Donnelly, Fox, Iske, Keithley, Stukenholtz, Thorne

3. ***Bids to Purchase a Brush Cutter Attachment for the Skid Steer:*** Hilske explained that it was difficult to find a brush cutter that would work with our Bobcat. Therefore, the staff was able to find only one model that would be compatible. The bid presented for the board to consider was from Murphy Tractor & Equipment in Lincoln for a Diamond Mowers DLR060 at a cost of \$9,625.

McDonald moved, seconded by Beethe, to approve the bid of \$9,625 submitted by Murphy Tractor & Equipment for a Diamond Mowers DLR060 skid-steer rotary mower. Motion carried.

AYE: Beethe, Bohling, Gerweck, Gigstad, Hodges, Lassen, Loseke, McDonald, Moss, Niedfeldt, Romine, Siske, Snoke, Speece, Sugden

ABSENT: Donnelly, Fox, Iske, Keithley, Stukenholtz, Thorne

4. ***Resolution Thanking Village of Table Rock for Playground Equipment Donation:*** Hilske explained how the District became the recipient of the used playground equipment, which the staff has removed and stored. He added that it would be installed at either Kirkman's Cove or Iron Horse.

McDonald moved, seconded by Gerweck, to approve a resolution thanking the Village of Table Rock for the donation of their used playground equipment. Motion carried.

AYE: Beethe, Bohling, Gerweck, Gigstad, Hodges, Lassen, Loseke, McDonald, Moss, Niedfeldt, Romine, Siske, Snoke, Speece, Sugden

ABSENT: Donnelly, Fox, Iske, Keithley, Stukenholtz, Thorne

5. ***November to March Board Meeting Start Time:***

McDonald moved, seconded by Beethe, to set the meeting time for regular board meetings at 7:00 p.m. from November, 2020, through March, 2021. Motion carried.

AYE: Beethe, Bohling, Gerweck, Gigstad, Hodges, Lassen, Loseke, McDonald, Moss, Niedfeldt, Romine, Siske, Snoke, Speece, Sugden

ABSENT: Donnelly, Fox, Iske, Keithley, Stukenholtz, Thorne

6. ***2020 Master Plan Update:*** McDonald reported that their committee completed their sections of the plan. No action.

10. **MANAGER SEARCH COMMITTEE REPORT**

Niedfeldt updated the board that about 20 applications had been received with October 14 as the closing date. The committee will meet on October 27 to review all applications and make selections for interviews. Interviews will be scheduled during the second week of November.

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

The next meeting will be November 12, 2020, at 7:00 p.m. with committee meeting schedules to be announced.

12. **CONSENT AGENDA**

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

AYE: Beethe, Bohling, Gerweck, Gigstad, Hodges, Lassen, Loseke, McDonald, Moss, Niedfeldt, Romine, Siske, Snoke, Speece, Sugden

ABSENT: Donnelly, Fox, Iske, Keithley, Stukenholtz, Thorne

13. **ADJOURNMENT**

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

AYE: Beethe, Bohling, Gerweck, Gigstad, Hodges, Lassen, Loseke, McDonald, Moss, Niedfeldt, Romine, Siske, Snoke, Speece, Sugden

ABSENT: Donnelly, Fox, Iske, Keithley, Stukenholtz, Thorne

The meeting adjourned at 9:58 p.m.

Approved November 12, 2020

Secretary, Nemaha Natural Resources District