

PUBLIC HEARING ANNOUNCEMENT

The Nemaha Natural Resources District will hold a public hearing on Monday, February 3rd, at 6:00 p.m. at the District office (62161 Hwy 136, Tecumseh NE 68450) to receive written and oral testimony concerning the changes and additions to the District's Groundwater Management Area (GWMA) Rules and Regulations for Groundwater Quantity Management Areas. **An informal information session beginning at 5:00 p.m. will precede the hearing.**

The changes and additions to the GWMA Rules and Regulations for Groundwater Quantity Management Areas will apply geographically to include all lands and water bodies within the boundaries of the Nemaha NRD. Also, the proposed changes will apply stratigraphically to all groundwater located within the Nemaha NRD. Upon District Board approval of the proposed changes and additions to the GWMA Rules and Regulations for Groundwater Quantity Management Areas, the following changes and additions will be enacted:

- 1) Definitions – Additions
- 2) Well Spacing – No high capacity well (pumping greater than 50 (fifty) gallons per minute) shall be permitted to be constructed within ½ (one half) mile of any registered public water supply well and vice versa.
- 3) Well Permit Applications – require the following: landowner or power of attorney signature, detailed irrigation plan with the number of acres indicated, minimum aquifer transmissivity, active well permits counted in the density calculation of the well permit ranking methodology, and 90-day reapplication waiting period after an approved well permit is expired.
- 4) Transfers – agricultural irrigation water transfers – maximum number of acres allowable and minimum well permit score requirement.
- 5) Aquifer Regions – Five principle aquifer regions have been identified.

These actions are a general description of the changes and additions to the Groundwater Management Plan (GWMP) and the Rules and Regulations. A complete copy of the current and updated GWMP and Rules and Regulations may be obtained at the District office: 62161 Hwy 136, Tecumseh Nebraska, (402) 335-3325, M-F 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. or on the NRD website at www.nemahanrd.org.

Anyone unable to appear at the public hearing or persons with lengthy testimony may wish to submit their testimony in writing. For testimony to be considered by the NRD Board of Directors for the purpose of this hearing, such written testimony must be received by 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, February 12th, 2020, at the Nemaha NRD office at the above address. The NRD Board of Directors will consider all testimony provided and consider action whether to adopt or rescind the changes and additions to the GWMP and Rules and Regulations at the regularly scheduled board meeting on Thursday, February 13th, 2020, at 7:00 p.m.

Please publish 3 (three) consecutive weeks beginning with the week of January 6th publications and ending with the week of January 20th publications. Proof of publication is requested as soon as possible following the final publication date.