

September 12, 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-first meeting of the Nemaha Natural Resources District Board of Directors to order at 8:03 p.m. Thursday, September 12, 2019, at the NRD Headquarters in Tecumseh, Nebraska.

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

**DIRECTORS** Orval Gigstad  
**ABSENT:**

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

**GUESTS** Roger Reichmuth, NRCS, Tecumseh  
**PRESENT:**

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 Lassen, to approve the excused absence requested by Orval Gigstad. 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 Sugden, to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried on consent agenda.**

6. **TREASURER'S REPORT**

**Siske moved, seconded by Lassen, 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 reported they are trying to obligate last minute funding before the end of their fiscal year. They also may have some new staffing in place soon.

**B. Five Rivers RC&D**

Sugden reported on a workshop held in Syracuse in August and the household hazardous waste collections. He stated they could use more help at the upcoming collections in Tecumseh and Pawnee City.

**C. Nebraska Association of Resources Districts**

No report. The annual conference will be held September 23-24 in Kearney.

**D. Nebraska Natural Resources Commission**

McDonald discussed one of the NARD's resolutions that was about membership on the Commission.

9. **STANDING COMMITTEES**

**A. Programs & Projects Committee**

1. *Well Permit Applications:* No applications were received.

2. *Update on Groundwater Rules, Projects, & Other Programs:* Wingert reported that the rules are essentially done, and he highlighted some of the changes. He delineated out the Missouri River and Big Nemaha River. McDonald asked why chemigation and water quality are not being addressed and how quantity and quality rules interface. Wingert explained that this report only addresses quantity and that quality is addressed separately. There was also discussion about whether there should be more rules for Phase III areas. Wingert planned to send out the completed rules for directors to review soon.

3. ***Extend the 300-Point Minimum Score Requirement for Well Permits in Eastern Richardson County:***

**Gerweck moved, seconded by Sugden, to extend the 300-point minimum score for well permits in eastern Richardson County for one year to September 30, 2020.** Wingert reviewed how some of the mapping will affect this area to be included once the rules are approved. **Motion carried.**

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

**NOT PRESENT:** Gigstad

## **B. Operations & Education Committee**

1. ***Request from Village of Adams for Letter of Support for Grant to Upgrade Park:***

Hodges explained the project that the Village is planning and their request for support. Kuhl added that the letter did not provide for any financial or technical obligation on the District's part. Hilske explained that the Village may apply for assistance from the District in the future for components of the project.

**Hodges moved, seconded by Gerweck, to approve a letter of support from the NRD for the Village of Adams Land and Water Resources Grant application.**  
**Motion carried.**

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

**NOT PRESENT:** Gigstad

2. ***Update on Iron Horse Tree Removal Project:*** Hodges briefly reviewed the status of this project. Hilske added that we are keeping track of rain days. The contractor has worked as much as possible since resuming in July. The contract extension set a completion date of October 10, so this item will appear again on the October agenda. No action.

## **C. Executive Committee**

1. ***Review/Establish Positions on NARD Annual Conference Resolutions:*** Hilske reviewed each of the two resolutions. McDonald reported that the committee supported the resolution which would require members of the Natural Resources Commission which are appointed by the Governor to be Nebraska residents. The committee suggested the voting delegates obtain more information at the conference on the second resolution which addressed extending bonding authority to all NRDs. The delegation would then decide what position to take.

**10. FY2020 BUDGET**

Hilske reviewed the budget and some of the changes required to balance the final budget. He stated the only other place that changes could have been made would have been within the SWCP allocation but that he did not change that amount since the board had voted to increase it last month. He added that no comments had been received at the public hearing held prior to the meeting.

**Sugden moved, seconded by Thorne, to approve the changes made to the budget since the August meeting. Motion carried.**

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

**NOT PRESENT:** Gigstad

**Hodges moved, seconded by Sugden, to approve the FY2020 budget as presented. Motion carried.**

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

**NOT PRESENT:** Gigstad

**Romine moved, seconded by Siske, to approve the resolution setting the property tax request at \$ 1,964,975.20 resulting in a levy of 0.026810. Motion carried.**

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

**NOT PRESENT:** Gigstad

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

The next meeting will be October 10, 2019, at 8:00 p.m. with committee meetings prior to the regular meeting. Hilske apologized that it did not work to hold a staff recognition supper before this meeting. He asked directors to provide their suggestions for an alternate date.

**12. CONSENT AGENDA**

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

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

**NOT PRESENT:** Gigstad

13. **ADJOURNMENT**

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

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

**NOT PRESENT:** Gigstad

The meeting adjourned at 9:47 p.m.

*Approved 10/10/19*

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Secretary, Nemaha Natural Resources District