

September 11, 2025  
Nemaha Natural Resources District  
Regular Meeting  
Tecumseh, Nebraska

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

Chair Russel Moss called the six hundred-third meeting of the Nemaha Natural Resources District Board of Directors to order at 7:00 p.m. Thursday, September 11, 2025.

<b>DIRECTORS</b>	Todd Boellstorff	Orval Gigstad	Eldon Snoke
<b>PRESENT:</b>	Rob Bohling	Dan Hodges	Mike Speece
	Patty Coates	Doug Iske	Dan Stukenholtz
	Kraig Coonce	Robert Lassen	Duane Sugden
	Ed Ehmen	Russel Moss	Kevin Thorne
	Tracy Ensor	Alan Romine	
	Randy Fox	Tim Schaardt	

<b>DIRECTORS</b>	Dick James
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Tim Loseke

<b>STAFF</b>	Kyle Hauschild, General Manager
<b>PRESENT:</b>	Jane Kuhl, Assistant Manager
	Chuck Wingert, Water Resources Manager
	Brooke Gerdes, Administrative Bookkeeper

<b>GUESTS</b>	Mike Burgert, NRCS, Syracuse
<b>PRESENT:</b>	Christy Haddan, Schulz & Associates

Following the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence, specifically including recognition of 9/11, Moss announced that the Open Meetings Act is posted on the wall at the back of the room.

2. **PROOF OF PUBLICATION**

Proof of publication was presented and is on file.

3. **CONSENT AGENDA**

- a. Excused Absences: Dick James, Tim Loseke
- b. Minutes: No changes.
- c. Treasurer's Report: No changes.

**Sugden moved, seconded by Bohling, to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried.**

**AYE:** Boellstorff, Bohling, Coates, Coonce, Ehmen, Ensor, Fox, Gigstad, Hodges, Iske, Lassen, Moss, Romine, Schaardt, Snoke, Speece, Stukenholtz, Sugden, Thorne

**NOT PRESENT:** James, Loseke

4. **OPEN FORUMS**

NRD directors and staff introduced themselves.

5. **FY25 AUDIT PRESENTATION**

Christy Haddan with Schulz & Associates presented their report on the audit of the FY25 financials. She thanked the board and staff for the opportunity to provide the audit for the past several years adding that this would be their last year performing public audits.

**Sugden moved, seconded by Fox, to approve the FY25 audit report as presented.**  
**Motion carried.**

**AYE:** Boellstorff, Bohling, Coates, Coonce, Ehmen, Ensor, Fox, Gigstad, Hodges, Iske, Lassen, Moss, Romine, Schaardt, Snoke, Speece, Stukenholtz, Sugden, Thorne  
**NOT PRESENT:** James, Loseke

6. **STAFF REPORTS**

Hauschild reviewed his written report.

7. **AGENCY/ASSOCIATION REPORTS**

**A. Natural Resources Conservation Service**

Burgert reviewed his written report.

**B. Nebraska Association of Resources Districts**

Gigstad reported that there are no resolutions submitted for this year's annual conference. He also commented on property tax petitions and the Perkins County canal.

**C. Nebraska Natural Resources Commission**

Fox stated they have not had a meeting since last month.

8. **STANDING COMMITTEES**

**A. PROGRAMS & PROJECTS COMMITTEE**

**1. *Update on Groundwater Quantity Management Rules & Regulations Revisions:***

Schaardt reported that their committee met an hour earlier than usual and made good progress on the proposed rule changes. No action.

**2. *Adjustment to Tree Program Rates:*** Hauschild explained that some tree species have increased in cost; therefore, an increase to \$1.50/seedling is recommended. Planting costs would not change and would remain at \$1.50/seedling.

**Schaardt moved, seconded by Bohling, to increase the price per seedling to \$1.50 for the 2025-26 tree program. Motion carried.**

**AYE:** Boellstorff, Bohling, Coates, Coonce, Ehmen, Ensor, Fox, Gigstad, Hodges, Iske, Lassen, Moss, Romine, Schaardt, Snoke, Speece, Stukenholtz, Sugden, Thorne

**NOT PRESENT:** James, Loseke

## **B. OPERATIONS & EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

1. ***Peru State College Trail Project Presentation:*** Snoke reported that Jon Firmature with the Peru State College Foundation addressed the committee about a potential Urban Special Project. The project consists of a trail that would extend from the college to the Steamboat Trace trailhead in Peru.
2. ***Request Regarding Know Your Well Program:*** Snoke stated this item would be postponed because the presenter was unable to attend the meeting.

## **C. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

1. ***Review NARD Resolution(s):*** Romine reported that no resolutions were received.
9. **ACTION TO APPROVE FY26 BUDGET & RESOLUTION SETTING PROPERTY TAX REQUEST**  
Hauschild briefly reviewed the major items in the budget and the changes made since last month.

**Lassen moved, seconded by Romine, to approve the FY26 budget as presented and the resolution setting the property tax request at \$3,299,829.58. Motion carried.**

**AYE:** Boellstorff, Bohling, Coates, Coonce, Ehmen, Ensor, Fox, Gigstad, Hodges, Iske, Lassen, Moss, Romine, Schaardt, Snoke, Speece, Stukenholtz, Sugden, Thorne

**NOT PRESENT:** James, Loseke

## 10. ANNOUNCEMENTS, OCTOBER AGENDA ITEM REQUESTS

The next regular meeting of the board of directors will be Thursday, October 9, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. with committee meetings prior to the board meeting.

## 11. ADJOURNMENT

**Sugden moved, seconded by Thorne, to adjourn. Motion carried.**

**AYE:** Boellstorff, Bohling, Coates, Coonce, Ehmen, Ensor, Fox, Gigstad, Hodges, Iske, Lassen, Moss, Romine, Schaardt, Snoke, Speece, Stukenholtz, Sugden, Thorne

**NOT PRESENT:** James, Loseke

The meeting adjourned at 7:49 p.m.