

STATE OF NEBRASKA  
Minutes of the  
Board of Public Roads Classifications and Standards

November 16, 2018

Nebraska Department of Transportation,  
Central Headquarters Building Auditorium, Room 139A  
1500 Highway 2, Lincoln, Nebraska

Meeting and Hearings Notices:

- Statewide news release emailed and posted on Nebraska Department of Transportation website November 9, 2018.
- Event posted on the State of Nebraska website (Public Meeting Calendar) on November 9, 2018.
- Tentative agenda emailed to each board member and interested persons on November 9, 2018.
- Meeting agenda kept current and on public display in Liaison Services Section, Room 123B, Nebraska Department of Transportation, 1400 Highway 2, Lincoln, Nebraska.
- Meeting agenda posted in the main entrance of the Nebraska Department of Transportation's 1500 Highway 2 building on November 16, 2018.
- Relaxation of Standards hearing notice emailed to NDOT and Saunders County on November 9, 2018.

Board members present:

Roger Figard, Lincoln, Chairman  
LeRoy G. Gerrard, Stromsburg  
Barbara Keegan, Alliance  
Lisa Kramer, Kennard  
Mick Syslo, Lincoln  
David Wacker, Hastings  
Timothy W. Weander, Omaha  
Edward R. Wootton, Sr., Bellevue

Board members absent:

James A. Litchfield, Wakefield, Vice Chairman  
John F. Krager, Omaha  
Darold E. Tagge, Holdrege

Staff members present:

LeMoyne D. Schulz, Board Secretary & Highway Local Liaison Coordinator, NDOT, Lincoln  
Dennis R. Smith, Highway Local Coordinator, Liaison Services Section, University of Nebraska LTAP/NDOT, Lincoln  
Barbara Hasterlo, Office Associate, Liaison Services Section, University of Nebraska LTAP/NDOT, Lincoln

Others in attendance:

Erich Strack, Manager, Government Affairs, NDOT, Lincoln  
Mike Owen, Roadway Design, NDOT, Lincoln  
Tony Kessler, Roadway Design, NDOT, Lincoln  
Michelle Winkelmann, WSP USA, Lincoln, for NDOT  
Karl Fredrickson, WSP USA, Lincoln, for NDOT  
Jeff Wagner, Mainelli Wagner & Associates, representing Saunders County  
Bill Cook, Nebraska Concrete Paving Association, Lincoln

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Chairman Figard called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. The meeting was open to the public.

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Chairman Figard made the following announcements in compliance with the Open Meetings Act.

- A copy of the Open Meetings Act is available for inspection and is posted by the entrance to this room.
- The Meeting Agenda and a copy of all materials that were provided to the Board Members, prior to the start of this meeting, are available on the table by the entrance to this room.
- A sign in sheet is available. Visitors are not required to sign, but are encouraged to do so.

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Mr. Schulz noted the following changes from the originally published agenda:

Additional: 2018–2019 Annual Reports received (*reducing delinquent counties to 20*).

Added: Sherman County Revision 'Work/Type,' replaced "3R" with "New & Reconstruction" (N&R).

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Mr. Wootton moved to approve the October 19, 2018 meeting minutes, with the added correction under, "Others In Attendance," from "Michelle Winkelmann, William Sales Partnership" to "Michelle Winkelmann, WSP USA, Lincoln." Mr. Wacker seconded the motion. Members Keegan, Kramer, Syslo, Wacker, Weander, Wootton and Figard voted YES. Member Gerrard abstained. Members Krager, Litchfield and Tagge were absent. The motion carried.

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The board considered the Status of the submission of the 2018– 2019 Standardized System of Annual Reports.

- Seventy-three (73) County, 137 Municipal and the Nebraska Department of Transportation's Reports have been received.
- Thirty-eight (38) County Reports and three (3) Municipal Reports were accepted at the previous meeting.
- Two (2) County Reports are being held for completion of the submittal: Seward and Burt.
- Thirty-three (33) County Reports are recommended for acceptance.

- 134 Municipal Reports are recommended for acceptance.
- Twenty (20) Counties have not submitted a Report; the Reports have been delinquent since November 1, 2018.

Mr. Wootton moved to accept the Status Report of the Standardized System of Annual Reports for 2018 – 2019, as presented. Ms. Kramer seconded the motion. Members Gerrard, Keegan, Kramer, Syslo, Wacker, Weander, Wootton and Figard voted YES. Members Krager, Litchfield and Tagge were absent. The motion carried.

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The board considered the Sherman County One- and Six-Year Plan revision adding Work/Project No. C-82(277) to the 2018 One-Year Plan. A copy of the County Board Resolution No. 32-18 adopted October 23, 2018, was received on October 24, 2018. No one was present to present the request.

Project C-82(277) consists of Work Type N&R, replace Bridge No. C008214410 with culvert on a Local road. The estimated cost of the project is \$42,000 (County Funding).

Mr. Syslo moved to accept the Sherman County revision. Mr. Wootton seconded the motion. Members Gerrard, Keegan, Kramer, Syslo, Wacker, Weander, Wootton and Figard voted YES. Members Krager, Litchfield and Tagge were absent. The motion carried.

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The board considered the Nemaha County One- and Six-Year Plan revision adding Work/Project No. C-64(327) to the 2018 One-Year Plan. A copy of the County Resolution No. 2018-30, adopted October 31, 2018, was received on November 2, 2018. No one was present to present the request.

Project C-64(327) consists of Work Type N&R, grade and gravel surfacing on an existing Local road. The estimated cost of the project is \$75,000 (County Funding).

- (1) Mr. Wootton moved to accept the Nemaha County revision. Mr. Wacker seconded the motion.
- (2) Mr. Weander moved to amend the Wootton motion by adding the wording, "contingent upon receipt of a map with the location of the project annotated." Mr. Wacker seconded the motion. Members Gerrard, Keegan, Kramer, Syslo, Wacker, Weander, Wootton and Figard voted YES. Members Litchfield, Krager and Tagge were absent. The motion carried.
- (3) Vote on Mr. Wootton's motion (1), as amended by Mr. Weander's motion (2). Members Gerrard, Keegan, Kramer, Syslo, Wacker, Weander, Wootton and Figard voted YES. Members Litchfield, Krager and Tagge were absent. The motion carried. *(Project location map was received on November 19, 2018.)*

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At 9:16 a.m., the Board heard the NDOT request for a Relaxation for Project No. STP-74-5(114), C.N. 42867, Fillmore/Saline County Line West, on Nebraska Highway 74. *(The hearing was held in an informal format, NDOT having declined the option of a formal hearing.)* The request is for a Relaxation of the 428 NAC 1-001.02G, New and Reconstructed Rural – State Highway System, Horizontal Clear Zone Standard, per letter dated November 5, 2018, received on November 5, 2018. Ms. Winkelmann and Mr. Kessler presented the request. Mr. Owen commented. The hearing concluded at 9:34 a.m. The Board considered the request.

Mr. Wacker moved to grant the NDOT Relaxation Request in view of peculiar, special or unique local situation presented, whereby the application of a specific Minimum Design Standard would work a special hardship. Mr. Gerrard seconded the motion. Members Gerrard, Keegan, Kramer, Syslo, Wacker, Weander, Wootton and Figard voted YES. Members Krager, Litchfield and Tagge were absent. The motion carried with the requisite majority vote.

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At 9:43 a.m., the Board heard the Saunders request for a Relaxation for Project No. C-78(766), on a Local road. *(The hearing was held in an informal format, Saunders County having declined the option of a formal hearing.)* The request is for a Relaxation of the 428 NAC 2-001.03J New and Reconstructed County Road – 50 MPH Design Speed, Crest K Value, Sag K Value, Stopping Sight Distance, and 428 NAC 2-001.03B note 8 first paragraph Standards and for Construction of a Low Water Crossing. Bridge No. C007832665, per letter dated October 17, 2018, received on October 22, 2018.

Mr. Wagner presented the request. The hearing concluded at 9:59 a.m. The Board considered the request.

Ms. Kramer moved to deny without prejudice the Saunders County Relaxation Request. Mr. Wacker seconded the motion. Members Gerrard, Keegan, Kramer, Syslo, Wacker, Weander, Wootton and Figard voted YES. Members Krager, Litchfield and Tagge were absent. The motion carried with the requisite majority vote.

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#### Other business:

- Mr. Strack provided a state and federal Legislative Report.
- Update on the Status of proposed changes to the State Statutes, and rules and regulations for OneAndSix, SSAR, and Construction and Maintenance Standards. A proposed bill has been drafted for the 2019 Legislative session.
- The board considered a schedule of meeting dates for 2019 and a tentative schedule for 2020. The 2020 dates, which will be subject to confirmation late in 2019, are for planning purposes.

Mr. Wootton moved to approve the schedule as presented by staff. Mr. Weander seconded the motion. Members Gerrard, Keegan, Kramer, Syslo, Wacker, Weander, Wootton and Figard voted YES. Members Krager, Litchfield and Tagge were absent. The motion carried. *(See Attachment # 1.)*

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Mr. Schulz reported the following correspondence and general information:

- Board members received a copy of the *2019 Unicameral New Faces*, by the NDOT Communication Division/Government Affairs office.
- Board members received a copy of the November 9, 2018, NDOT news release, *New Highway and Street Superintendents Licensed*.
- Board Members received a copy of the *State of Nebraska 2017 Annual Report Traffic Crash Facts*.
- Board Members received a copy of the NDOT contacts

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There were no comments from the Audience.

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Acknowledgement of Visitors.

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The next regular meeting will be held on January 18, 2019 at 9:00 a.m., in the Nebraska Department of Transportation Central Headquarters Building Auditorium, Room 139A, 1500 Highway 2, Lincoln, Nebraska. *(Note: On January 11, 2019, Chairman Figard cancelled the January 18, 2019 meeting for want of a sufficient agenda. The next meeting will be held on February 15, 2019. On February 8, 2019, Chairman Figard cancelled the February 15, 2019 meeting for want of a sufficient agenda. The next meeting will be held on March 15, 2019.)*

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There being no further agenda items, Chairman Figard adjourned the meeting at 10:20 a.m.

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LeMoyne D. Schulz  
Secretary for the Board  
<https://dot.nebraska.gov/business-center/lpa/boards-liaison/>

**SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS**  
**BOARD OF PUBLIC ROADS CLASSIFICATIONS AND STANDARDS**  
**2019 – 2020**

-- Usually 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of Month --

Upon adoption the 2019 schedule is fixed; 2020 schedule is tentative.

- \* No meeting, unless one becomes necessary, in which case, it will be set no later than the prior meeting
- \*\* Outstate meeting

Friday, January 18, 2019	9:00 a.m.	NDOT Auditorium, Lincoln
Friday, February 15, 2019	9:00 a.m.	NDOT Auditorium, Lincoln
Friday, March 15, 2019	9:00 a.m.	NDOT Auditorium, Lincoln
Friday, April 19, 2019	9:00 a.m.	NDOT Auditorium, Lincoln
Friday, May 17, 2019	9:00 a.m.	NDOT Auditorium, Lincoln
Friday, June 21, 2019	9:00 a.m.	NDOT Auditorium, Lincoln
Friday, July 19, 2019	9:00 a.m.	NDOT Auditorium, Lincoln
*(Friday, August 16, 2019)	(9:00 a.m.)	(NDOT Auditorium, Lincoln)
Friday, September 20, 2019	9:00 a.m.	NDOT Auditorium, Lincoln
**Friday, October 18, 2019	9:00 a.m.	(tba)
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*(Friday, August 21, 2020)	(9:00 a.m.)	(NDOT Auditorium, Lincoln)
Friday, September 18, 2020	9:00 a.m.	NDOT Auditorium, Lincoln
**Friday, October 10, 2020	9:00 a.m.	(tba)
Friday, November 20, 2020	9:00 a.m.	NDOT Auditorium, Lincoln
*(Friday, December 18, 2020)	(9:00 a.m.)	(NDOT Auditorium, Lincoln)

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