

NARD Report – Meeting

Tom Green – Alternate LPSNRD

New officers were elected. There was a contested race for Secretary/Treasurer.

NARD Officers Elected – The voting members of the Nebraska Association of Resources Districts (NARD) Board of Directors elected new officers during their board meeting March 7, 2022. The NARD Board and NARD Risk Pool Board elected Dr. Orval Gigstad from the Nemaha NRD as president, Martin Graff from the Middle Niobrara NRD as vice-president, and Joel Hansen from the Lower Elkhorn NRD as Secretary Treasurer. In addition to the president, vice president, secretary-treasurer and past president, the NARD Board executive committee includes Jim Meisner, Legislative Committee chair representing the Twin Platte NRD, and Jim Johnson, Information and Education Committee chair representing the South Platte NRD.

The other major issue discussed involved the Risk Pool. This is the third year in a row that the pool has lost money. The Risk Pool is not in any danger of running out of money but as there has been a trend of more payments than premiums the Nebraska Department Insurance requires an explanation and corrective action to ensure continuing financial viability. Dean explained that the Risk Pool is not designed to make money so they try to keep premiums and payouts balanced but with the COVID pandemic there has been increased expensive claims. The NARD Risk Pool board took this under advisement and will make recommendations at the next meeting but there seemed to be general support for increasing premiums to cover the increased costs.