

**MEETING MINUTES**  
**MIDDLE NIOBRARA NRD BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
**March 5, 2021**

The Middle Niobrara NRD Board of Directors meeting was advertised in the Ainsworth Star Journal and Valentine Midland News newspapers, MNNRD website, and KBRB, KVSH, & Twister radio stations.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Hammond at 3:05 pm. Hammond noted that the Open Meetings Act Laws were posted as well as the Governors new executive order for virtual board meeting participation. The following persons were present:

Directors:	Present: Leonard Danielski, Marty Graff, Justin Hammond, Cherryl Lovejoy, Tim Nollette, and Greg Wilke
Staff:	Mike Murphy, Zachery Peterson, Tim Storm, Leslie Harvey, Kyle Temple
NRCS:	Absent
Guests:	Jenny Suhr
Absent:	Dean Jochem

**Approve last Month's Minutes**

***Motion by Graff, second by Wilke to approve the February 8, 2021 Board of Director's meeting minutes as presented. Roll Call: Aye - Graff, Hammond, Nollette, Wilke. Nay - None. Abstain — Danielski, Lovejoy. Absent —Jochem. Motion carried.***

**Treasurer's Report**

Lovejoy reported the balances for general ledger, STFIT general and sinking funds, CD's, manager's account, and checks to be approved.

Murphy went over checks to be approved.

***Motion by Lovejoy, second by Graff to approve the March 5, 2021 Treasurer's Report. Roll Call: Aye - Graff, Hammond, Lovejoy, Nollette, Wilke, Danielski. Nay - None. Abstain — None. Absent - Jochem. Motion carried.***

**Directors' Forum**

No reports.

## **Agency Reports:**

### ***Extension Office***

T.L. Meyers attended the NRCS Local Workgroup meeting in Valentine.

Hannah Greenwell attended the NRCS Local Workgroup meeting in Ainsworth.

### ***Niobrara Council***

Murphy reviewed the agenda and minutes from the previous meetings that were included in the director's packet.

### ***NRCS***

Lousias report was included in the director packets.

#### ***Local Workgroup***

Meetings were held in Valentine on February 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm at the MNNRD office, and in Ainsworth on February 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm at the Community Building. There was limited public attendance at both meetings.

### ***NARD***

Proposed budget was included in the director packets as well as reports from Dustin Wilcox, Megan Grimes and Jennifer Swanson.

#### ***NARD Alternate***

Directors decided not to appoint an alternate at this time.

### ***NRC***

No report

## **Executive Committee Meeting**

***No meeting***

## **Water Program's Committee Meeting**

### ***SINREC MOU***

***Motion by Graff, second by Wilke to sign the Cooperative Agreement with Conservation Survey Division to amend the current agreement. Roll Call: Aye — Hammond, Lovejoy, Nollette, Wilke, Danielski, Graff. Nay - None. Abstain — None. Absent - Jochem. Motion carried.***

### ***Groundwater Management Plan Rules***

The committee has been going over rules and is working on updating the Groundwater Management Plan.

## **Natural Resources Committee Meeting**

### ***Local Workgroup Recommendations***

*Motion by Hammond, second by Lovejoy to add Long Pine Creek Watershed and Forest Stand Improvement to the NE EQIP Local NRD (MNNRD) Category Questions. Also, to initiate conversation with area conservationist(s), local DC and RC to further develop local EQIP priorities, questions, and rankings to help merge the 2 field office local work group questions for EQIP. Roll Call: Aye - Hammond, Lovejoy, Nollette, Wilke, Danielski, Graff. Nay - None. Abstain — None. Absent - Jochem. Motion carried.*

#### **Administrative Assistant Report**

Harvey reviewed her report that was included in the director packets.

#### **Technician Reports**

Temple reviewed his report that was included in the director packets.

Murphy reviewed the other Technician reports that were included in the director packets.

#### **Watershed Coordinator Report**

Murphy reviewed Schmidt's report that was included in the director packets.

#### **Natural Resources Supervisor's Report**

Temple reported on the tree program.

#### **Water Supervisor's Report**

Storm reviewed his report that was included in the director packets.

#### **Assistant/Office Manager Report**

Peterson reviewed his report that was included in the director packets.

#### **Manager's Report**

Murphy reviewed his report that was included in the director packets.

#### **Excused Absence**

*Motion by Graff, second by Wilke to approve absence of Jochem. Roll Call: Aye — Lovejoy, Nollette, Wilke, Danielski, Graff, Hammond. Nay - None. Abstain — None. Absent - Jochem. Motion carried.*

#### **Public Comment**

No Comment

#### **Announcements**

Danielski thanked everybody for their kindness at the passing of his Dad.

Murphy reported that Johnsons are home, and all are doing well.

*Motion by Hammond, second by Lovejoy to adjourn the meeting at 4:57 pm. Roll Call: Aye — Nollette, Wilke, Danielski, Graff, Hammond, Lovejoy. Nay - None. Abstain — None. Absent - Jochem. Motion carried.*

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Cherryl Lovejoy Secretary/Treasurer

Date