

MEETING MINUTES
MIDDLE NIOBRARA NRD BOARD OF DIRECTORS
July 12th, 2022

The Middle Niobrara NRD Board of Directors meeting was advertised in the Valentine Midland News, Ainsworth Star Journal, Rock County Ledger, Springview Herald, & Sheridan County Journal Star.

The meeting was called to order by Board Chairman Nollette at 3:04 pm. Nollette noted that the Open Meetings Act Laws were posted. The following persons were present:

Directors: Present: Justin Hammond, Leonard Danielski, Marty Graff,
Tim Nollette
Staff: Mike Murphy, Kyle Temple, Chandler Schmidt, Rick Joseph
NRCS: Christine Lousias
UNL Ext: No Representative
Guests: Jenny Suhr
Absent: Dean Jochem, Greg Wilke, Cherryl Lovejoy

Approve last Month's Minutes

Motion by Graff second by Hammond to approve the June 13th, 2022 Board of Director's meeting minutes. Roll Call: Aye — Danielski, Graff, Hammond, & Nollette. Nay - None. Abstain — None. Absent — Jochem, Wilke & Lovejoy. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

Murphy 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.

Pinnacle Back CD #7785 up for renewal.

Motion by Graff second by Danielski to approve the July 12th, 2022, Treasurer's Report. Roll Call: Aye — Danielski, Graff, Hammond, & Nollette. Nay - None. Abstain — None. Absent — Jochem, Wilke & Lovejoy. Motion carried.

Motion by Graff second by Danielski to move CD#7785 from Pinnacle Bank in O'Neill to Union Bank & Trust in Valentine for 6 months. Roll Call: Aye — Danielski, Graff & Nollette. Nay - None. Abstain — Hammond. Absent — Jochem, Wilke & Lovejoy. Motion carried.

Motion by Graff second by Danielski to pay off the balance due on the Mortgage with Pinnacle Back in O'Neill. Roll Call: Aye — Danielski, Graff, Hammond, & Nollette. Nay - None. Abstain — None. Absent — Jochem, Wilke & Lovejoy. Motion carried.

Directors' Forum

Nothing new to report

Agency Reports:

Extension Office

No report given.

Niobrara Council

Murphy gave a quick update. Niobrara Council lacked a quorum for last month's meeting. Next scheduled meeting is July 28

NRCS

Lousias reviewed her report included in the director's packet.

NARD

Graff and Murphy attended the NRD 50th Anniversary Proclamation signing by Governor Pete Ricketts. Benefits meeting on July 29th.

NRC

Nothing new to report

Executive Committee Meeting

Murphy gave an update on finalizing last fiscal years budget and planning for new fiscal year budget. Murphy acknowledged the NRD 50th Anniversary. Nollette read the Middle Niobrara Resolution 2022-1 NRD 50th Anniversary.

Motion by Graff second by Hammond to adopt Middle Niobrara NRD Resolution 2022-1. Roll Call: Aye — Nollette, Graff, Hammond & Danielski. Nay - None. Abstain — None. Absent — Jochem, Wilke & Lovejoy. Motion carried.

Natural Resources Committee

Nothing new to report.

Water Committee Meeting

Discussion was held on a Variance Request to exchange surface water rights to ground water rights.

Motion by Graff second by Danielski to grant a variance request from CSS Farms to exchange surface water rights to ground water rights. Roll Call: Aye — Nollette, Graff, Hammond & Danielski. Nay - None. Abstain — None. Absent — Jochem, Wilke & Lovejoy. Motion carried.

Murphy gave an update on new irrigated acres time frame and application process.

Murphy discussed the State Nitrogen Dashboard.

Administrative Assistant Report

Joseph reviewed his report included in the director's packet.

Technician Reports

Temple, Puncochar and Battershaw's reports were reviewed that were included in the director's packet.

Watershed Coordinator Report

Schmidt reviewed his report included in the director's packet.

Manager's Report

Murphy provided an overview of his report that was included in the director's packet.

Public Comment

No public comment.

Announcements

Nothing new to report.

Excused Absence

Motion by Graff second by Nollette to approve Jochem, Wilke & Lovejoy's excused absence from the July 12th, 2022 Board Meeting. Roll Call: Aye — Nollette, Graff, Hammond, Danielski. Nay - None. Abstain — None. Absent — Jochem, Wilke & Lovejoy. Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn meeting at 4:40. Approved by roll call vote.

Justin Hammond

8/9/22

Cherryl Lovejoy Secretary/Treasurer

Date

ACRONYM KEY

ACEP	Agricultural Conservation Easement Program
CC	Cherry County
CSP	Conservation Stewardship Program
EQIP	Environmental Quality Incentives Program
EWP	Emergency Watershed Protection Program
LPCW	Long Pine Creek Watershed
LWG	Local Work Group
MNNRD	Middle Niobrara Natural Resources District
NACD	National Association of Conservation Districts
NARD	Nebraska Association of Resources Districts
NDEE	Nebraska Department of Environment and Energy
NDNR	Nebraska Department of Natural Resources
NET	Nebraska Environmental Trust
NFS	Nebraska Forest Service
NGPC	Nebraska Game and Parks Commission
NRC	Natural Resource Commission
NRCS	Natural Resources Conservation Service
NSWCP	Nebraska Soil and Water Conservation Program
NWRA	National Water Resources Association
NSIA	Nebraska State Irrigation Association
PF	Pheasants Forever
PIFR	Preliminary Investigation Feasibility Report
PIP	Project Implementation Plan
Plan-EA	Plan — Environmental Assessment
SINREC	Sandhills Interactive Natural Resource Educational Complex
STF	Sandhills Task Force
UNL Ext	University of Nebraska-Lincoln Extension
USACE	U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
USFS	U.S. Forest Service
USFWS	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
WFPO	Watershed & Flood Preventions Operations Program
WQMP	Water Quality Management Plan
WRP	Wetlands Reserve Program
WSF	Water Sustainability Fund