

**Budget Hearing was opened at 2:30 pm by Board Chairman Nollette
Closed Budget Hearing at 3:00 p.m. by Board Chairman Nollette.**

**MEETING MINUTES
MIDDLE NIOBRARA NRD BOARD OF DIRECTORS
September 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 3:02 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, Greg Wilke, Cherryl Lovejoy
Staff: Mike Murphy, Kyle Temple, Chandler Schmidt, Kaleb Puncochar, James Battershaw, Rick
Joseph
NRCS: Christine Lousias
UNL Ext: No Representative
Guests: Bob Meyer, Jenny Suhr, Marla Shelbourn
Absent: Dean Jochem

Approve last Month's Minutes

Motion by Graff second by Lovejoy to approve the August 8th, 2022 Board of Director's meeting minutes. Roll Call: Aye — Danielski, Graff, Hammond, Wilke, & Nollette. Nay - None. Abstain — Lovejoy. Absent — Jochem. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

Lovejoy reported the balances for general ledger, NPAIT 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 Hammond to approve the September 12th, 2022, Treasurer's Report. Roll Call: Aye — Danielski, Graff, Hammond, Wilke, Lovejoy & Nollette. Nay - None. Abstain — None. Absent — Jochem. Motion carried.

Directors' Forum

Nothing new to report.

Agency Reports:

Extension Office

No report given.

Niobrara Council

Murphy gave an update. Next scheduled meeting is on October 20, 2022 at 1:30 pm.

NRCS

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

NARD

Graff gave an update on the NARD Fall Conference in Kearney, NE on September 25th – 27th. Murphy stated that Nollette would be unable to attend the Fall Conference and that a new voting alternate needs to be nominated.

Motion by Graff second by Danielski to nominate Cheryl Lovejoy as the Alternate Voting Delegate for the NARD Fall Conference in Kearney, Nebraska. Roll Call: Aye – Danielski, Graff, Hammond, Wilke, Lovejoy & Nollette. Nay - None. Abstain – None. Absent – Jochem. Motion carried.

Murphy gave an update on NARD resolution 2022-1 and the need for the board to either be for or against NARD resolution 2022-1 for the vote at the upcoming Fall Conference in Kearney.

Motion by Nollette second by Graff stating Middle Niobrara NRD is NOT in Support of NARD Resolution 2022-1. Roll Call: Aye – Danielski, Graff, Hammond, Lovejoy & Nollette. Nay - None. Abstain – Wilke. Absent – Jochem. Motion carried.

Murphy gave an update on Scantron Cards for scoring Land and Range Judging discussed at the Manager's Meeting.

NRC

Murphy talked about the changes in NSWCP Windbreak Renovation Cap. Murphy discussed a need for increasing NSWCP dollars and the process to change it.

2022 – 2023 Budget

Motion by Graff second by Lovejoy to approve Additional 1% Restricted Funds. Roll Call: Aye – Danielski, Graff, Hammond, Lovejoy, Wilke & Nollette. Nay - None. Abstain – None. Absent – Jochem. Motion carried.

Murphy provided information on the Middle Niobrara NRD Resolution 1-2022 for setting Property Tax Request.

Motion by Lovejoy second by Graff to adopt Resolution 1-2022 to set the Property Tax Request as presented. Roll Call: Aye – Danielski, Graff, Hammond, Lovejoy, Wilke & Nollette. Nay - None. Abstain – None. Absent – Jochem. Motion carried.

FY 21-22 Audit – Bob Meyer

Bob Meyer, RJ Meyers, provided an overview of the 2021-2022 MNNRD Audit Report. Murphy asked about depreciation.

Motion by Graff second by Lovejoy to approve the 2021-2022 MNNRD Audit Report. Roll Call: Aye – Nollette, Graff, Hammond, Wilke, Lovejoy & Danielski. Nay - None. Abstain – None. Absent – Jochem. Motion carried.

Natural Resources Committee

Murphy gave an update on NSWCP Allocations.

Motion by Hammond second by Lovejoy to Reallocate the remaining NSWCP Funds to Current & NC-14 applications on file. Roll Call: Aye – Nollette, Graff, Hammond, Wilke, Lovejoy & Danielski. Nay - None. Abstain – None. Absent – Jochem. Motion carried.

Murphy gave an update of the Green Project Reserve for the parking lot. Murphy stated the MNNRD Master Plan has been updated.

Motion by Hammond second by Lovejoy to Approve the MNNRD Master Plan. Roll Call: Aye – Nollette, Graff, Hammond, Wilke, Lovejoy & Danielski. Nay - None. Abstain – None. Absent – Jochem. Motion carried.

Murphy discussed the WFPO Tier 2 Programmatic Agreement.

Motion by Hammond second by Graff to Sign the Programmatic Agreement for Bone Creek and Longpine Creek Watersheds. Roll Call: Aye – Nollette, Graff, Hammond, Wilke, Lovejoy & Danielski. Nay - None. Abstain – None. Absent – Jochem. Motion carried.

Water Committee

Murphy stated that on September 1st, 2022 a public hearing was held for changes to the VIMP.

Motion by Graff second by Wilke to Adopt Amended VIMP as presented at the Public Hearing held on September 1st, 2022. Roll Call: Aye – Nollette, Graff, Hammond, Wilke, Lovejoy & Danielski. Nay - None. Abstain – None. Absent – Jochem. Motion carried.

Murphy gave an update on New Irrigated Acre Applications. Thirty-one applications received. Applications will be reviewed by committee before the October Board Meeting.

Administrative Assistant Report

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

Technician Reports

Battershaw, Puncochar and Temple'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 thanked the staff for their hard work. Murphy provided an overview of his report that was included in the director's packet. Murphy stated the October 10th Board Meeting falls on the Columbus Day Holiday.

Motion by Hammond second by Lovejoy to move the October Board Meeting to Tuesday October 11th. Roll Call: Aye – Nollette, Graff, Hammond, Danielski, Wilke & Lovejoy. Nay - None. Abstain – None. Absent – Jochem. Motion carried.

Excused Absence

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

Public Comment

No public comment.

Announcements

Nothing new to report.

Motion to adjourn meeting at 4:36 Approved by roll call vote.

Cherryl Lovejoy
Cherryl Lovejoy Secretary/Treasurer

10/11/2022
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