

MEETING MINUTES
MIDDLE NIOBRARA NRD BOARD OF DIRECTORS
October 11th, 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 3:01 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: Callie Kreutner

UNL Ext: No Representative

Guests: Jenny Suhr, Marla Shelbourn, Jessie Dillon, Jill Kerner, Elaine Gamblin

Absent: Dean Jochem

Approve last Month's Minutes

Motion by Graff second by Danielski to approve the September 12th, 2022 Board of Director's meeting minutes. Roll Call: Aye — Danielski, Graff, Hammond, Wilke, Lovejoy & Nollette. Nay - None. Abstain -- None. 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 October 11th, 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. No September meeting. Next scheduled meeting is on October 20, 2022 at 1:30 pm.

NRCS

Kreutner reviewed Lousias report included in the director's packet. Kreutner discussed a Civil Rights Responsibilities Memorandum Agreement that needs to be signed. Graff asked that it be added to November's agenda.

NARD

Graff gave an update on the NARD Fall Conference in Kearney, NE. NARD Resolution 2022-1 was voted against. Graff gave an update on Bylaw Revisions Approved by NARD Board. Executive Travel is continuing the tree program. Legislative Conference January 24-25, 2023 and Washington DC Conference March 18-22, 2023.

Motion by Graff second by Hammond to approve NARD Bylaw Revisions. Roll Call: Aye — Danielski, Graff, Hammond, Wilke, Lovejoy & Nollette. Nay - None. Abstain — None. Absent — Jochem. Motion carried.

NRC

Scoring committee meeting will be on Wednesday October 12th and Full Commission meeting on Wednesday October 19th.

Natural Resources Committee

Murphy said the agreement from NDEE for the Green Project Reserve was finalized.

Motion by Lovejoy second by Hammond to approve MNNRD Stormwater Improvement Project, NDEE Reference #2022-1231755363. Roll Call: Aye — Nollette, Graff, Hammond, Wilke, Lovejoy & Danielski. Nay - None. Abstain — None. Absent — Jochem. Motion carried.

Murphy stated that an individual asked if we would house a Helium Hub at the MNNRD office. Board turned it down at this time.

Water Committee

Murphy gave a quick update on New Irrigated Acre Applications.

Motion by Graff second by Lovejoy to Approve 28 Applications for 2,999 New Irrigated Acres. Roll Call: Aye — Nollette, Graff, Hammond & Lovejoy. Nay - None. Abstain — Wilke & Danielski. Absent — Jochem. Motion carried.

Administrative Assistant Report

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

Technician Reports

Battershaw, Puncocar 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 those who attended the Fall Conference. Murphy provided an overview of his report that was included in the director's packet.

Excused Absence

Motion by Graff second by Hammond to approve Jochem's excused absence from the October 11th, 2022 Board Meeting. Roll Call: Aye — Nollette, Graff, Hammond, Danielski, Wilke & Lovejoy. Nay - None. Abstain — None. Absent — Jochem. Motion carried.

Public Comment

Jessie Dillon from FYRA Engineering introduced herself to the Board.

Announcements

Nothing new to report.

Motion to adjourn meeting at 3:51 Approved by roll call vote.

Cherryl Lovejoy _____ 11/14/22 _____
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

