

MEETING MINUTES
MIDDLE NIOBRARA NRD BOARD OF DIRECTORS
January 9th, 2023

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, Mark Monroe
Tim Nollette, Greg Wilke, Stephanie DeNaeyer, Marty Graff
Staff: Mike Murphy, Kyle Temple, James Battershaw, Rick Joseph, Chandler Schmidt
NRCS: Christine Lousias
UNL Ext: Ryan Benjamin
NDNR: Kent Zimmerman
Guests: Jenny Suhr, Marla Shelbourn
Absent:

Approve last Month's Minutes

Motion by Graff second by Hammond to approve the December 12th, 2022 Board of Director's meeting minutes. Roll Call: Aye — Hammond, Danielski, Graff, Nollette, Wilke, DeNaeyer & Monroe. Nay - None. Abstain — None. Absent — None. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

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

Directors' Forum

Nothing new to report

Agency Reports:

Extension Office

Benjamin gave an update. December pesticide training canceled. Unit cost of production workshop scheduled for February 2023.

Niobrara Council

Murphy gave an update. December 2022 meeting canceled. Next meeting scheduled for the 3rd week of January 2023.

NRCS

Lousias gave an update on her report that was including in the director's packet.

NARD

Graff gave an update. Murphy gave an update on the Legislative Conference. Murphy gave an update on the Washington DC Conference.

NRC

Wilke stated that there was nothing new to report.

Water Committee

Discussions held on Water Quality Cost Share Application.

Motion by Graff second by Wilke to Approve the Water Quality Cost Share application. Roll Call: Aye — Nollette, Wilke, Graff, Danielski, Hammond, DeNaeyer & Monroe. Nay - None. Abstain — None. Absent — None. Motion carried.

Motion by Wilke second by Danielski to authorize NRBA Representative Marty Graff to give support for the Spencer Water Rights Bill of Sale. Roll Call: Aye — Nollette, Wilke, Graff, Danielski, Hammond, DeNaeyer & Monroe. Nay - None. Abstain — None. Absent — None. Motion carried.

Administrative Assistant Report

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

Technician Reports

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

Watershed Coordinator Report

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

Manager's Report

Murphy provided an overview of his report. Murphy gave a Legislative update.

Excused Absence

No Absences

Public Comment

No comment.

Announcements

Murphy welcomed new board members, Stephanie DeNaeyer and Mark Monroe.

Election of Board Officers & Representatives

Motion by Danielski second by DeNaeyer to elect Graff Chair, Wilke Vice Chair, Hammond Secretary / Treasurer, NARD Representative Graff, Niobrara Council Representative Murphy, Niobrara River Basin Alliance Representative Graff & Hammond. Roll Call: Aye – Nollette, Wilke, Graff, Danielski, Hammond, DeNaeyer & Monroe. Nay - None. Abstain – None. Absent – None. Motion carried.

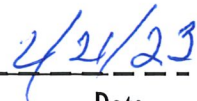
Discussion was held on Committee Assignments. Chairman Nollette appointments to Executive Committee: Graff, Wilke & Hammond. Water Committee: Graff, Danielski & Wilke. Natural Resources Committee: Nollette, DeNaeyer & Monroe.

Motion to adjourn meeting at 4:25 Approved by roll call vote.



Justin Hammond

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