

MEETING MINUTES
MIDDLE NIOBRARA NRD BOARD OF DIRECTORS
March 13th, 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 Graff at 3:07 pm. Graff 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
Guests: Jenny Suhr, Marla Shelbourn
Absent:

Public Comment

No comment.

Approve last Month's Minutes

Motion by Danielski second by Nollette to approve the February 13th, 2023 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

Hammond 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 Monroe second by Hammond to approve the March 13th, 2023, Treasurer's Report. Roll Call: Aye — Hammond, Danielski, Graff, Nollette, Wilke, DeNaeyer & Monroe. Nay - None. Abstain — None. Absent — None. Motion carried.

Directors' Forum

Hammond mentioned that Seth Colburn talked to him about roof repairs to the building rented to 3S Manufacturing. Graff stated he was approached by the Rural Fire Board about the possibility of setting up a network of dedicated water wells for filling up fire fighting tankers and engines.

Agency Reports:

Extension Office

Benjamin reported on upcoming Pesticide and Chemigation Trainings on April 17th, 2023. There will be a prescribed fire workshop at Fawn Lake Ranch on March 30th, 2023 at 9:00 MDT. Benjamin attended a Rangeland Conference in Boise in February 2023.

Niobrara Council

Murphy gave an update from February 16th, 2023 meeting.

NRCS

Lousias gave an update on her report that was included in the director's packet. Murphy attended the State Technical Meeting.

NARD

Graff gave an update from the Board of Directors meeting. Discussion on nitrogen data implementation with Longitude 103. New chair positions were elected. NARD Award Applications due in by May 1st. Murphy testified on LB656.

NRC

Wilke stated that there was nothing new to report.

Water Committee

Discussions held on well permits and applications. MNNRD yearly VIMP Meeting will be held in April. Discussions held on rules & regulations.

Natural Resources Committee

Discussions held on LPCW grant from Environmental Trust.

Motion by Monroe second by DeNaeyer to approve Phase V NET Grant. Roll Call: Aye — Nollette, Wilke, Graff, Hammond, Danielski, DeNaeyer & Monroe. Nay - None. Abstain — None. Absent — None. Motion carried.

Discussion held on the Mill Pond Dam Classification.

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 stated the NRBA voted to move forward with The Spencer Water Rights purchase. Murphy stated the date of the June Board Meeting will need to be changed.

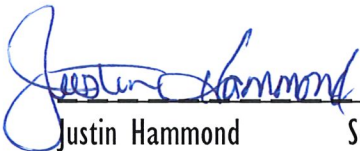
Excused Absence

No Absences

Announcements

No announcements

Motion to adjourn meeting at 4:28 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