

MEETING MINUTES
MIDDLE NIOBRARA NRD BOARD OF DIRECTORS
June 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 Graff at 3:00 pm. Graff noted that the Open Meetings Act Laws were posted. The following persons were present:

Directors: Present: Justin Hammond, Leonard Danielski,
Tim Nollette, Greg Wilke, Stephanie DeNaeyer, Marty Graff, Mark Monroe
Staff: Mike Murphy, Kyle Temple, Rick Joseph, James Battershaw, Chandler Schmidt
NRCS:
UNL Ext:
Houston Eng: Jessie Dillion
Guests: Jenny Suhr, Marla Shelbourn
Absent:

Public Comment

Shelbourn commented on the unsigned letter submitted for the TK Angus hearing on June 6th.

Approve last Month's Minutes

Motion by Danielski second by Monroe to approve the May 8th, 2023 Board of Director's meeting minutes. Roll Call: Aye — Hammond, Danielski, Graff, Nollette, Wilke, Monroe & DeNaeyer. 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. Graff commented on the Sand Draw Projects. Murphy thanked Houston Engineering.

Motion by Hammond second by Monroe to approve the June 9th, 2023, Treasurer's Report. Roll Call: Aye — Hammond, Danielski, Graff, Nollette, Monroe & DeNaeyer. Nay - None. Abstain — None. Absent — None. Motion carried. Wilke stepped out at 3:05.

Directors' Forum:

Nothing new to report.

Agency Reports:

Extension Office

No report given.

Niobrara Council

Murphy reported that the next meeting will be June 15th, 2023.

NRCS

Murphy updated Lousias report that was included in the director's packet.

NARD

Murphy gave an update on the Managers Meeting he attended.

NRC

Nothing new to report. Next meeting is July 19, 2023.

Water Committee Meeting

Discussions held on Groundwater Management Reports. Discussion on soil moisture probes and motherboard updates. Discussions held on Rules and Regulations on irrigated acres and high capacity wells.

Motion by Danielski second by Graff to allow up to 3000 new irrigated acres. Roll Call: Aye —Hammond, Danielski, Graff, & Monroe. Nay - DeNaeyer. Abstain — Nollette. Absent — Wilke.

Discussions held on Date Management with Longitude 103.

Motion by Graff second by Monroe to approve \$5000.00 contribution this fiscal year and contribution into future 2023/2024 budget for data management collection. Roll Call: Aye —Hammond, Danielski, Graff, Nollette, Monroe & DeNaeyer. Nay - None. Abstain — None. Absent — Wilke. Motion carried.

Administrative Assistant Report

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

Technician Reports

Battershaw reviewed his report that was included in the director's packet. Temple reviewed his report that was included in the director's packet. Temple gave a 2023 spring static water level presentation.

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 thanked the staff for their efforts. Murphy gave an update on the Brewer Bridge projects.

Excused Absence

No excused absence

Announcements

No announcements

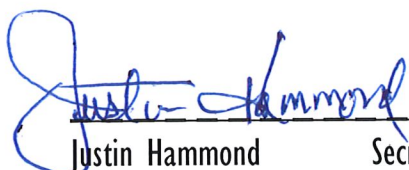
Motion by Graff second by DeNaeyer to move into Executive Session to discuss personnel/wages. Roll Call: Aye — Hammond, Danielski, Graff, Nollette, Monroe, & DeNaeyer. Nay - None. Abstain — None. Absent — Wilke. Motion carried.

Motion by Hammond second by Monroe to exit Executive Session. Roll Call: Aye —Hammond, Danielski, Graff, Nollette, Monroe, & DeNaeyer. Nay - None. Abstain — None. Absent — Wilke. Motion carried.

Motion by Hammond second by Monroe to buy down comp time in 40 hour blocks. Roll Call: Aye —Hammond, Danielski, Graff, Nollette, Monroe, & DeNaeyer. Nay - None. Abstain — None. Absent — Wilke. Motion carried.

Motion by Graff second by Monroe to approve salary as set by the board. Roll Call: Aye —Hammond, Danielski, Graff, Nollette, Monroe, & DeNaeyer. Nay - None. Abstain — None. Absent — Wilke. Motion carried.

Motion by Graff second by Monroe to adjourn meeting. Roll Call: Aye —Hammond, Danielski, Graff, Nollette, Monroe, & DeNaeyer. Nay - None. Abstain — None. Absent — Wilke. Motion carried.



Justin Hammond Secretary/Treasurer

7/10/23
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