MEETING MINUTES MIDDLE NIOBRARA NRD BOARD OF DIRECTORS May 8th, 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 3:03 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

Staff:

Mike Murphy, Kyle Temple, Rick Joseph

NRCS:

Christine Lousias

UNL Ext:

Guests:

Jenny Suhr

Absent:

Monroe

Public Comment

No comment.

Approve last Month's Minutes

Motion by Hammond second by DeNaeyer to approve the April 10th, 2023 Board of Director's meeting minutes. Roll Call: Aye — Hammond, Danielski, Graff, Nollette, Wilke, & DeNaeyer. Nay - None. Abstain — None. Absent — Monroe. 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 Danielski second by Nollette to approve the May 8th, 2023, Treasurer's Report. Roll Call: Aye — Hammond, Danielski, Graff, Nollette, Wilke, & DeNaeyer. Nay - None. Abstain — None. Absent — Monroe. Motion carried.

Directors' Forum:

Nothing new to report.

Agency Reports:

Extension Office

No Report Given this month.

Niobrara Council

Murphy gave an update that was included in the director's packet.

NRCS

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

NARD

Murphy gave an update on the benefits meeting he attended.

NRC

Nothing new to report.

Water Committee Meeting

Discussions held on water quality data collection for new new irrigated acre applications. Temple will have a static water level presentation at the June Board Meeting.

Administrative Assistant Report

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

Technician Reports

Murphy reviewed Battershaw's reports that was included in the director's packet. Temple reviewed his report that was included in the director's packet.

Watershed Coordinator Report

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

Manager's Report

Murphy provided an overview of his report. Staff haved been busy with Tree Planting, Tilling, and Renting out equipment. Murphy discussed moving the June Board Meeting.

Motion by Graff second by Hammond to move the June Board Meeting to Friday June 9th. Roll Call: Aye — Hammond, Danielski, Graff, Nollette, Wilke, & DeNaeyer. Nay - None. Abstain — None. Absent — Monroe. Motion carried.

Excused Absence

Motion by Graff second by Wilke to approve Excused Absence for Mark Monroe. Motion approved by Roll Call Vote.

Announcements

No announcements

Motion to adjourn meeting at 3:43 Approved by roll call vote.

Justin Hammond

Secretary/Treasurer

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
WFP0	Watershed & Flood Preventions Operations Program
WQMP	Water Quality Management Plan
WRP	Wetlands Reserve Program
WSF	Water Sustainability Fund