

**MEETING MINUTES**  
**MIDDLE NIOBRARA NRD BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
**July 10th, 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: Christine Lousias  
UNL Ext:  
Cherry Co Commissioner: Nina Nelson  
Houston Eng: Jessie Dillion  
Guests: Jenny Suhr, Marla Shelbourn  
Absent:

**Public Comment**

No public comment.

**Approve last Month's Minutes**

*Motion by Danielski second by Monroe to approve the June 9th, 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.

*Motion by Hammond second by Nollette to approve the July 10th, 2023, Treasurer's Report. Roll Call: Aye — Hammond, Danielski, Wilke, Graff, Nollette, Monroe & DeNaeyer. Nay - None. Abstain — None. Absent — None. Motion carried.*

### **Directors' Forum:**

Marty gave an update on a conversation with Lance Philben.

### **Agency Reports:**

#### ***Extension Office***

No report given.

#### ***Niobrara Council***

Murphy reported that the next meeting will be August 17, 2023.

#### ***NRCS***

Lousias gave an update on her report that was included in the director's packet. Murphy asked about fence repair from snow damage.

#### ***NARD***

Marty gave an update on the NARD awards. Graff reported that the NARD Risk Pool will not be raising rates. Graff reported that Executive Travel will continue to provide funding to the NARD Tree Program to offset Carbon emissions. Graff reported that 598,000 trees were processed through the association. Next benefits meeting will July 31<sup>st</sup>.

#### ***NRC***

Nothing new to report. Next meeting will be July 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

### **Water Committee Meeting**

Discussions held on Groundwater Management Reports. Discussion held on ranking criteria for new irrigated acre applications. Draft ranking criteria handed out for Board of Directors to look over and comment on.

### **Executive Committee Meeting**

Discussions held on FY22/23 budget. Discussion held on TA NACD 2023 Board of Directors — Succession Plan/Statement.

***Motion by Hammond second by Graff to approve the TA NACD 2023 Board of Directors — Succession Plan/Statement.. Roll Call: Aye — Hammond, Danielski, Wilke, Graff, Nollette, Monroe & DeNaeyer. 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 reviewed his report that was included in the director's packet. Temple reviewed his report that was 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 Brewer Bridge Landing update. Murphy introduced Cherry Co Commissioner Nina Nelson.


**Excused Absence**

No excused absence

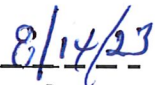
**Announcements**

No announcements

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

  
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