

MEETING MINUTES
MIDDLE NIOBRARA NRD BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Aug 14h, 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 3:10 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
NRCS: Christine Lousias
UNL Ext:
Guests: Marla Shelbourn
Absent:

Public Comment

Marla Shelbourn mentioned the Cherry County Zoning and comprehensive plan and encouraged the Directors to read and review the permanent conservation easement language.

Approve last Month's Minutes

Motion by Monroe second by DeNaeyer to approve the July 10th, 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. Discussion on CD's up for renewal and getting bids for September meeting.

Hammond went over checks to be approved.

Motion by Hammond second by Nollette to approve the August 14th, 2023, Treasurer's Report.. Roll Call: Aye — Hammond, Danielski, Wilke, Graff, Nollette, Monroe & DeNaeyer. Nay - None. Abstain — None. Absent — None. Motion carried.

Directors' Forum:

Nothing new to report.

Agency Reports:

Extension Office

Murphy gave a quick update on the upcoming open house at Gudmundsen Laboratory August 23rd.

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 the Conservation Practitioner Workshop and NRCS Irrigation efficiency training meeting.

NARD

Marty gave an update on the Benefits Meeting. Fall Conference is September 24-26 in Kearney, NE. Murphy mentioned that a voting delegate and alternate needs to be selected.

Motion by Danielski second by Hammond to select Marty Graff as Voting Delegate with Tim Nollette as the Alternate Voting Delegate. Roll Call: Aye –Hammond, Danielski, Wilke, Graff, Nollette, Monroe & DeNaeyer. Nay - None. Abstain – None. Absent – None. Motion carried.

NRC

Nothing new to report.

Water Committee Meeting

Discussions held on an Irrigation violation. A notice of intent was sent. Update on new irrigated acres rules and regulations. Update on compliance from 2022 new irrigated acres. Discussions held on a Chemigation violation. Notice of intent sent out. Emergency permits issued and inspections made. Discussions held on the Ground Water Index with Longitude 103 and DNR models. Discussions held on AID Stakeholders Meeting.

Executive Committee Meeting

Discussions held on FY23/24 Draft Budget. Discussions held on the Emergency Action Plan on the Valentine Mill Pond Dam. Discussions held on the meeting with Steve Granger.

Motion by Wilke second by Hammond to approve the Valentine Mill Pond Emergency Action Plan. 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

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

Manager's Report

Murphy provided an overview of his report. Murphy gave an update on the audit.

Excused Absence

No excused absence

Announcements

No announcements

Motion by Graff second by Hammond to move into Executive Session for Contract Discussions. Approved by Roll Call Vote. All Ayes. 3:57p.m.

Motion by Monroe second by DeNaeyer to move out of Executive Session. Wilke stepped out. Roll Call: Aye — Hammond, Danielski, Graff, Nollette, Monroe, & DeNaeyer. Nay - None. Abstain — None. Absent — Wilke. Motion carried. 5:16p.m.

Motion by Monroe second by DeNaeyer to adjourn meeting. Roll Call: Aye — Hammond, Danielski, Graff, Nollette, Monroe, & DeNaeyer. Nay - None. Abstain — None. Absent — Wilke. Motion carried. 5:17p.m.

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Secretary/Treasurer

9/11/23
Date