

**Budget Hearing was opened at 2:30 pm by Board Chairman Graff.  
Closed Budget Hearing at 2:58 p.m. by Board Chairman Graff.**

**MEETING MINUTES  
MIDDLE NIOBRARA NRD BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
September 11th, 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 2:59 pm. Graff noted that the Open Meetings Act Laws were posted. The following persons were present:

Directors: Present: Justin Hammond, Leonard Danielski, Marty Graff,  
Tim Nollette, Mark Monroe, Stephanie DeNaeyer  
Staff: Mike Murphy, Kyle Temple, Chandler Schmidt, James Battershaw, Rick Joseph  
NRCS: Christine Lousias  
UNL Ext: No Representative  
Guests: Jenny Suhr  
Absent: Greg Wilke

**Public Comment**

No public comment.

**Approve last Month's Minutes**

***Motion by Danielski second by Nollette to approve the August 14th, 2023 Board of Director's meeting minutes.  
Roll Call: Aye — Danielski, Graff, Hammond, Monroe, DeNaeyer & Nollette. Nay - None. Abstain — None. Absent — Wilke. 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 Monroe to approve the September 11th, 2023, Treasurer's Report. Roll Call: Aye — Danielski, Graff, Hammond, Monroe, DeNaeyer, & Nollette. Nay - None. Abstain — None. Absent — Wilke. Motion carried.***

Discussion held on Union Bank & Trust CD's.

*Motion by Graff second by Monroe to roll UBT CD's to 9 month CD with Pinnacle Bank. Roll Call: Aye — Danielski, Graff, Monroe, DeNaeyer, & Nollette. Nay - None. Abstain — Hammond. Absent — Wilke. Motion carried.*

### Directors' Forum

Nothing new to report.

### Agency Reports:

#### *Extension Office*

No report given.

#### *Niobrara Council*

Murphy gave an update. Next scheduled meeting is on September 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023.

#### *NRCS*

Lousias reviewed her report included in the director's packet.

#### *NARD*

Murphy gave an update on NARD and the NARD Fall Conference in Kearney, NE on September 24<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup>.

*3:29 Chairman Graff called the MNNRD Board Meeting to recess to open Public Hearing on Alleged Violation of MNNRD Rules & Regulations.*

*3:38 Public Hearing for Alleged Violations of MNNRD Rules & Regulations closed by Chairman Graff.*

*3:39 MNNRD Board Meeting called to order by Chairman Graff.*

### 2023 — 2024 Budget

*Motion by Graff second by Nollette to approve Additional 1% Restricted Funds. Roll Call: Aye — Danielski, Graff, Hammond, Monroe, DeNaeyer & Nollette. Nay - None. Abstain — None. Absent — Wilke. Motion carried.*

***Motion by Graff second by Monroe to approve Final Property Tax Request. Roll Call: Aye — Danielski, Graff, Hammond, Monroe, DeNaeyer & Nollette. Nay - None. Abstain — None. Absent — Wilke. Motion carried.***

Murphy provided information on the Middle Niobrara NRD Resolution 1-2023 for setting Property Tax Request.

***Motion by Graff second by Nollette to adopt Resolution 1-2023 to set the Property Tax Request as presented. Roll Call: Aye — Danielski, Graff, Hammond, Monroe, DeNaeyer & Nollette. Nay - None. Abstain — None. Absent — Wilke. Motion carried.***

### **Natural Resources Committee**

Murphy gave an update on 2023-2024 NSWCP Allocations.

***Motion by Monroe second by DeNaeyer to Approve 2023/2024 NSWCP Funds as presented to the committee for NC-12, NC-14 & NC-4 applications. Roll Call: Aye — Nollette, Graff, Hammond, Monroe, DeNaeyer & Danielski. Nay - None. Abstain — None. Absent — Wilke Motion carried.***

Murphy went over the MNNRD Long Range Implementation Plan.

***Motion by Monroe second by Danielski to Approve the MNNRD Long Range Implementation Plan. Roll Call: Aye — Nollette, Graff, Hammond, Monroe, DeNaeyer & Danielski. Nay - None. Abstain — None. Absent — Wilke. Motion carried.***

Murphy discussed Hazzard Mitigation Planning. Murphy briefly discussed Architectural Services.

### **Water Committee**

Murphy gave an update on New Irrigated Acre Applications.

***Motion by Graff second by Hammond to issue a Cease & Desist Order. Roll Call: Aye — Nollette, Graff, Hammond, Monroe, DeNaeyer & Danielski. Nay - None. Abstain — None. Absent — Wilke. Motion carried.***

Murphy gave an update on New Irrigated Acre Applications. Twenty-six applications received. Discussion was held on the Ground Water Index with no action taken.

### **Administrative Assistant Report**

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

### **Water Coordinator Report**

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

### **Natural Resources Coordinator Report**

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

### **Watershed Coordinator Report**

Schmidt reviewed his report included in the director's packet.

### **Manager's Report**

Murphy provided an overview of his report that was included in the director's packet. Murphy stated the October 9<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting falls on the Columbus Day Holiday.

### **Excused Absence**

*Motion by Graff second by Hammond to approve Wilke's excused absence from the September 11th, 2023 Board Meeting. Roll Call: Aye — Nollette, Graff, Hammond, Danielski, Monroe & DeNaeyer. Nay - None. Abstain — None. Absent — Wilke. Motion carried.*

### **October Board Meeting**

*Motion by Graff second by Monroe to move the October Board Meeting to Tuesday October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Roll Call: Aye — Nollette, Graff, Hammond, Danielski, Monroe & DeNaeyer. Nay - None. Abstain — None. Absent — Wilke. Motion carried.*

### **Announcements**

Nothing new to report.

### **Executive Session**

*Motion by Graff second by Hammond to move into Executive Session at 4:48 p.m. Roll Call: Aye — Nollette, Graff, Hammond, Danielski, Monroe & DeNaeyer. Nay - None. Abstain — None. Absent — Wilke. Motion carried.*

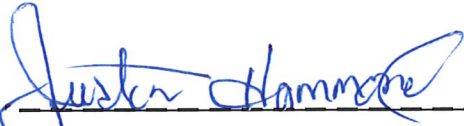
*Motion by Graff second by Monroe to Come out of Executive Session at 5:14 p.m. Roll Call: Aye — Nollette, Graff, Hammond, Danielski, Monroe & DeNaeyer. Nay - None. Abstain — None. Absent — Wilke. Motion carried.*

**Architectural Services**

Discussion was held on Architectural Services.

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

*Motion to adjourn meeting at 5:29 Approved by roll call vote.*

  
Justin Hammond Secretary/Treasurer

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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