

MEETING MINUTES
MIDDLE NIOBRARA NRD BOARD OF DIRECTORS
October 10h, 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 3:14 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, James Battershaw
NRCS: Christine Lousias
UNL Ext:
Guests:
Absent: Mark Monroe

Public Comment

No Public Comment

Approve last Month's Minutes

Motion by DeNaeyer second by Danielski to approve the September 11th, 2023 Board of Director's meeting minutes. Roll Call: Aye – Hammond, Danielski, Graff, Nollette & DeNaeyer. Nay - None. Abstain – None. Absent – Wilke & 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 reported on managers account, the funds deposited from shootout, the expenses, and plans for future events.

Hammond went over checks to be approved.

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

Directors' Forum:

Nothing new to report. Murphy mentioned he was approached by the county on a need for office space.

Agency Reports:

Extension Office

Nothing new to report.

Niobrara Council

Murphy gave an update from the September 21st meeting. Next meeting will be Friday October 20, 2023.

NRCS

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

NARD

Marty gave an overview of Fall Conference. Murphy thanked the director's and staff for their attendance.

NRC

Nothing new to report.

Natural Resources Committee Meeting

Discussions were held on trailer bids, Valentine Mill Pond & roof repairs. No recommendations were made on the trailer bids.

Motion by Nollette second by DeNaeyer to approve the Roof 914 bid. Roll Call: Aye — Hammond, Danielski, Graff, Nollette & DeNaeyer. Nay - None. Abstain — None. Absent — Wilke & Monroe. Motion carried.

Greg Wilke stepped in at 3:33.

Murphy discussed the Valentine Mill Pond options for the High Hazard Dam Classification. No actions taken at this time.

Water Committee Meeting

Committee met October 5th in Ainsworth to discuss 2022 & 2023 New Irrigated Acres, Groundwater Index and Ainsworth Irrigation District. Discussions held at the October 10th Committee Meeting on New Irrigated Acres, Groundwater Index, NET LPCW Phase 5 Permitting Contract and AID.

Motion by Danielski second by Graff to approve the extension on 5 2022 New Irrigated Acres Applications for 1 year. Roll Call: Aye — Hammond, Danielski, Graff, Nollette, Wilke & DeNaeyer. Nay - None. Abstain — None. Absent — Monroe. Motion carried.

Motion by Graff second by Hammond to accept 26 New Irrigated Acre Applications. Roll Call: Aye — Hammond, Graff, & Nollette. Nay - DeNaeyer. Abstain — Danielski & Wilke. Absent — Monroe. Motion Declared failed by Chairman Graff

Motion by Danielski second by Wilke to move forward with the Ground Water Index with Adaptive Resources. Roll Call: Aye — Hammond, Graff, Danielski, DeNaeyer, Wilke & Nollette. Nay - None. Abstain — None. Absent — Monroe. Motion carried.

Motion by Graff second by Nollette to Amend Ground Water Index motion with stipulations to wait for agreement signed by DNR. Roll Call: Aye — Hammond, Graff, Danielski, DeNaeyer, Wilke & Nollette. Nay - None. Abstain — None. Absent — Monroe. Motion carried.

3:53 DeNaeyer stepped out of meeting.

4:07 Meeting called to recess by Chairman Graff.

4:18 Meeting called back to order by Chairman Graff.

Murphy stated that the motion to accept 26 New Irrigated Acres Applications was falsely declared by Chairman Graff as failed. Discussions held with legal council on next step. 2023 New Irrigated acres will be on the November agenda.

Murphy and Schmidt had discussions on NET LPWC Phase 5 — Permitting.

Motion by Nollette second by Graff to move forward with Houston Engineering Permitting Contract. Roll Call: Aye — Hammond, Danielski, Graff, Nollette, & Wilke. Nay - None. Abstain — None. Absent — DeNaeyer & Monroe. Motion carried.

Administrative Assistant Report

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

Water Programs 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 that was included in the director's packet.

Manager's Report

Murphy provided an overview of his report. Murphy gave a NRBA update on subordination agreements and yearly requirements.

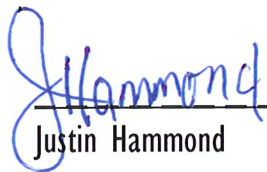
Excused Absence

No excused absence

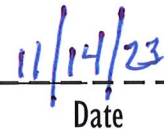
Announcements

No announcements

Motion by Graff second by Nollette to adjourn meeting at 4:45. Roll Call: Aye —Hammond, Danielski, Graff, Nollette, Wilke. Nay - None. Abstain — None. Absent — DeNaeyer & Monroe. 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

