

MEETING MINUTES
MIDDLE NIOBRARA NRD BOARD OF DIRECTORS
December 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 3:03 pm. Graff noted that the Open Meetings Act Laws were posted. The following persons were present:

Directors: Present: Justin Hammond, Leonard Danielski, Mark Monroe,
Tim Nollette, Greg Wilke, Stephanie Ladely, Marty Graff,
Staff: Mike Murphy, Kyle Temple, Rick Joseph, James Battershaw, Chandler Schmidt
NRCS: Christine Lousias
UNL Ext:
RJ Meyer: Bob Meyer
Guests: Marla Shelbourn, Jenny Suhr
JEO: Mary Baker
Absent:

Public Comment

No public comment

Approve last Month's Minutes

Motion by Danielski second by DeNaeyer to approve the November 13th, 2023 Board of Director's meeting minutes. Roll Call: Aye — Graff, Hammond, Danielski, 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 Monroe to approve the December 11th, 2023, Treasurer's Report and add in the Miller Architect Payment for \$10,000.00. Roll Call: Aye — Graff, Hammond, Danielski, Wilke, Monroe, Nollette & DeNaeyer. Nay - None. Abstain — None. Absent — None. Motion carried.

FY22-23 Audit — Bob Meyer

Bob Meyer from RJ Meyers provided an overview of the 2022-2023 MNNRD Audit Report.

Motion by Graff second by Danielski to approve the 2022-2023 audit report.. Roll Call: Aye — Graff, Hammond, Danielski, Nollette, Wilke, Monroe & DeNaeyer. Nay - None. Abstain — None. Absent — None. Motion carried.

Directors' Forum:

Nothing new to report.

Agency Reports:

Extension Office

Murphy mentioned that the Extension Office sponsored a Unit Cost of Production Workshop on November 28 & 29 that was held at the MNNRD meeting room.

Niobrara Council

Murphy mentioned that the next meeting is scheduled for December 21st.

NRCS

Lousias gave an update on her report that was included in the director's packet and read through NRCS's Civil Liberties Responsibilities and Graff signed.

NARD

Murphy mentioned the 2024 Legislative Conference from January 23-24 in Lincoln, NE.

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

NRC

Nothing new to report.

Building Committee Meeting

Murphy gave an update on the Litter Waste Reduction Grant.

Water Committee Meeting

Discussions held on Groundwater Index, Groundwater Levels, Rules and Regulations and Penalty Hearing. Temple gave a presentation on Groundwater Index and handed out a questionnaire to the directors.

Murphy mentioned that a Penalty Hearing will be held after the January 8th, 2024 Board Meeting.

Administrative Assistant Report

Joseph 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.

Water Programs Coordinator Report

Temple reviewed his report that was included in the director's packet. Temple gave a Fall Static Water Level presentation.

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 presented Director Wilke with a 25 years of service certificate.

Holiday Gathering

Murphy mentioned having a directors retreat to look at projects.

Holiday Vacation

Discussion held on bonuses and extra vacation days.

Motion by Graff second by Monroe to close the office from December 22nd through December 26th and reopen on December 27th. Roll Call: Aye — Graff, Hammond, Danielski, Wilke, Monroe, Nollette & DeNaeyer. Nay - None. Abstain — None. Absent — None. Motion carried.

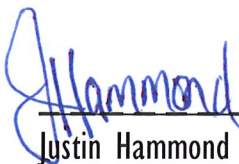
Excused Absence

No excused absence

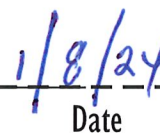
Announcements

No new announcements.

Motion by Graff second by Monroe to adjourn meeting at 4:48. Roll Call: Aye —Hammond, Danielski, Graff, Nollette, Wilke, Monroe & DeNaeyer. Nay - None. Abstain — None. Absent None. 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
NRBA	Niobrara River Basin Alliance
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

