

MEETING MINUTES
MIDDLE NIOBRARA NRD BOARD OF DIRECTORS
January 8th, 2024

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:
UNL Ext:
Guests: Marla Shelbourn, Jenny Suhr
Absent:

Public Comment

No public comment

Approve last Month's Minutes

Motion by Monroe second by Ladely to approve the December 11th, 2023, Board of Director's meeting minutes. Roll Call: Aye — Graff, Hammond, Danielski, Nollette, Wilke, Monroe & Ladely. 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 January 8th, 2024, Treasurer's Report. Roll Call: Aye — Graff, Hammond, Danielski, Wilke, Monroe, Nollette & Ladely. Nay - None. Abstain — None. Absent — None. Motion carried.

Directors' Forum:

Nothing new to report.

Agency Reports:

Extension Office

Nothing new to report

Niobrara Council

Murphy stated that the December 2023 meeting was cancelled. The staff has moved into their new office.

NRCS

Lousias report was included in the director's packet.

NARD

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

NRC

Wilke and Murphy gave an update from the November 28th, 2023 meeting.

Building Committee Meeting

Discussions were held on the Litter Waste Reduction Grant.

Motion by Monroe second by Ladely to move forward with the Litter Waste Reduction Grant and sign the approval. Roll Call: Aye — Graff, Hammond, Danielski, Wilke, Monroe, Nollette & Ladely. Nay - None. Abstain — None. Absent — None. Motion carried.

Natural Resources Committee Meeting

Discussions were held on the Niobrara River Valley Emergency Management Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan.

Motion by Monroe second by Nollette to move forward and sign the letter of support for the NRV Hazard Mitigation Plan. Roll Call: Aye — Graff, Hammond, Danielski, Wilke, Monroe, Nollette & Ladely. Nay - None. Abstain — None. Absent — None. Motion carried.

Water Committee Meeting

Discussion held on NRBA Inter-local agreement, Water Quality Cost Share Application, Rules and Regulations and Ground Water Index.

Motion by Danielski second by Wilke to approve the Inter-local Cooperation Agreement to Enter Into and Administer Subordination Agreements. Roll Call: Aye — Graff, Hammond, Danielski, Wilke, Monroe, Nollette & Ladely. Nay - None. Abstain — None. Absent — None. Motion carried.

Motion by Danielski second by Graff to approve the Water Quality Cost Share for Kevin Mizner. Roll Call: Aye — Graff, Hammond, Danielski, Wilke, Monroe, Nollette & Ladely. Nay - None. Abstain — None. Absent — None. Motion carried.

Kyle gave a presentation on the updated Ground Water Index.

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 presentation on Nitrate sampling test results and a presentation on Nitrate Isotope testing results.

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 thanked the staff and directors for their work setting up and attending the Directors Tour that was held Monday January 8th.

Excused Absence

No excused absence

Announcements

Temple mentioned the upcoming Private Pesticide training classes on January 16th — Merriman, February 7th — Ainsworth, February 27th — Bassett, March 14th — Springview, March 28th — Valentine, April 2nd - Ainsworth. Nitrogen Certification and Chemigation will be held in Valentine on March 28th and Ainsworth April 2nd.

Election of Board Offices & Representatives

Board Office Rotations: Chair Greg Wilke, Vice Chair Stephanie Ladely, Secretary/Treasurer Justin Hammond, NARD Representative Marty Graff, Niobrara Council Representative Mike Murphy and NRBA Representative Marty Graff.

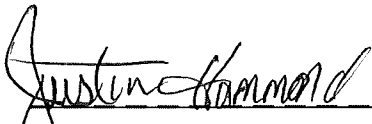
Nollette stepped out 4:49 pm.

Motion by Graff second by Monroe to elect the new Board Officers. Chair Greg Wilke, Vice Chair Stephanie Ladely, Secretary/Treasurer Justin Hammond, NARD Representative Marty Graff, Niobrara Council Representative Mike Murphy and NRBA Representative Marty Graff. Roll Call: Aye — Graff, Hammond, Danielski, Wilke, Monroe & Ladely. Nay - None. Abstain — None. Absent — Nollette. Motion carried.

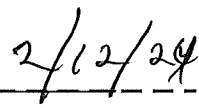
Nollette stepped in 4:52 pm.

Motion by Monroe second by Hammond to leave Water and Natural Resources Committee Assignments the same. Roll Call: Aye —Hammond, Danielski, Graff, Nollette, Wilke, Monroe & DeNaeyer. Nay - None. Abstain — None. Absent None. Motion carried.

Motion by Graff second by Monroe to adjourn meeting at 4:52. 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

