

**MEETING MINUTES**  
**MIDDLE NIOBRARA NRD BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
**February 12th, 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 Wilke at 3:03 pm. Wilke 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 Graff second by Danielski to approve the January 8th, 2024, Board of Director's meeting minutes. Roll Call: Aye — Graff, Hammond, Danielski, Nollette, Wilke, Monroe. Nay - None. Abstain — None. Absent — Ladely. 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.

Ladely stepped in 3:06

*Motion by Monroe second by Hammond to approve the February 12th, 2024, Treasurer's Report. Roll Call: Aye — Graff, Hammond, Danielski, Wilke, Monroe, Nollette. Nay - None. Abstain — Ladely. Absent — None. Motion carried.*

**Directors' Forum:**

Hammond mentioned JH Storage inquired about storage containers next to the fence.

**Agency Reports:**

***Extension Office***

Nothing new to report.

***Niobrara Council***

Murphy stated that there was not a meeting in January. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday February 15th.

***NRCS***

Lousias report was included in the director's packet. 2024 Local Work Group Meeting planned for March 13<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 AM at the Ainsworth Community Center.

***NARD***

Marty gave an update.

***NRC***

Nothing new to report.

**Natural Resources Committee Meeting**

Discussions held on the Mill Pond Dam, LPCW WFPO Watershed Agreement and NACD TA 2023 MOA. No action taken on the Mill Pond Dam.

***Motion by Nollette second by Monroe to accept and sign LPCW WFPO Agreement. Discussion occurred and copies of the agreement were needed for board members.***

***Motion by Graff second by Nollette to table Motion to accept and sign LPCW WFPO Agreement. Roll Call: Aye — Graff, Hammond, Danielski, Wilke, Monroe, Nollette & Ladely. Nay - None. Abstain — None. Absent — None. Motion carried.***

***Motion by Nollette second by Graff to accept NACD TA 2023 MOA. Roll Call: Aye — Graff, Hammond, Danielski, Wilke, Monroe, Nollette & Ladely. Nay - None. Abstain — None. Absent — None. Motion carried.***

*Motion by Graff second by Nollette to un-table motion to accept and sign LPCW WFPO Agreement. Roll Call: Aye — Graff, Hammond, Danielski, Wilke, Monroe, Nollette & Ladely. Nay - None. Abstain — None. Absent — None. Motion carried.*

*Motion by Graff second by Monroe to accept and sign LPCW WFPO Agreement. Roll Call: Aye — Graff, Hammond, Danielski, Wilke, Monroe, Nollette & Ladely. Nay - None. Abstain — None. Absent — None. Motion carried.*

### **Water Committee Meeting**

Discussion held on Groundwater Index and Water Quality Cost Share Application.

Water Quality Cost Share Application was denied. No action was taken on the Groundwater 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.

### **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 attendance at the 2024 Legislative Conference. Murphy discussed moving the March and June Board of Directors Meetings.

*Motion by Danielski second by Hammond to move the Middle Niobrara NRD March Board of Directors Meeting to Tuesday March 12<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 pm. Roll Call: Aye — Graff, Hammond, Danielski, Wilke, Monroe, Nollette & Ladely. Nay - None. Abstain — None. Absent — None. Motion carried.*

### **Excused Absence**

No excused absence

**Announcements**

No new announcements.

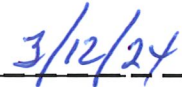
**Adjourn**

*Motion by Nollette second by Monroe to adjourn meeting at 4:38 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

