

MEETING MINUTES
MIDDLE NIOBRARA NRD BOARD OF DIRECTORS
March 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 3:00 pm. Wilke noted that the Open Meetings Act Laws were posted. The following persons were present:

Directors:	Present: Justin Hammond, Leonard Danielski, Mark Monroe, Greg Wilke, Stephanie Ladely, Marty Graff,
Staff:	Mike Murphy, Kyle Temple, Rick Joseph, Chandler Schmidt, Josh Purdy, Travis Reagle
NRCS:	
UNL Ext:	Ryan Benjamin
Houston	Jessie Dillion
Guests:	Jenny Suhr
Absent:	Tim Nollette

Public Comment

No public comment

Approve last Month's Minutes

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

Directors' Forum:

Wilke mentioned he was contacted about sediment issues stemming from McGowan Dan.

Agency Reports:

Extension Office

Benjamin gave an update.

Niobrara Council

Murphy gave an update from the February 15th meeting. Next scheduled meeting will be Thursday April 18, 2024 at the Middle Niobrara NRD.

NRCS

Murphy reviewed Lousias report that was included in the director's packet. Murphy stated the Local Work Group Meeting will be held in Ainsworth on Wednesday March 13th at the Ainsworth Community Center.

NARD

Graff gave an update. Murphy passed a press release with the new NARD Executive Officers. Graff was elected as President of the NARD.

NRC

Nothing new to report.

Natural Resources Committee Meeting

Discussions held on the Mill Pond Dam.

Motion by Monroe second by Ladely for Hazzard Engineering to move forward with cost estimates on options 2 & 3. Roll Call: Aye — Graff, Hammond, Danielski, Wilke, Monroe & Ladely. Nay - None. Abstain — None. Absent — Nollette. Motion carried.

Water Committee Meeting(s)

Discussion held on February 20th in Ainsworth on the GWMP. March 12th discussion held on Ground Water Index, Well Decommission & New Irrigated Acres.

Motion by Graff second by Danielski to use the Neutral Ground Water Index Map. Roll Call: Aye — Graff, Hammond, Danielski, Wilke, Monroe & Ladely. Nay - None. Abstain — None. Absent — Nollette. Motion carried.

Administrative Assistant Report

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

Coordinator's Report(s)

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

Manager's Report

Murphy provided an overview of his report. Murphy introduced 2 new staff members, Travis Reagle & Josh Purdy.

Excused Absence

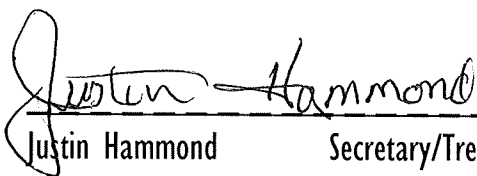
Motion by Graff second by Monroe to approve Tim Nollette's Excused Absence. Roll Call: Aye — Graff, Hammond, Danielski, Wilke, Monroe & Ladely. Nay - None. Abstain — None. Absent — Nollette. Motion carried.

Announcements

No new announcements.

Adjourn

Motion by Monroe second by Ladely to adjourn meeting at 4:19 Roll Call: Aye —Hammond, Danielski, Graff, Wilke, Monroe & DeNaeyer. Nay - None. Abstain — None. Absent Nollette. Motion carried.


Justin Hammond

Secretary/Treasurer

4/8/24

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