

MEETING MINUTES
MIDDLE NIOBRARA NRD BOARD OF DIRECTORS
May 13th, 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, Tim Nollette,
Greg Wilke, Stephanie Ladely, Marty Graff,
Staff: Mike Murphy, Kyle Temple, Chandler Schmidt, Rick Joseph
NRCS:
UNL Ext:
Commissioner: Nina Nelson
Guests: Gordon Suhr, Marla Shelbourn
Absent: Mark Monroe

Public Comment

No public comment

Approve last Month's Minutes

Motion by Graff second by Ladely to approve the April 8th, 2024, Board of Director's meeting minutes. Roll Call: Aye – Graff, Hammond, Danielski, Ladely, Wilke & Nollette Nay - None. Abstain – None. Absent – 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 went over checks to be approved.

Motion by Hammond second by Graff to approve the May 13th, 2024, Treasurer's Report. Roll Call: Aye – Graff, Hammond, Danielski, Wilke, Nollette & Ladely. Nay - None. Abstain – None. Absent – Monroe. Motion carried.

Directors' Forum:

Wilke and Graff both mentioned they were contacted about Ground Water Management Reports.

Agency Reports:

Extension Office

No update given.

Niobrara Council

Murphy gave an overview from the April 18th, 2024 meeting. The next meeting will be held on June 20, 2024.

NRCS

Murphy reviewed Lousias' report that was included in the director's packet.

NARD

Graff gave an update from the April Benefits meeting. Basin tour will be June 10-11 in Republican Basin.

NRC

Nothing new to report.

Water Committee Meeting

Discussion held on Ground Water Management Reports, Rules and Regulations, Certified Irrigated Acres, and Non-Compliance Notifications with no action taken. Discussion held on Contracts with Hazzard Engineering, NDNR, and AID.

Motion by Graff second by Danielski to approve Contract with Hazzard Engineering. Roll Call: Aye — Graff, Hammond, Danielski, Ladely, Wilke & Nollette Nay - None. Abstain — None. Absent — Monroe. Motion carried.

Motion by Graff second by Danielski to approve Contract with AID. Roll Call: Aye — Graff, Hammond, Danielski, Ladely, Wilke & Nollette Nay - None. Abstain — None. Absent — Monroe. Motion carried.

Building Committee Meeting

Discussion held on Miller Architects Building Option(s) 1 & 2. No action was taken.

Executive Committee Meeting

Discussion held on NRD Salary Surveys, NRD Expenses and Activities, and Statutory Updates. No action was taken.

Administrative Assistant Report

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

Coordinator's Report(s)

Schmidt reviewed his report that was included in the director's packet. Temple reviewed his report that was included in the director's packet. Temple gave a presentation on the 2024 Spring Static Water Levels taken throughout the district. Murphy reviewed Battershaw's report that was included in the director's packet.

Manager's Report

Murphy provided an overview of his report. Murphy gave an update from the NARD Benefits Meeting. Murphy mentioned the need to move the June Board of Directors Meeting due to a conflict with the NARD Meeting and Basin Tour.

Motion by Hammond second by Ladely to move the June MNNRD Board of Directors Meeting to Friday June 7th at 3:00pm. Roll Call: Aye — Graff, Hammond, Danielski, Ladely, Wilke & Nollette Nay - None. Abstain — None. Absent — Monroe. Motion carried.

Excused Absence

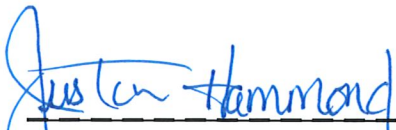
Motion by Graff second by Ladely to approve Mark Monroe's Excused Absence. Roll Call: Aye — Graff, Hammond, Danielski, Wilke, Nollette & Ladely. Nay - None. Abstain — None. Absent — Monroe. Motion carried.

Announcements

No new announcements.

Adjourn

Motion by Hammond second by Nollette to adjourn meeting at 4:34 Roll Call: Aye —Hammond, Danielski, Graff, Wilke, Nollette & DeNaeyer. Nay - None. Abstain — None. Absent — Monroe. Motion carried.


Justin Hammond

Secretary/Treasurer

6/7/24
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