

MEETING MINUTES
MIDDLE NIOBRARA NRD BOARD OF DIRECTORS
August 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, Tim Nollette,
Greg Wilke, Marty Graff, Mark Monroe

Staff: Mike Murphy, Kyle Temple, Chandler Schmidt, Rick Joseph, James Battershaw,
Travis Reagle.

NRCS:

UNL Ext:

Guests: Jenny Suhr

Absent: Stephanie Ladely

Public Comment

No public comment.

Approve last Month's Minutes

Motion by Graff second by Hammond to approve the July 8th, 2024, Board of Director's meeting minutes. Roll Call: Aye — Graff, Hammond, Danielski, Monroe, Wilke & Nollette 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.

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

Director's Forum

Monroe received a call inquiring on new irrigated acre extension(s). Danielski received a call on new irrigated acre application(s).

Agency Reports:

Extension Office

No update given.

Niobrara Council

The next meeting will be Thursday, August 15th.

NRCS

No report given.

NARD

Graff gave an update from the NARD benefits meeting. Murphy gave an update from the Governor's meeting. Murphy mentioned Fall Conference will be held on September 23-24.

Motion by Hammond second by Monroe to elect Marty Graff as Voting Delegate for the NARD Fall Conference. Roll Call: Aye — Graff, Hammond, Danielski, Monroe, Wilke & Nollette Nay - None. Abstain — None. Absent — Ladely. Motion carried.

NRC

Next meeting will be Wednesday August 14th.

Water Committee Meeting

Discussion held on new irrigated acres, ranking criteria, & new irrigated acre extension(s). No action taken at this time. Graff inquired about district wide water use reporting.

Executive Committee Meeting

Discussions held on FY 24/25 budget, donation request(s), propane contract(s) & grants. No action taken at this time.

Chairman Wilke announced that the staff reports are in the packets and adjourned the meeting.

Administrative Assistant Report

Joseph's report was included in the director's packet.

Coordinator's Report(s)

Coordinator's reports from Battershaw, Purdy, Reagle, Temple & Schmidt were included the director's packet.

Manager's Report

Murphy's report was included in the director's packet.

Excused Absence

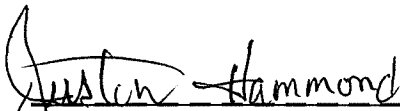
Motion by Graff second by Monroe to approve Stephanie Ladely's Excused Absence. Roll Call: Aye — Graff, Hammond, Danielski, Wilke, Nollette, & Monroe. Nay - None. Abstain — None. Absent — Ladely. Motion carried.

Announcements

No new announcements.

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned by Chairman Wilke at 3:30. Roll Call: Aye —Hammond, Danielski, Graff, Wilke, Monroe & Nollette. Nay - None. Abstain — None. Absent — Ladely. Motion carried.


Justin Hammond

Secretary/Treasurer

9/9/24
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