

**MEETING MINUTES**  
**MIDDLE NIOBRARA NRD BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
**April 14th, 2025**

The Middle Niobrara NRD Board of Directors meeting was advertised in the Valentine Midland News, Ainsworth Star Journal, Rock County Ledger, & Springview Herald.

The meeting was called to order by Board Chairman Ladely at 3:03 pm. Ladely noted that the Open Meetings Act Laws were posted. The following persons were present:

Directors: Present: Justin Hammond, Greg Wilke, Tim Nollette, Mark Monroe, Leonard Danielski, Stephanie Ladely & Marty Graff

Staff: Mike Murphy, Kyle Temple, Rick Joseph.

NRCS: Julianna Hinton

UNL Ext: Ryan Benjamin

Guests: Robert Shelbourn, Jenny Suhr, Gordon Suhr, Jeff Ward, Casey Wonnemberg, John Gross, Tim Iverson & Helen Sherman

Absent:

**Public Comment**

Public Comment from Jeff Ward, Gordon Suhr, Robert Shelbourn, Helen Sherman, Tim Iverson & John Gross. Comments regarding building proposal, property, rentals and finances.

**Approve last Month's Minutes**

*Motion by Monroe second by Hammond to Approve the March 14<sup>th</sup> 2025, Board of Director's Meeting Minutes. Roll Call: Aye — Hammond, Wilke, Monroe, Ladely, Danielski & Nollette Nay - None. Abstain — Graff. 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 April 14<sup>th</sup> 2025, Treasurer's Report. Roll Call: Aye — Hammond, Wilke, Monroe, Ladely, Danielski, Graff & Nollette. Nay - None. Abstain — None. Absent — None. Motion carried.*

*Motion by Danielski second by Graff to renew both Pinnacle Bank CD's for 12 months at a rate of 4.00 %. A Roll Call: Aye — Wilke, Monroe, Ladely, Danielski, Graff & Nollette. Nay - None. Abstain — Hammond. Absent — None. Motion carried.*

### **Director's Forum**

Director's have been receiving feedback and questions on the building proposals and property.

### **Agency Reports:**

#### ***Extension Office***

Benjamin gave an update and mentioned upcoming workshops on range and drought management.

#### ***Niobrara Council***

No March meeting. Next meeting on Thursday April 17<sup>th</sup>.

#### ***NRCS***

Julianne Hinton gave an update, along with her handout. New, temporary acting district conservationist will be starting May 5<sup>th</sup> for 2 months. Ainsworth office has a need for part time administrative staff. NRCS will not be able to participate in NARD basin tour due to travel restrictions.

#### ***NARD***

Graff, Ladely & Murphy provided updates.

#### ***NRC***

Wilke gave an update that conservation funding was going to be taken away at the state level and that local level conservation funding will be needed.

### **Water Committee Meeting**

Discussions held on Ground Water Management Reports due April 15th, NRBA Subordinations, Irrigated Acre Transfer, Soil Sediment Complaint and NIA.

*Motion by Graff second by Wilke to approve an irrigated acre transfer of 10 acres from Valentine Feeders (33-34-30) to Jess & Linda Ramos (SE 3-34-29). Roll Call: Aye — Hammond, Wilke, Monroe, Ladely, Graff & Nollette. Nay - None. Abstain — Danielski. Absent — None. Motion carried.*

No other action taken at this time.

#### **Building/Natural Resources Committee Meeting**

Discussion held on Building proposal, Mill Pond and Cub Creek Renovation. Working with City of Valentine, Village of Springview and Nebraska Game & Parks.

*Motion by Monroe second by Ladely to move forward and collect bids for the MNNRD building project. Roll Call: Aye —Graff, Monroe, Ladely, & Nollette. Nay — Danielski, Hammond & Wilke. Abstain — None. Absent — None. Motion carried.*

*Motion by Monroe second by Graff to sign a letter of intent to Nebraska Game & Parks for the access cooperate project at Cub Creek. Roll Call: Aye —Hammond, Wilke, Monroe, Ladely, Danielski, Graff & Nollette. Nay - None. Abstain — None. Absent — None. Motion carried.*

#### **Executive Committee Meeting**

Discussion held on Scholarship Application's, Conservation and Recreation Budgets.

*Motion by Hammond second by Monroe to award Hannah Beel and Jenalee Garwood each a \$500.00 Scholarship. Roll Call: Aye —Hammond, Wilke, Monroe, Ladely, Danielski, Graff & Nollette. Nay - None. Abstain — None. Absent — None. Motion carried.*

*Motion by Wilke second by Danielski to move 2 million dollars from budget to go towards conservation budgets. Roll Call: Aye — None. Nay - None. Abstain — None. Absent — None.*

Discussions held.

*Motion by Nollette second by Ladley to Postpone/Table Motion to move 2 million dollars from budget to go towards conservation budgets. Roll Call: Aye —Hammond, Wilke, Monroe, Ladely, Danielski, Graff & Nollette. Nay - None. Abstain — None. Absent — None. Motion carried*

#### **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 in the director's packet. Temple gave a spring static water level update.

Graff stepped out at 4:58 pm.

### Manager's Report

Murphy's report was included in the director's packet. It was brought up to look at June board meeting dates as our June board meeting is at the same time as NARD board meeting and basin tour dates.

### Excused Absence

No excused absences.

### Announcements

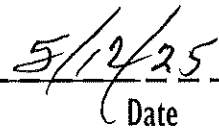
No announcements.

### Adjourn

*Meeting adjourned at 5:08 by chairman Ladely. Roll Call: Aye —Hammond, Wilke, Ladely, Danielski, Monroe & Nollette. Nay - None. Abstain — None. Absent — Graff. 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
HMP	Hazard Mitigation Plan
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
NIRIA	Nitrogen Reduction Incentive Act
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

