

MEETING MINUTES
MIDDLE NIOBRARA NRD BOARD OF DIRECTORS
May 12th, 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, Chandler Schmidt
NRCS:	Casey Lancaster
UNL Ext:	Ryan Benjamin
Guests:	Robert Shelbourn, Jenny Suhr, Gordon Suhr, Helen Sherman
Absent:	

Public Comment

No public comment

Approve last Month's Minutes

Motion by Graff second by Monroe to Approve the April 14th 2025, Board of Director's Meeting Minutes. Roll Call: Aye — Hammond, Graff, Wilke, Monroe, Ladely, Danielski & Nollette Nay - None. Abstain — None. 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 Danielski to Approve the May 12th 2025, Treasurer's Report. Roll Call: Aye — Hammond, Wilke, Monroe, Ladely, Danielski, Graff & Nollette. Nay - None. Abstain — None. Absent — None. Motion carried.

Director's Forum

Nothing new to report.

Agency Reports:

Extension Office

Benjamin gave an update and mentioned drought monitoring programs and reporting.

Niobrara Council

Murphy gave an update.

NRCS

Casey Lancaster, the new acting district conservationist, gave an update along with his report.

NARD

Graff & Murphy provided updates.

NRC

Nothing new to report.

Water Committee Meeting

Discussions held on Ground Water Management reports, rules & regulations, and finishing up NIA certifications.

Motion by Graff second by Danielski to take applications for up to 3,000 new acres or the equivalent of other high capacity groundwater uses. Roll Call: Aye—Hammond, Wilke, Monroe, Danielski, Graff & Nollette. Nay - Ladely. Abstain — None. Absent — None. Motion carried.

No other action taken at this time.

Building/Natural Resources Committee Meeting

Discussion held on Mill Pond and TA NACD 2024 MOA.

Motion by Monroe second by Ladely to approve TA NACD 2024 MOA. Roll Call: Aye—Graff, Monroe, Ladely, Nollette, Wilke, Danielski, & Hammond. Nay — None. Abstain — None. Absent — None. Motion carried.

Executive Committee Meeting

Discussion held on FY25/26 budget and planning.

Graff stepped out at 3:51 pm.

Administrative Assistant Report

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

Coordinator's Report(s)

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

Temple gave an update on ground water management reports. Technician reports were included also.

Manager's Report

Murphy's report was included in the director's packet. Murphy mentioned the need to move the June board of director's meeting.

Motion by Monroe second by Ladely to move the June MNNRD Board of Director's meeting to Monday June 2nd at 3pm. Roll Call: Aye —Hammond, Wilke, Monroe, Ladely, Danielski & Nollette. Nay - None. Abstain — None. Absent — Graff. Motion carried.

Excused Absence

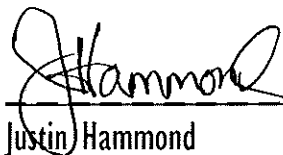
No excused absences.

Announcements

No announcements.

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 4:01 by chairman Ladely. Roll Call: Aye —Hammond, Wilke, Ladely, Danielski, Monroe & Nollette. Nay - None. Abstain — None. Absent — Graff. Motion carried.


Justin Hammond

Secretary/Treasurer

6/2/23

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
NRRA	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