

MEETING MINUTES
MIDDLE NIOBRARA NRD BOARD OF DIRECTORS
August 11th, 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 3:00 pm. Ladely noted that the Open Meetings Act Laws were posted. The following persons were present:

Directors: Present: Justin Hammond, Marty Graff, Leonard Danielski, Mark Monroe, Tim Nollette, Greg Wilke & Stephanie Ladely
Staff: Mike Murphy, Kyle Temple, Rick Joseph, Chandler Schmidt, Josh Purdy & James Battershaw
NRCS: Callie Kreutner, Casey Lancaster & Kaleb Puncocar
UNL Ext:
Guests: Robert & Marla Shelbourn, Jenny Suhr, Kay Wolfenden, John Gross, Tim Iverson, Rex Simmons
Absent:

Public Comment

Public Comment from Robert Shelbourn, Jenny Suhr, Tim Iverson, Marla Shelbourn & John Gross. Comments regarding Director's responsibilities as elected officials, NRD's visited on director retreat stops, executive session public comments, Mid-Plains to provide janitorial, storage, needs vs. wants, building renovation vs. new and meeting advertisements.

Approve last Month's Minutes

Motion by Graff second by Monroe to Approve the July 14th, 2025, Board of Director's Meeting Minutes. Roll Call: Aye — Danielski, Graff, Hammond, Monroe, Ladely & Wilke. Nay - None. Abstain — Nollette. 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 Graff to Approve the August 11th, 2025, Treasurer's Report. Roll Call: Aye — Danielski, Graff, Hammond, Monroe, Ladely, Nollette & Wilke. Nay - None. Abstain — None. Absent — None. Motion carried.

Director's Forum

Danielski mentioned he had been contacted about NRD vehicle signage.

Agency Reports:

Extension Office

Murphy gave an update.

Niobrara Council

Murphy gave an update.

NRCS

Callie Kreutner gave an update along with her report.

NARD

Graff provided an update. Vote on fall conference delegate/alternate at September's meeting.

NRC

Wilke provided an update. Approved \$2 million of Water Sustainability Funding.

July 24th Board of Director's Retreat

Ladely gave an update from the CPNRD & LLNRD visits.

August 5th Building Committee Meeting

Discussion held with entire board on building proposal. No action taken at this time.

Water Committee

Discussion held on district wide flow meters and cost. No action taken at this time.

Natural Resources Committee

Discussions held on SD14 & Phase 3 maintenance projects.

Motion by Monroe second by Ladely to Approve the maintenance bid. Roll Call: Aye — Danielski, Graff, Hammond, Monroe, Ladely, Nollette & Wilke. Nay - None. Abstain — None. Absent — None. Motion carried.

Motion by Monroe second by Nollette to Ammend the maintenance bid to Buer Bulldozing. Roll Call: Aye — Danielski, Graff, Hammond, Monroe, Ladely, Nollette & Wilke. Nay - None. Abstain — None. Absent — None. Motion carried.

Executive Committee

Discussions held on Budget and Levee. No action taken at this time.

MNNRD Building

Discussions held on new building proposals.

Motion by Monroe second by Graff to consider approval of construction of new MNNRD Building. Roll Call: Aye — Graff, Hammond, Monroe, Ladely, & Nollette. Nay — Danielski & Wilke. Abstain — None. Absent — None. Motion carried.

Motion by Graff second by Monroe for Mike and NRD staff to look at financing options on building. Roll Call: Aye — Danielski, Graff, Hammond, Monroe, Ladely, Nollette & Wilke. Nay - None. Abstain — None. Absent — None. Motion carried.

Conservation Budget Proposal to move 2 million dollars

Discussions held on conservation budgets and needed projects. Board asked for clarification on proposal.

Motion by Wilke second by Nollette to move 2 million dollars and mark it for on the ground conservation projects. Roll Call: Aye — Danielski, Nollette & Wilke. Nay — Graff, Hammond, Monroe & Ladely. Abstain — None. Absent — None. Motion failed.

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.

Manager's Report

Murphy's report was included in the director's packet. Murphy gave an update on LR158 and mentioned the need to move the September board of director's meeting.

Motion by Monroe second by Nollette to move the September Board of Director's meeting to Monday September, 15 at 3pm. Motion approved by Yay / Nay vote.

Excused Absence

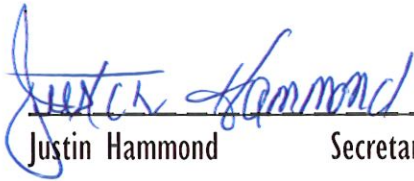
No excused absence.

Announcements

No announcements.

Adjourn

Motion by Monroe second by Hammond to adjourn at 4:35pm. Motion approved by Yay / Nay vote.


Justin Hammond

Secretary/Treasurer

9-15-25

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
NDWEE	Nebraska Department of Water, Energy and Environment
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

