

Budget Hearing was opened at 2:30 p.m. by Board Chairman Ladely.

Closed Budget Hearing at 2:47 p.m. by Board Chairman Ladely.

MEETING MINUTES
MIDDLE NIOBRARA NRD BOARD OF DIRECTORS
September 15th, 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, & James Battershaw

NRCS: Callie Kreutner

UNL Ext:

Guests: Robert & Marla Shelbourn, Jenny & Gordon Suhr & Casey Wonnenberg

Absent:

Public Comment

No Public Comment

Approve last Month's Minutes

Motion by Graff second by Monroe to Approve the August 11th, 2025, Board of Director's Meeting Minutes.

Motion approved by Yay / Nay vote.

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 September 15th, 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

Ladely mentioned fiscal responsibilities.

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.

Motion by Nollette second by Ladely for Marty Graff to be the voting delegate at the 2025 NARD Fall Conference with Leonard Danielski as the alternate voting delegate. Roll Call: Aye — Danielski, Graff, Hammond, Monroe, Ladely, Nollette & Wilke. Nay - None. Abstain — None. Absent — None. Motion carried.

NRC

Wilke provided an update.

2025 — 2026 Budget

Motion by Nollette second by Graff to Approve additional 1% Restricted Funds. Roll Call: Aye — Danielski, Graff, Hammond, Monroe, Ladely, Nollette & Wilke. Nay - None. Abstain — None. Absent — None. Motion carried.

Motion by Graff second by Monroe to Approve Final Property Tax Request. Roll Call: Aye — Danielski, Graff, Hammond, Monroe, Ladely, Nollette & Wilke. Nay - None. Abstain — None. Absent — None. Motion carried.

Motion by Graff second by Ladely to Adopt Resolution 1-2025 to set Property Tax Request as presented. Roll Call: Aye — Danielski, Graff, Hammond, Monroe, Ladely, Nollette & Wilke. Nay - None. Abstain — None. Absent — None. Motion carried.

Water Committee Meeting

Discussion held on an irrigated acre transfer application, new irrigated acre & other high capacity use applications.

Motion by Graff second by Danielski to Approve an irrigated acre transfer from MEBRPL Farms LLC (NW ¼ 35-32-22) to MEBRPL Farms LLC (SE ¼ SW ¼ 31/32-32-21). Roll Call: Aye — Danielski, Graff, Hammond, Monroe, Ladely, & Nollette. Nay - None. Abstain — Wilke. Absent — None. Motion carried.

Motion by Graff second by Nollette to Approve 6 new irrigated acre applications for 595.75 acres and including a livestock facility application. Roll Call: Aye — Graff, Hammond, Monroe & Nollette. Nay - Ladely. Abstain — Danielski & Wilke. Absent — None. Motion carried.

Natural Resources Committee

Discussions held on NSWCP Applications.

Motion by Nollette second by Ladely to Approve 2025/2026 NSWCP applications with up to \$21,000.00 extra allocation. Roll Call: Aye — Danielski, Graff, Hammond, Monroe, Ladely, Nollette & Wilke. Nay - None. Abstain — None. Absent — None. Motion carried.

MNNRD Building

Discussions held on building materials.

Motion by Ladely second by Monroe to allow the sale of salvaged materials. Roll Call: Aye — Danielski, Graff, Hammond, Monroe, Ladely, Wilke & 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, Temple & Schmidt were included in the director's packet.

Manager's Report

Murphy's report was included in the director's packet. Murphy mentioned the need to move the October Board of Director's meeting. Meeting was set for Thursday October 9th at Mid-Plains Community College at 3:00 p.m.

Excused Absence

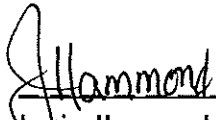
No excused absence.

Announcements

Graff mentioned that the Niobrara River Basin Tour & Meeting was the highest rated Basin Tour & Meeting in recent years.

Adjourn

Motion by Monroe second by Ladely to adjourn at 4:01pm. Motion approved by Yay / Nay vote.


Justin Hammond

Secretary/Treasurer

10/9/25
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

