

MEETING MINUTES
MIDDLE NIOBRARA NRD BOARD OF DIRECTORS
October 9th, 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, Tim Nollette & Stephanie Ladely
Staff:	Mike Murphy, Kyle Temple, Rick Joseph, Chandler Schmidt, & James Battershaw
NRCS:	
UNL Ext:	
Guests:	Casey Wonnenberg, Kent Taylor & Brittney Bartak
Absent:	Mark Monroe & Greg Wilke

Public Comment

No public comment

Approve last Month's Minutes

Motion by Graff second by Danielski to Approve the September 15th, 2025, Board of Director's Meeting Minutes. Roll Call: Aye — Danielski, Graff, Hammond, Ladely & Nollette. Nay - None. Abstain — None Absent — Monroe & Wilke. 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 October 9th, 2025, Treasurer's Report. Roll Call: Aye — Danielski, Graff, Hammond, Ladely & Nollette. Nay - None. Abstain — None. Absent — Monroe & Wilke. Motion carried.

Director's Forum

Director's have been asked about Grant Appropriations from Senator Fischer.

Agency Reports:

Extension Office

Murphy gave an update.

Niobrara Council

Murphy gave an update. Next meeting Thursday October 16th.

NRCS

No update.

NARD

Graff provided an update.

NRC

Murphy gave an update.

Water Quality and Quantity Task Force

Bartak gave an update on the Governor's Task Force and the four sub-committees.

Water Committee

Discussions held on irrigated acre extension request, well permits & rules and regulations. No action taken on well permits and rules and regulation.

Motion by Graff second by Danielski to approve an Irrigated Acre Extension Request. Roll Call: Aye — Danielski, Graff, Hammond, Ladely & Nollette. Nay - None. Abstain — None. Absent — Monroe & Wilke. Motion carried.

Natural Resources Committee

Discussions held on LPCW WFPO/WSF Utilization.

Graff stepped out at 4:01 pm.

Motion by Ladely second by Nollette to go with Houston Engineering for Final Design, Permitting and Construction Utilizing WSF funds. Roll Call: Aye — Danielski, Hammond, Ladely & Nollette. Nay - None. Abstain — None. Absent — Graff, Monroe & Wilke. Motion carried

Executive Committee

Discussions held on building construction financing options and builders risk insurance. No action taken at this time.

Graff stepped in at 4:29 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.

Manager's Report

Murphy's report was included in the director's packet. Murphy thanked everyone for attending Fall Conference and gave an update of LRI58.

Excused Absence

Motion by Graff second by Hammond to Approve the Excused Absences for Mark Monroe & Greg Wilke. Roll Call: Aye — Danielski, Graff, Hammond, Ladely & Nollette. Nay - None. Abstain — None. Absent — Monroe & Wilke. Motion carried.

Announcements

No announcements.

Adjourn

Motion by Ladely second by Hammond to adjourn at 4:29pm. Motion approved by Yay / Nay vote.


Justin Hammond

Secretary/Treasurer

11/10/25
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