

**MEETING MINUTES**  
**MIDDLE NIOBRARA NRD BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
**January 12th, 2026**

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, Tim Nollette, Greg Wilke, Mark Monroe & Stephanie Ladely
Staff:	Mike Murphy, Rick Joseph, Chandler Schmidt, Kyle Temple & James Battershaw
NRCS:	Callie Kreutner
UNL Ext:	
Guests:	Jenny Suhr & John Johnson
Absent:	Marty Graff & Leonard Danielski

**Public Comment**

No public comment.

**Approve last Month's Minutes**

***Motion by Wilke second by Hammond to Approve the December 8th, 2025, Board of Director's Meeting Minutes. Approved by Yea - 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 Monroe to Approve the January 12th, 2026, Treasurer's Report. Roll Call: Aye — Hammond, Monroe, Ladely, Nollette & Wilke. Nay - None. Abstain — None. Absent — Danielski & Graff. Motion carried.***

## **Director's Forum**

Nothing new to report.

## **Agency Reports:**

### ***Extension Office***

Murphy gave an update.

### ***Niobrara Council***

Murphy gave an update from the December 18<sup>th</sup> meeting.

### ***NRCS***

Kreutner gave an update. Casey Lancaster will be Acting District Conservationist as of February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2026.

### ***NARD***

Murphy gave an update.

***Motion by Ladely second by Hammond to Appoint Mark Monroe as Legislative Conference Delegate with Leonard Danielski as Alternate Delegate. Roll Call: Aye — Wilke, Hammond, Monroe, Ladely & Nollette. Nay - None. Abstain — None. Absent — Danielski & Graff. Motion carried.***

### ***NRC***

Wilke gave an update.

## **Water Committee**

Discussions held on Water Quality Cost Share Application(s), 2025/2026 NiRIA Application(s), Water Rights & Rules and Regulations. No action taken at this time on rules and regulations and water rights.

***Motion by Ladely second by Wilke to Approve Water Quality Cost Share Application(s). Roll Call: Aye — Monroe, Ladely, Nollette, Wilke & Hammond Nay - None. Abstain — None. Absent — Danielski & Graff. Motion carried.***

***Motion by Ladely second by Wilke to Approve 2025/2026 NiRIA Application(s). Roll Call: Aye — Ladely, Nollette, Wilke, Hammond & Monroe. Nay - None. Abstain — None. Absent — Danielski & Graff. Motion carried.***

## **Natural Resources Committee**

Discussions held on Tub Grinder and Boiler Lines. No action taken at this time.

### Building Committee

Discussions held on Building and Building Change Orders. No action taken at this time.

### 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. Discussion held on sediment in the Minnechaduza Creek with landowner Johnson.

### Excused Absence

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

### Election of Board Offices and Representatives

*Motion by Wilke second by Monroe to Approve Danielski as Chairman, Nollette as Vice Chairman, Hammond as Secretary/Treasurer & Graff as NARD Representative. Roll Call: Aye — Hammond, Monroe, Ladely, Nollette & Wilke. Nay - None. Abstain — None. Absent — Danielski & Graff. Motion carried.*

*Motion by Ladely second by Wilke to Approve Murphy as Niobrara Council Representative. Roll Call: Aye — Monroe, Ladely, Nollette, Wilke & Hammond. Nay - None. Abstain — None. Absent — Danielski & Graff. Motion carried.*

*Motion by Wilke second by Ladely to keep Graff & Hammond as NRBA Representatives. Roll Call: Aye — Ladely, Nollette, Wilke, Hammond & Monroe. Nay - None. Abstain — None. Absent — Danielski & Graff. Motion carried.*

### Committee Appointments

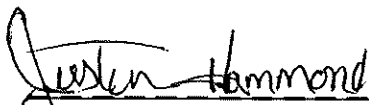
*Motion by Monroe second by Hammond to keep Committee Appointments the same with Executive Committee of Danielski, Nollette & Hammond, Water Programs Committee of Graff, Wilke & Danielski, Natural Resources Committee of Nollette, Ladely & Monroe & Building Committee of Nollette, Ladely & Monroe. Roll Call: Aye — Nollette, Wilke, Hammond, Monroe & Ladely. Nay - None. Abstain — None. Absent — Danielski & Graff. Motion carried.*

### Announcements

No announcements.

### Adjourn

*Motion by Ladely second by Hammond to adjourn at 3:59pm. Motion approved by Yay / Nay vote.*

  
Justin Hammond

Secretary/Treasurer

2/9/26  
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

