

**MEETING MINUTES
MIDDLE NIOBRARA NRD BOARD OF DIRECTORS
February 9th, 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 Danielski at 3:00 pm. Danielski noted that the Open Meetings Act Laws were posted. The following persons were present:

Directors: Present: Leonard Danielski, Justin Hammond, Tim Nollette & Mark Monroe
Staff: Mike Murphy, Rick Joseph, Chandler Schmidt, Kyle Temple & James Battershaw
NRCS: Casey Lancaster
UNL Ext:
Guests: Jenny Suhr
Absent: Marty Graff, Stephanie Ladely & Greg Wilke

Public Comment

Jenny Suhr inquired about building financing.

Approve last Month's Minutes

Motion by Monroe second by Hammond to Approve the January 12th, 2026, Board of Director's Meeting Minutes. Roll Call: Aye — Hammond, Monroe & Nollette. Nay - None. Abstain — Danielski. Absent — Graff, Ladely & 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 Monroe second by Nollette to Approve the February 9th, 2026, Treasurer's Report. Roll Call: Aye — Monroe, Nollette, Danielski & Hammond. Nay - None. Abstain — None. Absent — Graff, Ladely & Wilke. Motion carried.

Director's Forum

Monroe commented on the Legislative Conference.

Agency Reports:

Extension Office

Murphy gave an update.

Niobrara Council

Murphy gave an update from the January 15th meeting. Next meeting February 19th.

NRCS

Lancaster gave an update.

NARD

Murphy gave an update. Discussion held on NARD Voting Delegate and Alternate Voting Delegate.

Motion by Danielski second by Nollette to Approve Marty Graff as NARD Voting Delegate and Mark Monroe as Alternate Voting Delegate. Roll Call: Aye — Nollette, Danielski & Hammond. Nay - None. Abstain — Monroe. Absent — Graff, Ladely & Wilke. Motion carried.

NRC

Next meeting on February 25th.

Water Committee

Discussions held on Rules & Regulations. 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. Temple mentioned Pesticide & Chemigation trainings to be held in Valentine on April 8th and Bassett on April 14th.

Manager's Report

Murphy's report was included in the director's packet. Murphy thanked the staff & director's that attended Legislative Conference. Murphy was contacted by Steve Hallock on Cub Creek boundaries. Discussion held on moving the March Board of Director's Meeting due to conflicts with the NARD Board meeting.

Motion by Monroe second by Hammond to move the March MNNRD Board of Director's Meeting to Friday March 6th at 10:00 am. Roll Call: Aye — Danielski, Hammond, Monroe & Nollette Nay - None. Abstain — None. Absent — Graff, Ladely & Wilke. Motion carried

Excused Absence

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

Announcements

No announcements.

Adjourn

Motion by Danielski second by Monroe to adjourn at 3:25pm. Motion approved by Yay / Nay vote.

Justin Hammond

3/6/26

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Secretary/Treasurer

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