

MEETING MINUTES
MIDDLE NIOBRARA NRD BOARD OF DIRECTORS
March 6th, 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 10:04 a.m. Danielski noted that the Open Meetings Act Laws were posted. The following persons were present:

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

Public Comment

No public comment

Approve last Month's Minutes

Motion by Monroe second by Hammond to Approve the February 9th, 2026, Board of Director's Meeting Minutes. Roll Call: Aye — Danielski, Hammond, & Monroe. Nay - None. Abstain — Graff & Ladley. Absent — Nollette & 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 Monroe to Approve the March 6th, 2026, Treasurer's Report. Roll Call: Aye — Graff, Hammond, Monroe, Ladely, & Danielski. Nay - None. Abstain — None. Absent — Nollette & Wilke. Motion carried.

Director's Forum

Nothing new to report.

Agency Reports:

Extension Office

Murphy gave an update.

Niobrara Council

Murphy gave an update.

NRCS

Lancaster gave an update. State handout provided.

Wilke stepped in at 10:09 a.m.

NARD

Graff provided an update.

NRC

Wilke gave an update.

Building Committee February 17th

Progress updates with contractor, no action taken.

Water Committee

Discussions held on rules and regulations and NUE Program. No action taken on rules & regulations.

Motion by Graff second by Wilke to Administer NUE Program for NE Corn Board & NDWEE. Roll Call: Aye — Hammond, Monroe, Ladely, Wilke, Danielski & Graff. Nay - None. Abstain — None. Absent — Nollette. Motion carried.

Building Committee

Building progress updates and discussions held on building & office components.

Motion by Monroe second by Ladely to have Rangeland Woodworks build office desks. Roll Call: Aye — Monroe, Ladely, Wilke, Danielski, Graff & Hammond. Nay - None. Abstain — None. Absent — Nollette. 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.

Excused Absence

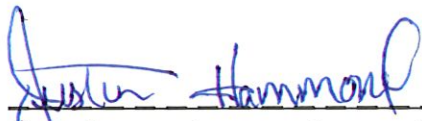
Motion by Graff second by Ladely to approve the excused absence for Nollette. Motion approved by Yay / Nay Vote.

Announcements

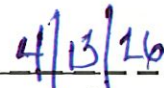
No announcements.

Adjourn

Motion by Graff second by Ladely to adjourn at 10:43 a.m. Motion approved by Yay / Nay vote.


Justin Hammond

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