

MEETING MINUTES
MIDDLE NIOBRARA NRD BOARD OF DIRECTORS
April 13th, 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 p.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, Tim Nollette,
Marty Graff & Stephanie Ladely
Staff: Mike Murphy, Rick Joseph, Kyle Temple, & Chandler Schmidt
NRCS: Callie Kreutner
UNL Ext: Ryan Benjamin
Guests: Gordon Suhr, Robert Shelbourn, Jeff Ward and Casey King
Absent:

Public Comment

No public comment

Approve last Month's Minutes

Motion by Graff second by Ladely to Approve the March 6th, 2026, Board of Director's Meeting Minutes. Roll Call: Aye — Danielski, Graff, Hammond, Monroe, Ladely & Wilke Nay - None. Abstain — Nollette. Absent — None. 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 April 13th, 2026, Treasurer's Report. Roll Call: Aye —Graff, Hammond, Monroe, Ladely, Nollette, Wilke & Danielski. Nay - None. Abstain — None. Absent — None. Motion carried.

Director's Forum

Nothing new to report.

Agency Reports:

Extension Office

Murphy & Benjamin gave an update. The field day for the MNNRD pivot will be June 9th. International day of the grassland will be June 13th at Niobrara Vineyards.

Niobrara Council

Murphy gave an update.

NRCS

Kreutner gave an update.

NARD

Graff provided an update from the D.C. Conference.

NRC

Wilke gave an update.

Water Committee

Discussions held on rules and regulations, new irrigated acre application(s) & fertilizer report(s).

Motion by Graff second by Wilke to approve the final draft of the changes to the Rules & Regulations and to hold a Public Hearing at the June Board Meeting to accept stakeholder comments. Roll Call: Aye — Hammond, Monroe, Ladely, Nollette, Wilke, Danielski & Graff. Nay - None. Abstain — None. Absent — None. Motion carried.

Motion by Graff second by Wilke to accept up to 3,000 new irrigated acre applications during the regular August application period. Roll Call: Aye — Monroe, Nollette, Wilke, Danielski, Graff & Hammond. Nay — Ladely. Abstain — None. Absent — None. Motion carried.

No action taken on fertilizer reports.

Building Committee

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

Motion by Monroe second by Hammond to add 2 Light Poles along the Highway facing the parking lot. Roll Call: Aye — Ladely, Nollette, Wilke, Danielski, Graff, Hammond & Monroe. Nay - None. Abstain — None. Absent — None. Motion carried.

Motion by Monroe second by Hammond to install recycled bollard barriers along parking lot. Roll Call: Aye — Nollette, Wilke, Danielski, Graff, Hammond, Monroe & Ladely. Nay - None. Abstain — None. Absent — None. Motion carried.

Motion by Monroe second by Nollette to approve reception desk change updates. Roll Call: Aye — Wilke, Danielski, Graff, Hammond, Monroe, Ladely & Nollette. Nay - None. Abstain — None. Absent — None. Motion carried.

Discussion held on water, sewer & lobby floor. 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. Murphy gave an update from the D.C. Conference and Governor's Task Force Report.

Excused Absence


No excused absences.

Announcements

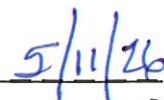
No announcements.

Adjourn

Motion by Monroe second by Graff to adjourn at 4:00 p.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