

MEETING MINUTES
MIDDLE NIOBRARA NRD BOARD OF DIRECTORS
May 11, 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, Tim Nollette, Marty Graff & Stephanie Ladely
Staff:	Mike Murphy, Rick Joseph, Kyle Temple, & Chandler Schmidt
NRCS:	Callie Kreutner
UNL Ext:	
Guests:	Gordon Suhr, Jenny Suhr & Jeff Ward
Absent:	

Public Comment

No public comment

Approve last Month's Minutes

Motion by Graff second by Hammond to Approve the April 13th, 2026, 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 May 11th, 2026, Treasurer's Report. Roll Call: Aye —Graff, Hammond, Ladely, Nollette & Danielski. Nay - None. Abstain — None. Absent — Monroe & 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

Kreutner gave an update, and a handout.

NARD

Graff and Murphy gave an update.

NRC

No update given.

Water Committee

Discussions held on an irrigated acre extension and ground water management report(s).

Motion by Graff second by Hammond to approve a New Irrigated Acre Extension request for the Double D Ranch for 6 months. Roll Call: Aye — Hammond, Ladely, Nollette, Danielski & Graff. Nay - None. Abstain — None. Absent — Monroe & Wilke. Motion carried.

Motion by Graff second by Hammond to set a June 1st, 2026 deadline for landowners currently out of compliance with their Ground Water Management Reports. Roll Call: Aye — Nollette, Danielski, Graff, Hammond & Ladely. Nay — None. Abstain — None. Absent — Wilke & Monroe. Motion carried.

Building Committee

Discussions held on cement, security system and WFPO.

Motion by Ladely second by Nollette to pave the space between the MNNRD Shop and Welding Shop. Roll Call: Aye — Ladely, Nollette, Danielski, Graff & Hammond. Nay - None. Abstain — None. Absent — Wilke & Monroe. Motion carried.

No action taken on security system.

Motion by Nollette second by Graff to accept USDA Contract for WFPO Phase II funding. Roll Call: Aye — Nollette, Danielski, Graff, Hammond, & Ladely. Nay - None. Abstain — None. Absent — Wilke & Monroe. 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. Murphy discussed the need to move the June Board of Director's Meeting.

Motion by Graff second by Ladely to move the June MNNRD Board of Director's Meeting to Friday June 5th at 3:00 pm. Roll Call: Aye — Danielski, Graff, Hammond, Ladely & Nollette. Nay - None. Abstain — None. Absent — Wilke & Monroe. Motion carried.

Excused Absence

Motion by Graff second by Nollette to approved excused absence for Monroe & Wilke. Motion approved by Yea/Nay vote. All Yea's.

Announcements

No announcements.

Adjourn

Motion by Graff second by Danielski to adjourn at 4:00 p.m. Motion approved by Yae / Nay vote. All Yea's.


Justin Hammond

Secretary/Treasurer

RP

6-5-2026

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