

MEETING MINUTES
MIDDLE NIOBRARA NRD BOARD OF DIRECTORS
July 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: Leonard Danielski, Marty Graff, Justin Hammond, Mark Monroe, Stephanie Ladely,
Tim Nollette & Greg Wilke
Staff: Mike Murphy, Rick Joseph, Kyle Temple, James Battershaw & Chandler Schmidt
NRCS: Casey Lancaster
UNL Ext:
Houston Eng: Jessie Dillion
Guests: Robert Shelbourn, Casey Foster & Gordon Suhr
Absent:

Public Comment

Casey Foster commented on the June Public Hearing.

Approve last Month's Minutes

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

Treasurer's Report

Murphy 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 July 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 gave an update.

Niobrara Council

Murphy gave an update.

NRCS

Lancaster gave an update, and a handout.

NARD

Graff and Murphy gave an update. Murphy gave an update on the NARD 457 Deferred Compensation Plan In-Plan Roth Amendment.

Motion by Graff second by Monroe to Approve the NARD 457 Deferred Compensation Plan In-Plan Roth Amendment. Roll Call: Aye —Hammond, Monroe, Ladely, Nollette, Wilke, Danielski & Graff. Nay - None. Abstain — None. Absent — None. Motion carried.

NRC

Wilke gave an update.

Water Committee

Discussion(s) held on small/large water user applications and the one red program. No action taken at this time.

Building & Natural Resources Committee

Murphy gave a building update. Discussion held on LPCW WFPO project funding, engineering and consultants.

Motion by Monroe second by Ladely to accept contracts for Planning & Final Design on the LPCW WFPO. Roll Call: Aye —Monroe, Ladely, Nollette, Wilke, Danielski, Graff & Hammond. Nay - None. Abstain — None. Absent — None. 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

No excused absence.

Announcements

No announcements.

Adjourn

Motion by Graff second by Wilke to adjourn at 3:53 p.m. Motion approved by Yea / Nay vote.

Justin Hammond Sec/Treas. 8/10/26
Justin Hammond Secretary/Treasurer Date

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