Budget Hearing was opened at 2:33 p.m. by Board Chairman Danielski.
Closed Budget Hearing at 2:56 p.m. by Board Chairman Danielski.

MEETING MINUTES
MIDDLE NIOBRARA NRD BOARD OF DIRECTORS
September 14th, 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, Tim Nollette & Greg Wilke.
Staff:	Mike Murphy, Rick Joseph, Kyle Temple, James Battershaw & Chandler Schmidt
NRCS:	Casey Lancaster
UNL Ext:	
Guests:	Marla Shelbourn, Jenny Suhr, Casey Foster & Casey Wonnenberg
Absent:	Justin Hammond, Stephanie Ladely & Mark Monroe

Public Comment

Marla Shelbourn asked about nitrogen / nutrient management planning.

Approve last Month's Minutes

Motion by Graff second by Wilke to Approve the August 10th, 2026, Board of Director's Meeting Minutes. Roll Call: Aye – Danielski, Graff, Nollette & Wilke. Nay - None. Abstain – None. Absent – Hammond, Monroe & Ladely. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

Graff 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 Graff second by Wilke to Approve the September 14th, 2026, Treasurer's Report. Roll Call: Aye –Graff, Nollette, Wilke & Danielski. Nay - None. Abstain – None. Absent – Hammond, Monroe & Ladely. Motion carried.

Director's Forum

Nothing new to report.

Agency Reports:

Extension Office

Murphy gave an update.

Niobrara Council

Murphy gave an update. No Meeting Held.

NRCS

Lancaster gave an update, and a handout.

NARD

Graff and Murphy gave an update.

NRC

Wilke gave an update.

2026 – 2027 Budget

Motion by Graff second by Nollette to Approve additional 1% Restricted Funds. Roll Call: Aye – Nollette, Wilke, Danielski & Graff. Nay - None. Abstain – None. Absent – Hammond, Monroe & Ladely. Motion carried.

Motion by Nollette second by Graff to Approve Final Property Tax Request. Roll Call: Aye – Wilke, Danielski, Graff & Nollette. Nay - None. Abstain – None. Absent – Hammond, Monroe & Ladely. Motion carried.

Motion by Graff second by Wilke to Adopt Resolution 1-2026 to set Property Tax Request as presented. Roll Call: Aye – Danielski, Graff, Nollette & Wilke. Nay - None. Abstain – None. Absent – Hammond, Monroe & Ladely. Motion carried.

Water Committee

Discussion(s) held on a Small Water User Request, Irrigated Acre Transfers and New Irrigated Acre Application(s).

Motion by Wilke second by Graff to Approve Small Water User Request from Becks Well & Irrigation with Conditions that flow meter data be reported to MNNRD yearly. MNNRD is to be allowed to access the flow meter and sample the well. Roll Call: Aye – Graff, Nollette, Wilke & Danielski. Nay - None. Abstain – None. Absent – Hammond, Monroe & Ladely. Motion carried.

Motion by Graff second by Danielski to Approve MEBRPL Farms Irrigated Acre Transfer for 47.66 Acres from SW 35-32-22 to SE 31-32-21. Roll Call: Aye – Graff, Nollette, Wilke & Danielski. Nay - None. Abstain – None. Absent – Hammond, Monroe & Ladely. Motion carried.

Motion by Graff second by Danielski to Approve MEBRPL Farms Irrigated Acre Transfer for 38.4 Acres from 35-32-22 to W 1/2 32-32-21. Roll Call: Aye – Nollette, Wilke, Danielski & Graff. Nay - None. Abstain – None. Absent – Hammond, Monroe & Ladely. Motion carried.

Motion by Graff second by Danielski to Approve New Irrigated Application #26-2. Roll Call: Aye – Nollette, Graff, Wilke & Danielski. Nay - None. Abstain – None. Absent – Hammond, Monroe & Ladely. Motion carried.

Motion by Graff second by Danielski to Approve New Irrigated Application #26-14. Roll Call: Aye – Graff, Wilke, Danielski & Nollette. Nay - None. Abstain – None. Absent – Hammond, Monroe & Ladely. Motion carried.

Motion by Graff second by Wilke to Approve New Irrigated Application #26-9. Roll Call: Aye – Wilke, Danielski, Nollette & Graff.. Nay - None. Abstain – None. Absent – Hammond, Monroe & Ladely. Motion carried.

Motion by Graff second by Wilke to Approve New Irrigated Application #26-4. Roll Call: Aye – Nollette, Graff & Wilke. Nay - None. Abstain – Danielski. Absent – Hammond, Monroe & Ladely. Motion carried.

Motion by Graff second by Wilke to Approve New Irrigated Application #26-12. Roll Call: Aye – Nollette, Graff & Wilke. Nay - None. Abstain – Danielski. Absent – Hammond, Monroe & Ladely. Motion carried.

Motion by Graff second by Danielski to Approve New Irrigated Application #26-7. Roll Call: Aye – Graff, Danielski & Nollette. Nay - None. Abstain – Wilke. Absent – Hammond, Monroe & Ladely. Motion carried.

Motion by Graff second by Wilke to Approve New Irrigated Application #26-3. Roll Call: Aye – Wilke, Nollette & Graff. Nay - None. Abstain – Danielski. Absent – Hammond, Monroe & Ladely. Motion carried.

Motion by Graff second by Wilke to Approve New Irrigated Application #26-6. Roll Call: Aye – Danielski, Nollette, Graff & Wilke. Nay - None. Abstain – None. Absent – Hammond, Monroe & Ladely. Motion carried.

Motion by Graff second by Danielski to Approve New Irrigated Application #26-1. Roll Call: Aye – Nollette, Graff, Wilke & Danielski. Nay - None. Abstain – None. Absent – Hammond, Monroe & Ladely. Motion carried.

Motion by Graff second by Wilke to Approve New Irrigated Application #26-11. Roll Call: Aye – Graff, Wilke, Danielski & Nollette. Nay - None. Abstain – None. Absent – Hammond, Monroe & Ladely. Motion carried.

Motion by Graff second by Danielski to Approve New Irrigated Application #26-13. Roll Call: Aye – Danielski, Nollette & Graff. Nay - None. Abstain – Wilke. Absent – Hammond, Monroe & Ladely. Motion carried.

Motion by Graff second by Wilke to Approve New Irrigated Application #26-10. Roll Call: Aye – Danielski, Nollette, Graff & Wilke. Nay - None. Abstain – None. Absent – Hammond, Monroe & Ladely. Motion carried.

Motion by Graff second by Danielski to Approve New Irrigated Application #26-8. Roll Call: Aye – Nollette, Graff & Danielski. Nay - None. Abstain – Wilke. Absent – Hammond, Monroe & Ladely. Motion carried.

Executive Committee

Discussion and review of the MNNRD Budget.

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 mentioned the need to move the October Board of Director's Meeting as it falls on a Holiday.

Graff stepped out at 3:42.

Graff stepped back in at 3:45.

Motion by Danielski second by Wilke to Move the October Board of Director's Meeting to Friday October 9th at 3:00 pm. Roll Call: Aye – Danielski, Graff, Nollette & Wilke. Nay - None. Abstain – None. Absent – Hammond, Monroe & Ladely. Motion carried.

Excused Absence

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

Announcements

No announcements.

Adjourn

Motion by Graff second by Wilke to adjourn at 3:49 p.m. Motion approved by Yea / Nay vote.

Justin Hammond 10/9/25

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