

**MEETING MINUTES**  
**MIDDLE NIOBRARA NRD BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
**April 8th, 2024**

The Middle Niobrara NRD Board of Directors meeting was advertised in the Valentine Midland News, Ainsworth Star Journal, Rock County Ledger, Springview Herald, & Sheridan County Journal Star.

The meeting was called to order by Board Chairman Wilke at 3:02 pm. Wilke noted that the Open Meetings Act Laws were posted. The following persons were present:

Directors: Present: Justin Hammond, Leonard Danielski, Tim Nollette,  
Greg Wilke, Stephanie Ladely, Marty Graff,  
Staff: Mike Murphy, Kyle Temple, Rick Joseph  
NRCS: Christine Lousias  
UNL Ext:  
NDNR Andy Pedley  
Commissioner: Nina Nelson  
Guests: Jenny Suhr  
Absent: Mark Monroe

**Public Comment**

No public comment

**Approve last Month's Minutes**

*Motion by Graff second by Hammond to approve the March 12th, 2024, Board of Director's meeting minutes. Roll Call: Aye — Graff, Hammond, Danielski, Ladely, Wilke & Nollette Nay - None. Abstain — None. Absent — Monroe. 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 April 8th, 2024, Treasurer's Report. Roll Call: Aye — Graff, Hammond, Danielski, Wilke, Nollette & Ladely. Nay - None. Abstain — None. Absent — Monroe. Motion carried.*

**Directors' Forum:**

Wilke mentioned he was contacted about sediment issues stemming from McGowan Dam. More discussion will be held at the May Board Meeting. Wilke mentioned discussion was held at the KBR Meeting on rolling blackouts and generators for high capacity wells for fire suppression.

**Agency Reports:**

***Extension Office***

No update given.

***Niobrara Council***

Murphy stated the next meeting will be Thursday April 18<sup>th</sup>.

***NRCS***

Lousias reviewed her report that was included in the director's packet.

***NARD***

Graff gave an update. Benefit's meeting will be April, 22<sup>nd</sup> at York, NE. Basin tour will be June 10-11 in Republican Basin.

***NRC***

Wilke handed out a map of dams in the LBBNRD District, and a map of AEM projects at Nemaha NRD.

***NDNR***

Pedley gave an update on the USGS Ground Water Model Project and Surface Water Irrigated Acres.

**Building Committee Meeting**

Discussion held with Miller Architects, with no action to be taken.

**Executive Committee Meeting**

Discussion held on MNNRD Scholarship Application(s)

***Motion by Ladely second by Hammond to award Trey Appelt and Grace Wolff each a \$500.00 Scholarship. Roll Call: Aye — Graff, Hammond, Danielski, Ladely, Wilke & Nollette Nay - None. Abstain — None. Absent — Monroe. Motion carried.***

### **Water Committee Meeting**

Discussion held on New Irrigated Acres, Groundwater Management Reports, Rules & Regulations and Letters of Support.

***Motion by Graff second by Danielski to allocate up to 3000 New Irrigated Acres. Roll Call: Aye — Graff, Hammond, Danielski, Wilke & Nollette Nay - None. Abstain — Ladely. Absent — Monroe. Motion carried.***

Update given on the Ground Water Management Report, due by April 15<sup>th</sup> and letters of intent for cease & desist.

Rules & Regulations discussion held on supplemental well permits.

Discussion held on letter(s) of support.

***Motion by Danielski second by Graff to sign letters of support for Dr. Rogan, UNMC & UNL Water Sciences Laboratory and Conservation Survey Division. Roll Call: Aye — Graff, Hammond, Danielski, Wilke, Ladely & Nollette Nay - None. Abstain — None. Absent — Monroe. Motion carried.***

### **Administrative Assistant Report**

Joseph reviewed his report that was included in the director's packet.

### **Coordinator's Report(s)**

Temple reviewed his report that was included in the director's packet. Murphy reviewed Battershaw's and Schmidt's reports that were included in the director's packet.

### **Manager's Report**

Murphy provided an overview of his report.

### **Excused Absence**

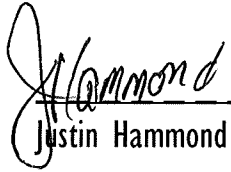
***Motion by Graff second by Ladely to approve Mark Monroe's Excused Absence. Roll Call: Aye — Graff, Hammond, Danielski, Wilke, Nollette & Ladely. Nay - None. Abstain — None. Absent — Monroe. Motion carried.***

### **Announcements**

No new announcements.

**Adjourn**

***Motion by Graff second by Hammond to adjourn meeting at 4:00 Roll Call: Aye —Hammond, Danielski, Graff, Wilke, Nollette & DeNaeyer. Nay - None. Abstain — None. Absent — Monroe. Motion carried.***

  
Justin Hammond

Secretary/Treasurer

5/13/24  
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
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
NDEE	Nebraska Department of Environment and Energy
NDNR	Nebraska Department of Natural Resources
NET	Nebraska Environmental Trust
NFS	Nebraska Forest Service
NGPC	Nebraska Game and Parks Commission
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

