

MEETING MINUTES
MIDDLE NIOBRARA NRD BOARD OF DIRECTORS
June 7th, 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, Mark Monroe
Staff: Mike Murphy, Kyle Temple, Chandler Schmidt, Rick Joseph
NRCS:
UNL Ext:
Commissioner:
Guests: Wes Hitchcock
Absent:

Public Comment

Hitchcock talked about the Ground Water Management Reports.

Motion by Hammond second by Graff to enter into Executive Session at 3:17 for Alleged Violation of MNDRD Rules and Regulations. Roll Call: Aye — Graff, Hammond, Danielski, Ladely, Wilke, Monroe & Nollette Nay - None. Abstain — None. Absent — None. Motion carried. Director's Danielski, Wilke, & Nollette recused themselves from Executive Session.

Motion by Monroe second by Hammond to come out of Executive Session at 3:30. Roll Call: Aye — Graff, Hammond, Monroe, & Ladely Nay - None. Abstain — None. Absent — None. Motion carried.

Motion by Ladely second by Graff to issue a Cease & Desist Order to Wes Hitchcock to come into compliance with MNDRD Rules & Regulation by 12:00 p.m. Friday June 14th. Roll Call: Aye — Graff, Hammond, & Ladely Nay - None. Abstain — Monroe. Did not Vote — Danielski, Nollette & Wilke. Absent — None. Motion carried.

Approve last Month's Minutes

Motion by Graff second by Monroe to approve the May 13th, 2024, Board of Director's meeting minutes. Roll Call: Aye — Graff, Hammond, Danielski, Ladely, Monroe, Wilke & Nollette Nay - None. Abstain — None. Absent — None. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

Motion by Graff second by Hammond to table the June 7th Treasurer's Report. Roll Call: Aye — Graff, Hammond, Danielski, Wilke, Nollette, Monroe & Ladely. Nay - None. Abstain — None. Absent — None. Motion carried.

Director's Forum

Nothing new to report.

Director's Responsibilities

Murphy went over the director's responsibilities. Director Handbooks were handed out, conflict of interest regarding new statutory requirements were discussed, oath of office were updated, chairman responsibilities, and MNNRD By-Laws were presented.

Agency Reports:

Extension Office

No update given.

Niobrara Council

Next upcoming meeting will be Thursday June 20th at the MNNRD meeting room.

NRCS

Murphy gave a brief update.

NARD

Murphy gave an update from the Manager's Meeting.

NRC

Nothing new to report.

Executive Committee Meeting

Discussion held on MNNRD property, Personnel Wages, Water Rights & Vehicles.

Motion by Hammond second by Danielski to approve the purchase of a vehicle from GMC of Chadron and trade in the Silver 2019 Ram 1500. Roll Call: Aye — Graff, Hammond, Danielski, Ladely, Monroe, Wilke & Nollette Nay - None. Abstain — None. Absent — None. Motion carried.

Motion by Ladely second by Monroe to enter into Executive Session to discuss Personnel / Wages. Roll Call: Aye — Graff, Hammond, Danielski, Ladely, Monroe, Wilke & Nollette Nay - None. Abstain — None. Absent — None. Motion carried.

Motion by Graff second by Danielski to come out of Executive Session. Roll Call: Aye — Graff, Hammond, Danielski, Ladely, Monroe, Wilke & Nollette Nay - None. Abstain — None. Absent — None. Motion carried.

Motion by Graff second by Nollette to approve 6% raise and salaries as presented. Roll Call: Aye — Graff, Hammond, Danielski, Ladely, Monroe, Wilke & Nollette Nay - None. Abstain — None. Absent — None. Motion carried.

Building Committee Meeting

Discussion held on building options from Miller Architects.

Motion by Monroe second by Nollette to move forward with new building proposal not a remodel. Roll Call: Aye — Graff, Hammond, Danielski, Monroe, Wilke & Nollette Nay - Ladely. Abstain — None. Absent — None. Motion carried.

Water Committee Meeting

Discussions held on NDNR Contract, Database, & Data Loggers.

Motion by Graff second by Danielski to approve Contract with NDNR on AID Phase II. Roll Call: Aye — Graff, Hammond, Danielski, Ladely, Monroe, Wilke & Nollette Nay - None. Abstain — None. Absent — None. Motion carried.

Motion by Graff second by Danielski to approve Contract with DNR & Jessie Bradley for purchase of Data Loggers for \$26,324.00. Roll Call: Aye — Graff, Hammond, Danielski, Ladely, Monroe, Wilke & Nollette Nay - None. Abstain — None. Absent — None. Motion carried.

Motion by Graff second by Danielski to purchase remaining data loggers utilizing the remainder of FY 23/24 and a portion of FY 24/25 water quality cost share money. Roll Call: Aye — Graff, Hammond, Danielski, Ladely, Monroe, Wilke & Nollette Nay - None. Abstain — None. Absent — None. Motion carried.

Motion by Nollette second by Hammond to un-table June 7th Treasure's Report.. Roll Call: Aye — Graff, Hammond, Danielski, Ladely, Monroe, Wilke & Nollette Nay - None. Abstain — None. 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 with additional four checks not on Treasure's Report.

Motion by Hammond second by Graff to approve the June 7th, 2024, Treasurer's Report with additional four checks to NARD, Data Loggers, Midland News and GMC of Chadron. Roll Call: Aye – Graff, Hammond, Monroe, Danielski, Wilke, Nollette & Ladely. Nay - None. Abstain – None. Absent – None. Motion carried.

Motion by Hammond second by Monroe to approve, at the Manager's discretion, the renewal of 2 Pinnacle Bank CD's coming due in June of 2024. Roll Call: Aye – Graff, Hammond, Monroe, Danielski, Wilke, Nollette & Ladely. Nay - None. Abstain – None. Absent – None. Motion carried.

Administrative Assistant Report

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

Coordinator's Report(s)

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

Manager's Report

Murphy provided an overview of his report.

Excused Absence

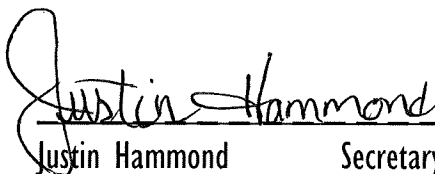
No Absence's.

Announcements

No new announcements.

Adjourn

Motion by Graff second by Monro to adjourn meeting at 4:34 Roll Call: Aye –Hammond, Danielski, Graff, Wilke, Nollette & DeNaeyer. Nay - None. Abstain – None. Absent – Monroe. Motion carried.


Justin Hammond

Secretary/Treasurer


Date