

MEETING MINUTES
MIDDLE NIOBRARA NRD BOARD OF DIRECTORS
July 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 3:05 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, James Battershaw
NRCS:
UNL Ext:
Commissioner:
Guests: Jenny Suhr
Absent:

Public Comment

No public comment.

Approve last Month's Minutes

Motion by Graff second by Nollette to approve the June 7th, 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

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 Monroe to approve the July 8th 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.

Agency Reports:

Extension Office

No update given.

Niobrara Council

Murphy gave an update from the June 20th meeting. Next meeting will be August 15th at the MNNRD Board Meeting Room.

NRCS

Murphy gave a brief update.

NARD

Graff gave an update from the Republic Basin Tour and NARD Meeting.

NRC

Nothing new to report.

Water Committee Meeting

Discussion held on NET Phase 5, no action taken. New Certified Acres and ranking criteria discussed, with no action taken. Discussion held on possible violation of Certified Irrigated Acres.

Building Committee Meeting

Discussion held on a design and build contract with Miller Architects.

Motion by Monroe second by Nollette to approve & move forward with a Design and Build Contract with Miller Architects. Roll Call: Aye — Graff, Hammond, Danielski, Monroe, Ladely, Wilke & Nollette Nay - None. Abstain — None. Absent — None. Motion carried.

Executive Committee Meeting

Discussions held on FY 24/25 Budget. Murphy discussed NARD 414 (h) Contribution Resolution. Discussion held on Cyber Insurance Policy. No action was taken on Cyber Insurance Policy.

Motion by Hammond second by Nollette to approve NARD 414 (h) Contribution Resolution. Roll Call: Aye — Graff, Hammond, Danielski, Ladely, Monroe, Wilke & Nollette 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)

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

Manager's Report

Murphy provided an overview of his report.

Excused Absence

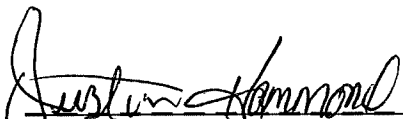
No Absence's.

Announcements

No new announcements.

Adjourn

Motion by Graff second by Monroe to adjourn meeting at 4:08 Roll Call: Aye —Hammond, Danielski, Graff, Wilke, Nollette & DeNaeyer. Nay - None. Abstain — None. Absent — Monroe. Motion carried.


Justin Hammond

Secretary/Treasurer

8/12/24
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