

Budget Hearing was opened at 2:34 pm by Board Chairman Wilke.  
Closed Budget Hearing at 2:59 p.m. by Board Chairman Wilke.

**MEETING MINUTES**  
**MIDDLE NIOBRARA NRD BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
**September 9th, 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 3:00 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, Marty Graff

Staff: Mike Murphy, Kyle Temple, Chandler Schmidt, Rick Joseph, James Battershaw,  
Travis Reagle.

NRCS:

UNL Ext:

Guests: Jenny Suhr, Marla Shelbourn, Robert Shelbourn

Absent: Stephanie Ladely, Mark Monroe

**Public Comment**

Shelbourn mentioned to keep cost considerations in mind for future planning.

**Approve last Month's Minutes**

*Motion by Graff second by Hammond to Approve the August 12h, 2024, Board of Director's Meeting Minutes. Roll Call: Aye — Graff, Hammond, Danielski, Wilke & Nollette Nay - None. Abstain — None. Absent — Ladely & 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 September 9<sup>th</sup> Treasurer's Report. Roll Call: Aye — Graff, Hammond, Danielski, Wilke, Nollette. Nay - None. Abstain — None. Absent — Ladely & Monroe. Motion carried.*

### **Director's Forum**

Nothing to report

### **Agency Reports:**

#### ***Extension Office***

No update given.

#### ***Niobrara Council***

Murphy gave an update from the August 15<sup>th</sup> meeting. No scheduled meeting for September.

#### ***NRCS***

No report given.

#### ***NARD***

Graff gave an update. Murphy gave an update on NARD resolutions. Murphy mentioned Fall Conference will be held on September 23-24.

#### ***NRC***

Wilke gave an update.

## 2024 – 2025 Budget

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

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

*Motion by Graff second by Nollette to Adopt Resolution 1-2024 to set Property Tax Request as presented. Roll Call: Aye – Graff, Hammond, Danielski, Wilke & Nollette Nay - None. Abstain – None. Absent – Ladely & Monroe. Motion carried.*

## Natural Resources Committee

Discussions held on 2024-2025 NSWCP allocation(s), pricing update(s) & vehicles.

*Motion by Nollette second by Hammond to Approve 2024/2025 NSWCP, any remaining funds will be allocated on a first come first serve basis as presented to the committee for NC-12, NC-14 applications with reallocation of funds from 40/40/20 split. Roll Call: Aye – Graff, Hammond, Danielski, Wilke & Nollette Nay - None. Abstain – None. Absent – Ladely & Monroe. Motion carried.*

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

*Motion by Nollette second by Hammond to Approve the purchase of two vehicles with trade-ins. Roll Call: Aye – Graff, Hammond, Danielski, Wilke & Nollette Nay - None. Abstain – None. Absent – Ladely & Monroe. Motion carried.*

## Building Committee

Discussions held on updated building plans and the open house held on Monday, September 9<sup>th</sup>. Nollette went over written comments from the open house. No action taken.

## Administrative Assistant Report

Joseph's report was included in the director's packet.

## Coordinator's Report(s)

Coordinator's reports from Battershaw, Purdy, Reagle, Temple & Schmidt were included 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.

*Motion by Graff second by Danielski to move the October Board of Director's Meeting to Thursday October 10<sup>th</sup> at 3pm. Roll Call: Aye — Graff, Hammond, Danielski, Wilke & Nollette Nay - None. Abstain — None. Absent — Ladely & Monroe. Motion carried.*

**Excused Absence**

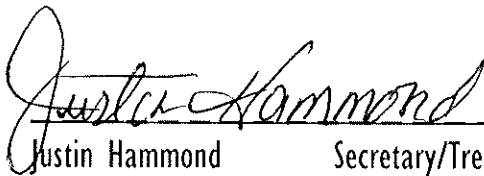
*Motion by Hammond second by Danielski to approve Excused Absence(s) for Stephanie Ladely & Mark Monroe. Roll Call: Aye — Graff, Hammond, Danielski, Wilke, Nollette. Nay - None. Abstain — None. Absent — Ladely & Monroe. Motion carried.*

**Announcements**

No new announcements.

**Adjourn**

*Motion by Hammond second by Nollette to Adjourn at 4:18. Roll Call: Aye —Hammond, Danielski, Graff, Wilke & Nollette. Nay - None. Abstain — None. Absent — Ladely & Monroe. Motion carried.*

  
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
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

