

**MEETING MINUTES
MIDDLE NIOBRARA NRD BOARD OF DIRECTORS
November 12th, 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, Greg Wilke, Tim Nollette
Staff: Mike Murphy, Kyle Temple, Chandler Schmidt, Rick Joseph, James Battershaw,
Josh Purdy.
NRCS: Miles Anderson
UNL Ext:
Guests: Jenny Suhr
Absent: Marty Graff, Mark Monroe, Stephanie Ladely

Public Comment

No public comment

Approve last Month's Minutes

Motion by Hammond second by Danielski to Approve the October 10th 2024, Board of Director's Meeting Minutes. Roll Call: Aye — Danielski, Hammond, Wilke. Nay - None. Abstain — Nollette. Absent — Graff, Monroe & Ladely. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

Murphy reported the balances for general ledger, NPAIT general and sinking funds, CD's, manager's account and checks to be approved. Both CD's at Pinnacle Bank up for renewal in November.

Murphy went over checks to be approved.

Motion by Hammond second by Danielski to Approve the November 12th Treasurer's Report. Roll Call: Aye — Danielski, Hammond, Wilke & Nollette. Nay - None. Abstain — None. Absent — Graff, Monroe & Ladely. Motion carried.

Motion by Hammond second by Wilke to Approve the renewal of Pinnacle Bank CD's at Managers Discretion. Roll Call: Aye — Danielski, Hammond, Wilke & Nollette. Nay - None. Abstain — None. Absent — Graff, Monroe & Ladely. Motion carried.

Director's Forum

Nothing new to report.

Agency Reports:

Extension Office

No update given.

Niobrara Council

Murphy gave an update from the October 17th meeting. Budget discussion and NPS is in active purchase discussion with Rocky Ford landowner were top meeting highlights. Discussion on educational partnership opportunities with NGPC and LNNRD, and possibility of need to send letters for Federal Support Request regarding NPS activities. Next meeting scheduled for December 19.

NRCS

Miles Anderson gave an update and reviewed his report that was included in the directors packets.

NARD

Murphy gave an update from the NARD Association Meeting held on November 4th at The Middle Niobrara NRD. Murphy thanked the staff for their help. Murphy mentioned the upcoming Legislative & DC Conference.

Motion by Hammond second by Danielski for Marty Graff to be the voting delegate at the 2025 Legislative Conference with Leonard Danielski as the alternate voting delegate. Roll Call: Aye — Danielski, Hammond, Wilke & Nollette. Nay - None. Abstain — None. Absent — Graff, Monroe & Ladely. Motion carried.

NRC

Wilke gave an update.

Natural Resources Committee

Update given on the Mill Pond and meeting with Hazzard Engineering. Discussions held on Conoco/Carwash. No action taken at this time.

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. Temple went over the results from the district's nitrate sampling.

Manager's Report

Murphy's report was included in the director's packet. Murphy gave an NET LPCW Phase 5 funding update.

Excused Absence

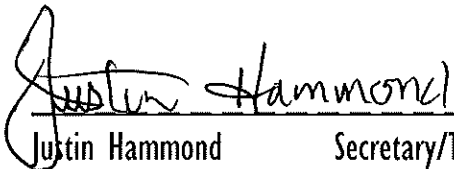
Motion by Danielski second by Nollette to Approve the Excused Absence's for Graff, Monroe & Ladely. Roll Call: Aye — Danielski, Hammond, Wilke & Nollette. Nay - None. Abstain — None. Absent — Graff, Monroe & Ladely. Motion carried.

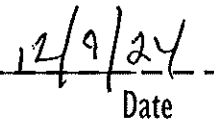
Announcements

No announcements.

Adjourn

Motion by Nollette second by Danielski to Adjourn at 4:01. Roll Call: Aye —Hammond, Danielski, Wilke, & Nollette. Nay - None. Abstain — None. Absent — Graff, Monroe & Ladely. Motion carried.


Justin Hammond Secretary/Treasurer


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ACRONYM KEY

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| 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 |
| 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 |
| NRIA | 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 |