

**Minutes of the Lower Niobrara Natural Resources
Board of Directors Meeting
October 7, 2024**

The meeting of the Lower Niobrara Natural Resources District was called to order by Chairman Engelhaupt at 7:00 P.M. at the Butte Community Center. Chairman Jack Engelhaupt called attention to the Open Meeting Law and statement of advertisement throughout our district.

Directors Present:

Curt Morrow	Ray Naprstek	Larry Baumeister	Karl Connell
Shaun Higgins	Linda Hoffman	Brian Kaczor	Randy Klawitter
Shane Lechtenberg	Dwain Marcellus	Jack Engelhaupt	

Directors Absent: J.J. Pritchett, Kevin Randa, Deb Hansen, Don Holtgrew, Chuck Zegers, Steve Mahlendorf.

Staff Present: Wade Ellwanger Britanie Brewster Gary Richardson Connie McCarthy
Guests Present: Adam Nolan

Approval of Agenda:

Motion was made by Lechtenberg and seconded by Hansen to approve the October 7, 2024 agenda,
Aye: Morrow, Naprstek, Baumeister, Connell, Higgins, Hoffman, Kaczor, Klawitter, Lechtenberg, Marcellus. **Nay:** None. **Abstain:** Engelhaupt. **Absent:** Pritchett, Randa, Hansen, Holtgrew, Zegers, Mahlendorf. **MOTION CARRIED**

Approval of the September 4, 2024 Minutes :

Motion was made to approve the September 4, 2024 minutes by Marcellus seconded by Klawitter. **Aye** Naprstek, Baumeister, Connell, Higgins, Hoffman, Kaczor, Klawitter, Lechtenberg, Marcellus. **Nay:** None. **Abstain:** Morrow, Engelhaupt. **Absent:** Pritchett, Randa, Hansen, Holtgrew, Zegers, Mahlendorf. **MOTION CARRIED**

Staff and Agency Reports:

Manager's Report : Ellwanger's report was mailed to the directors prior to the Board meeting and a copy attached to the official minutes. Ellwanger reported the staff attended the NARD annual conference in September. Ellwanger stated the Cease-and-Desist order is now in litigation.

NARD Association Report: Ellwanger reported that Hansen attended the NARD Board Meeting at the NARD Annual conference on September 24, 2024.

Programs Assistant Report: McCarthy's report was mailed to the directors prior to the Board meeting and a copy attached to the official minutes. McCarthy reported that 8th Grade Conversation Day was held at the Butte Gold Course. Senator Barry Dekay and Senate Candidate Tanya Storer were both in attendance. Students from throughout the district and beyond were in attendance.

Water Resources Report: Richardson's report was mailed to directors prior to the Board meeting and a copy is attached to the official minutes. Richardson reported he will be collecting data from monitoring

wells this week. The HydroVue link has been corrected on our website showing current static water levels. Phase II reports will be coming due in December.

West Knox Rural Water Report: Ebel's report was included in the directors meeting packets and a copy is attached to the official minutes.

Approval of the West Knox Rural Water September 19, 2024 Minutes :

Motion was made to recognize receipt and approve action items of West Knox Rural Water September 19, 2024 minutes by Lechtenberg seconded by Baumeister. **Aye:** Naprstek, Baumeister, Connell, Higgins, Kaczor, Lechtenberg, Marcellus, Engelhaupt. **Nay:** None. **Abstain:** Morrow. **Absent:** Pritchett, Randa, Hansen, Holtgrew, Zegers, Mahlendorf. **MOTION CARRIED**

BGMA Coordinator Report: Included in directors meeting packet, a copy attached to the official minutes.

Agency Reports:

Natural Resources Conservation Service: Adam Nolan's report was included in the meeting packet and a copy attached to the official minutes.

Niobrara Council: Executive Committee met with NPS on October 2, 2024. Update expected at the October 17, 2024 Niobrara Council meeting.

NE RC&D Report: No report

NC RC&D Report: Connell reported the paper shredding truck went down Highway 20 on September 23, 2024 and Highway 12 on October 7, 2024. Are working on a tire amnesty for Valentine and O'Neill

Friends of the Missouri: No Meeting held.

Missouri Sedimentation Action Coalition: Ellwanger reported the bedload collection was done the week of September 9, 2024 through September 12, 2024. Viewing could be seen from Niobrara State Park.

Approval of Office Copier Proposal:

A motion was made to approve the purchase of a new office printer by Lechtenberg seconded by Naprstek. **Aye:** Morrow, Naprstek, Baumeister, Connell, Higgins, Hoffman, Kaczor, Klawitter, Lechtenberg, Marcellus, Engelhaupt. **Nay:** None. **Abstain:** None. **Absent:** Pritchett, Randa, Hansen, Holtgrew, Zegers, Mahlendorf. **MOTION CARRIED**

Approval of Interlocal Tree Agreement:

A motion was made to approve the NARD Interlocal Tree Agreement by Dwain seconded by Klawitter. **Aye:** Morrow, Naprstek, Baumeister, Connell, Higgins, Hoffman, Kaczor, Klawitter, Lechtenberg, Marcellus, Engelhaupt. **Nay:** None. **Abstain:** None. **Absent:** Pritchett, Randa, Hansen, Holtgrew, Zegers, Mahlendorf. **MOTION CARRIED**

Committee Reports:

The Groundwater Committee Meeting was held prior to the regular monthly meeting of the LNNRD. Reviewed Nitrogen Reductions incentive program practice priority list and contract.

Approval Nitrogen Reductions Incentive Program Practice Priority List:

A motion was made to approve the Program Practice Priority List by Klawitter seconded by Marcellus.

Aye: Morrow, Naprstek, Baumeister, Connell, Higgins, Hoffman, Kaczor, Klawitter, Lechtenberg, Marcellus, Engelhaupt. **Nay:** None. **Abstain:** None. **Absent:** Pritchett, Randa, Hansen, Holtgrew, Zegers, Mahlendorf. **MOTION CARRIED**

Approval Nitrogen Reductions Incentive Contract:

A motion was made to approve the Nitrogen Reductions Incentive Contract List by Klawitter seconded

by Lechtenberg. **Aye:** Morrow, Naprstek, Baumeister, Connell, Higgins, Hoffman, Kaczor, Klawitter, Lechtenberg, Marcellus, Engelhaupt. **Nay:** None. **Abstain:** None. **Absent:** Pritchett, Randa, Hansen, Holtgrew, Zegers, Mahlendorf. **MOTION CARRIED**

NSWCP Activities:

Approval of NSWCP activities:

A motion was made to fund contracts 2408, 2410, 2411 by Klawitter seconded by Higgins. **Aye:** Morrow, Naprstek, Baumeister, Connell, Higgins, Hoffman, Kaczor, Klawitter, Lechtenberg, Marcellus, Engelhaupt.

Nay: None. **Abstain:** None. **Absent:** Pritchett, Randa, Hansen, Holtgrew, Zegers, Mahlendorf. **MOTION CARRIED**

Approval of Treasurer Report:

A motion was made by Marcellus seconded by Lechtenberg to approve the October 7, 2024 treasurer's report. **Aye:** Morrow, Naprstek, Baumeister, Higgins, Hoffman, Kaczor, Lechtenberg, Marcellus,

Engelhaupt **Nay:** Connell. **Abstain:** Klawitter. **Absent:** Pritchett, Randa, Hansen, Holtgrew, Zegers, Mahlendorf. **MOTION CARRIED**

Comment Period:

Excused absent Directors: Pritchett, Randa, Hansen, Holtgrew, Zegers, Mahlendorf.

Chairman Jack Engelhaupt declared the meeting adjourned at 8:24 PM.

I, the undersigned Secretary of the Lower Niobrara Natural Resources District hereby certify the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the proceedings had and done by the Board of Directors on October 7, 2024 That all subjects included in the foregoing proceedings were contained in the agenda for at least twenty-four hours prior to the meeting. The minutes of the Chairman and Board of Directors were in written form and available for public inspection within ten working days and prior to the next convened meeting of said body. All news media requesting notification of the time and place of said meeting and the subjects to be discussed at said meeting were notified.

Larry Baumeister, Secretary