



Thursday, February 16, 2012 at 1:00 p.m.
Ainsworth Conference Center
606 East 4th Street
Ainsworth, Nebraska

1. Call to Order / Excused Absences.
2. Public Meeting Business.
 - A. Statement regarding Open Meetings Act.
 - B. Adoption of February 16, 2012 Agenda.
 - C. Statement of Publication for February 16, 2012 meeting.
 - D. Incorporation of Affidavit/Proof of Publication into January 19, 2012 Minutes.
 - E. Approval of January 19, 2012 Minutes.
3. Treasurer's Report and Claims.
 - Discussion/action regarding monthly claims for February 2012.
4. Agency/Organization Reports.
 - A. NPS - Visitor Management & Project Updates.
 - B. USF & WS - Visitor Management & Project Updates.
 - C. NG&PC – Update (Niobrara River - Instream flow process).
 - D. NRD – Middle Niobrara and Lower Niobrara Updates.
 - E. Niobrara Council Monthly Staff Report.
5. Resources Management.
 - Discussion/action regarding registration for the 2012 North American River Management Symposium to be held in Asheville, North Carolina, April 23 – 26, 2012.
6. Legislative Issues.
 - A. Discussion/action/report regarding LB 533 (Change membership of the Niobrara Council) and letter to Senator Fischer, Senator Larson and the Natural Resources Committee.
 - B. Discussion/action/report regarding LB 529 (Change provisions relating to conservation and preservation easements and the Nebraska Environmental Trust).
7. Infrastructure Issues.
8. Development Issues.
9. Conservation Easements. Discussion/action/report on current conservation easement project.

10. Niobrara Council / National Park Service Issues.
 - A. Discussion/action regarding the 2012 DRAFT Cooperative Agreement between the National Park Service and the Niobrara Council.
 - B. Discussion/action/report regarding proposed congressional letter and request for changes to public law 102-50.
 - C. Discussion/action regarding NPS letter to Ron Mercure, dated January 10, 2012.
 - D. Discussion/action regarding petition to forbid NPS from enforcing any rules or regulations on the Niobrara River in the State of Nebraska.
11. Public Comment.
12. Suggestions for March 15, 2012 Niobrara Council meeting (Peppermill, 502 East Highway 20, Valentine, Nebraska).
13. Adjourn.

Note: An agenda will be posted at the Niobrara Council Office, 280 North Main Street, in Valentine. Items will be accepted until February 15, 2012 at 1:00 p.m. by contacting the Niobrara Council Office by phone at 402-376-2793 or using email at info@niobraracouncil.org.