

UPPER LOUP NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

The regular meeting of the Upper Loup Natural Resources District Board of Directors was held at the District office in Thedford, NE on Thursday February 12, 2009. Byron Cox called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm.

Directors Present

Byron Cox  
Judy Ridenour  
Gordon Simonson  
Eric Storer  
Chris Vinton  
Wynn Wiens

Directors Absent & Excused

Steve Boyer  
Wayne Eatinger  
Travis Hanson  
Gary Schaeffer

Staff in Attendance

Anna Baum, General Manager  
Jack Brummet, Resource Tech.  
Leslie Reiser, Admin. Secretary

Guests

Kevin Hood, NRCS  
Clint Svoboda

Notice of Open Meeting Law Posting

Byron made note of the Open Meetings Act posted on the wall by the Board meeting table.

Agenda Modification

Byron asked if there were any modifications to the agenda. No modifications.

Swearing in of Newly Elected Directors

Director taking the oath of office was Gordon Simonson.

Action on Minutes of January Meeting

Byron asked for additions and/or corrections to the January 15, 2009 meeting minutes. No additions or corrections. Minutes approved as circulated.

Financial Report

The January financial report was reviewed by staff and directors. Eric moved to accept the financial report and Gordon seconded the motion. Motion carried. (RCV#1)

Public Forum – Clint Svoboda from the Sandhills Golf Club presented a letter to directors pertaining to the Preliminary Fully- Appropriated Designation of the Upper Loup NRD.

Agency Reports

NRCS Report

Kevin gave an oral report to directors.

Sandhills RC&D – No Report

North Central RC&D – No Report

Central Sandhills Area Extension - No Report

### District Staff Reports

Jack presented graphs showing water levels of the monitoring wells and how they change every hour. He found 2 wells in Brown County that have certified acres under them that are not registered.

Denise has been working on NARD Tree Planter Awards.

### NE Soil & Water Conservation Program

An application for nozzle conversion has been sent to our office. There was some discussion as to whether the ULNRD cost shared for this practice – this is being investigated. Eric made a motion that we approve the application contingent on the findings of any past policies, Chris seconded the motion. Motion carried. (RCV#2)

Anna brought it before the board to consider doing a cost share program for invasive species.

### Wildlife – No Report

### Water Quantity

To date, 67,809 acres have been certified.

The Upper Loup NRD has notified the other 7 NRD's of our intent to be a participant in the legal and technical review of the fully appropriated designation.

### Water Quality – No Report

### Yard Enhancement Program – No Report

### District Interlocal Cooperative Agreements

We have been informed that to continue with the petition would cost an additional \$1500.00 maximum in legal fees. Wynn moved to go ahead with the petition with the ULNRD paying a cap of \$1500.00, Chris seconded the motion. Motion carried. (RCV#3)

The public informational meeting that was to be held in Ord on February 13, 2009 has been rescheduled for March 11, 2009 due to weather.

There is a teleconference for the Lower Platte South Fully Appropriated Group scheduled for 9:30 AM CT on March 11, 2009

### Grant Reports

The HMP Planning Committee met and reviewed the draft that will be sent to FEMA.

The presentation that was given by USGS at the January meeting is now available on the ULNRD's webpage. As part of the educational responsibility on this grant, the ULNRD is working on a workshop idea that would involve the 9<sup>th</sup> grade students across the district.

### NARD Report

Judy reported on Legislative Conference. She passed out an updated list of senator's phone numbers and e-mail addresses.

### Correspondence & Informational Items

It was discussed by board members to change the date and time of the March meeting to March 19<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 PM CT due to public hearings. Judy moved to change the meeting date and time, Gordon seconded the motion. Motion carried. (RCV#4)

There was discussion by the members about the possibility of putting a self moratorium on the portion of the district that has not been deemed fully appropriated. Eric moved to table the decision until a later date, Gordon seconded the motion. Motion carried. (RCV#5) Anna will mail a letter to all affected landowners inviting them to attend the March meeting so that they can be informed as to what a self-moratorium will mean to them. Landowners will also be encouraged to share their comments as well.

We received a letter from Darwin Frey stating his interest in being a member of the board. Eric Moved to vote Darwin on as director of sub-district 5, Chris seconded the motion. Motion carried. (RCV#6)

#### Adjournment

Byron adjourned the meeting at 8:37 pm.

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Wynn Wiens, Secretary

Tally of votes cast on motions, Financial Reports, Manager's Report and Valentine NRCS Reports are on file with the official minutes of this meeting. Notice of this meeting was published in all eight county newspapers and broadcast on KRVN radio. The next Board of Directors Meeting will be held on Thursday, February 12, 2009 7:00 pm CST at the District Office in Thedford, NE.