

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, November 13, 2008. Gary Schaeffer called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm.

Directors Present

Ginger Fouse
Travis Hansen
Judy Ridenour
Gary Schaeffer
Gordon Simonson
Wynn Wiens

Directors Absent & Excused

Steve Boyer
Byron Cox
Louis Jacobson

Directors Absent & Unexcused

Wayne Eatinger
Eric Storer

Staff in Attendance

Anna Baum, General Manager
Jack Brummet, Resource Tech.
Leslie Reiser, Admin. Secretary
Denise Vinton, I&E Coordinator

Guests

Kevin Hood, NRCS

Notice of Open Meeting Law Posting

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

Agenda Modification

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

Action on Minutes of September Meeting

Gary asked for additions and/or corrections to the October 9, 2008 meeting minutes. No additions or corrections. Minutes approved as circulated.

Financial Report

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

Public Forum

Denise was introduced to the board members.

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

The Ranch Practicum Scholarships should be coming back for approval at the December meeting.

District Staff Reports

Anna reported that after receiving certified letters, only 2 irrigators certified their acres.

Jack reported that after doing water table, more wells are down than up. All of the monitor wells have recorders in them and are functioning.

Denise reported that she had met with Kara Gall and had done some changing on the website. We had 11 participants for the hunter safety class. Denise will be meeting with Larry Schultz from the Lower Loup NRD to finish up the fact sheets.

NE Soil & Water Conservation Program

There are still 7 planned grazing practices that need to be completed and submitted.

Wildlife – No Report

Water Quantity

There has been one new well permit submitted and approved.

Water Quality

19 producers have taken advantage of the leafy spurge cost share program this year.

There has been a press release sent out for soil testing.

Yard Enhancement Program

2 applications have been received. One has been completed and the other one will be completed next spring.

District Interlocal Cooperative Agreements

11/17/08- DNR will review the petition regarding the fully appropriated designation, but we may not hear any decision until December.

Grant Reports

Hazard Mitigation packets have been coming in. We would like to have all in by 12/1/08.

There will be a public informational meeting 1/8/08 @ 1:00 pm CDT (12:00 am MT) with USGS and NSCD pertaining to projects currently being done in the district.

We are working on getting our soil sampling going. Stream sampling is down to once a month now.

NARD Report

Judy attended the meeting in Valentine on 11/10/08. Statistics show that throughout the state, numbers are down by 50% for amount of trees that were planted. Next meeting is 3/16/08 in Lincoln.

Legislative Conference is 1/27/08-1/28/08.

D.C. trip is scheduled for 3/21/08-3/25/08.

Correspondence & Informational Items

Nobody filed in Sub-district 5. Directors were asked to consider possible applicants.

A new program, "Trees for Newborns", will be starting in January

Changed December meeting to 3:00 pm CDT (2:00 pm MT) due to conflicts with other events.

Adjournment

Gary adjourned the meeting at 8:20pm.

Eric Storer, 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, November 13, 2008 7:00 pm CST at the District Office in Thedford, NE.