

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, December 14, 2006. Chairman Gary Schaeffer called the meeting to order at 6:53 pm.

Directors Present

Steve Boyer
Wayne Eatinger
Ginger Fouse
Travis Hansen
Louis Jacobson
Judy Ridenour
Gary Schaeffer
Gordon Simonson
Eric Storer

Directors Absent & Excused

Byron Cox

Directors Absent

Joan Marland

Guests Present

Kevin Hood, NRCS
Bob Meyer, RJ Meyer & Associates

Staff in Attendance

Anna Baum, General Manager
Angie Jensen, Admin. Secretary
Jack Brummet, Resources Technician

Agenda Modification

Chairman Schaeffer made note of the Open Meetings Act posted by the Board meeting table. He asked if there were any modifications to the agenda. There were none.

Action on Minutes of November Meeting

Chairman Gary Schaeffer asked for additions and/or corrections to the November 9, 2006 minutes of the Regular Board of Directors Meeting. There were none. Chairman Schaeffer approved the minutes as circulated.

Financial Report

The December financial report was reviewed by staff and directors. Director Eric Storer moved to accept the financial report and Director Wayne Eatinger seconded the motion. Motion carried. (RCV#1)

Review 2005-2006 Audit Report

Bob Meyer, RJ Meyer & Associates reviewed the audit with directors and staff. Director Steve Boyer moved to accept the 2005-2006 audit and Director Wayne Eatinger seconded the motion. Motion carried. (RCV#2)

Public Forum-None

NRCS Report

District Conservationist, Kevin Hood, reported to the board of directors on projects completed and the EQIP applications to be completed by February 1, 2007.

Sandhills RC&D

GM, Anna Baum, received an e-mail report from Bob Broweleit. He invited directors to attend the Natural Resources Committee Meeting with him and Cliff Welsh in Kearney December 19, 2006.

Central Sandhills Area Extension-None

District Reports

General Manager Anna Baum sent her written report to directors in the mail. She reported to directors on the newsletter progress. She reviewed items on her report and will be working with Larry Schultz on the web page for our district on Friday.

Resources Technician Jack Brummet sent his report to directors in the mail. He reported on the ELM meeting he had attended in Ord. Jack is scheduled to go to a public relations workshop Friday in Grand Island at the Central Platte NRD.

Administrative Secretary Angie Jensen sent her report to directors in their board packet. She informed the directors Justin Apel accepted a new position and will not be working at the NARD office. Jack is scheduled to go to a public relations workshop Friday in Grand Island at the Central Platte NRD.

The upcoming meetings will include information from the Groundwater Management Committee. Anna went over some of the topics to be discussed: well spacing, water transfers, permits, critical townships and well drilling.

Sub-district Election Process

GM, Anna Baum, brought up the subject of changing current voting practices of the district. She asked the board to consider having directors elected by registered voters of the sub-district rather than the entire district. No action was taken at this time however a request was made to bring the item up at a later date.

NE Soil & Water Conservation Program

Four NC-12 Windbreaks (Handplants) applications had been completed and presented for review. Director Wayne Eatinger moved to accept the applications for NC-12 Windbreaks and Director Eric Storer seconded the motion.

1099-Ch	Ray Blackford	Cherry County	\$112.97
1100-Lo	Lawrence Hansen	Logan County	\$576.15
1101-Ho	Jim Ritenour	Hooker County	\$441.61
1102-Ch	Roberta Sherman	Cherry County	\$133.51

Motion carried. (RCV#3)

NARD Report

Director Judy Ridenour reported on the NARD meeting in O'Neill. She also encouraged directors and staff to attend the Legislative Conference January 23-24 in Lincoln.

The NARD Washington, DC conference will be March 12-14, 2007. Make reservations to attend.

Master Conservation Awards

GM, Anna Baum, asked directors for nominees or additional names to consider for the Master Conservation Awards.

Upper Loup Natural Resources District Banquet

Directors discussed the bi-annual banquet costs and the possibilities of using those monies toward some youth awards. Director Judy Ridenour tabled the banquet discussion and Director Wayne Eatinger seconded. (RCV#4) Motion carried.

Correspondence & Informational Items

GM, Anna Baum, asked directors if any would like to be nominated for our basin representative on the Natural Resources Commission. All directors declined, they felt Dick Hadenfeldt, the current representative, is doing a great job.

Adjournment

Chairman Gary Schaeffer adjourned the meeting at 8:27 pm.

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, January 11, 2007 at 7:00 pm CST at the District Office in Thedford, NE.