

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, January 11, 2007. Chairman Gary Schaeffer called the meeting to order at 7:06 pm.

Directors Present

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

Directors Absent & Excused

Eric Storer

Guests Present

Kevin Hood, NRCS
Bob Broweleit, Sandhills RC & D

Staff in Attendance

Anna Baum, General Manager
Angie Jensen, Admin. Secretary
Jack Brummet, Resources Technician
Kyle Yrkoski, 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. Agenda item 13 was moved between 10 and 11.

Swearing in of Newly Elected Directors

Directors Travis Hansen, Wayne Eatinger, Steve Boyer, Byron Cox and Wynn Wiens signed their oaths of office and Chairman Gary Schaeffer swore the elected directors in as Upper Loup NRD directors.

Election of Officers

Chairman Gary Schaeffer asked for nominations for Chair and Director Louis Jacobson nominated Gary Schaeffer. Director Wayne Eatinger moved to cease nominations and Director Ginger Fouse seconded the motion. Motion carried. (RCV#1)

Director Steve Boyer nominated Byron Cox as Vice Chairman and Director Wayne Eatinger moved to cease nominations. Director Gordon Simonson seconded the motion. Motion carried. (RCV#2)

Director Steve Boyer nominated Eric Storer as Secretary and Director Wayne Eatinger moved to cease nominations. Director Travis Hansen seconded the motion. Motion carried. (RCV#3)

Director Byron Cox nominated Judy Ridenour as Treasurer and Director Wayne Eatinger moved to cease nominations. Director Gordon Simonson seconded the motion. Motion carried. (RCV#4)

Selection of NARD Representative and Alternate

Director Ginger Fouse moved to appoint Judy Ridenour as NARD Representative and Wayne Eatinger as Alternate and Director Byron Cox seconded the motion. Motion carried. (RCV#5)

Selection of RC&D Representatives

Director Judy Ridenour moved to nominate Gordon Simonson as representative for the North Central RC&D, Byron Cox for Loup Basin RC&D and Steve Boyer for Sandhills RC&D. Director Ginger Fouse seconded the motion. Motion carried. (RCV#6)

Action on Minutes of December Meeting

Chairman Gary Schaeffer asked for additions and/or corrections to the December 14, 2006 minutes of the Regular Board of Directors Meeting. There were none. Chairman Schaeffer approved the minutes as circulated.

Financial Report

The January financial report was reviewed by staff and directors. Director Byron Cox moved to accept the financial report and Director Wayne Eatinger seconded the motion. Motion carried. (RCV#7)

Public Forum-None

NRCS Report

District Conservationist, Kevin Hood, gave his oral report to the board of directors. There will be a couple producers signed up for cost share on cedar removal this year. EQIP sign up ends January 31, 2007.

Sandhills RC&D-None

Mullen Dam and Lake Project-Bob Broweleit

Bob Broweleit attended the Natural Resources Committee Meeting with Cliff Welsh and Angie Jensen in Kearney December 19, 2006 for purposes of information seeking. He asked that the Upper Loup NRD submit a comment along with the survey to the Natural Resources Commission. Directors filled out a survey and gave them to GM Anna Baum to compile and complete a comment to go in to the Commission.

Central Sandhills Area Extension-None

NE Soil & Water Conservation Program

Three NC-12 Windbreaks applications had been completed and presented for review. Director Wayne Eatinger moved to accept the applications for NC-12 Windbreaks and Director Steve Boyer seconded the motion.

1103-Th	John Dean	Thomas County	\$1,556.93
1104-Th	Flying A Cattle Co.	Thomas County	\$1,270.40
1105-Lo	Robert Kramer	Logan	\$ 256.75

Motion carried. (RCV#8)

District Reports

General Manager Anna Baum sent her written report to directors in the mail. She told directors the 2002 Dodge pick-up would be going in to the body shop at Mullen for the small dent repair at Cowboy Cadillac. A short newsletter report was given \$173.10 was spent through direct mailings to cover Grant and part of Southern Cherry and McPherson Counties. A total of \$306.08 was spent through newspaper printing and distribution to cover the rest of the district.

Resources Technician Jack Brummet sent his report to directors in the mail. The Logan County monitoring well was up 1.29 feet from last month. There was good moisture in the last snow. Jack reported tree plans were going fast.

Resources Technician Kyle Yrkoski attended his first board meeting. He met some of the board for the first time and reported he was already drawing up tree plans, doing the NERain entries and getting into equipment maintenance.

Administrative Secretary Angie Jensen sent her report to directors in their board packet. She added some information to the details she had sent out on the Inspro Insurance transactions to directors.

Groundwater Management Committee reported on progress made after the last board meeting. GM Anna Baum had information sheets for directors to take home and study to be brought back to February's board meeting.

NARD Report

Director Judy Ridenour reported on the last NARD board meeting. (Director Travis Hansen left at 8:53 pm) She told directors and staff she would like to attend the Washington DC Conference and would be able to stay with family. Director Steve Boyer moved to send Director Judy Ridenour to Washington DC in March of 2007 and Director Wayne Eatinger seconded the motion. Motion carried. (RCV#9)

Personnel Policy Manual Update

Directors and staff reviewed the policy and suggested changes were noted. Directors asked GM Anna Baum to send the manual with the changes to George Vinton for his review.

Operating Policy Manual

GM Anna Baum asked for input from directors on contents. Updates to directors' notebooks will be made with manuals and information.

Correspondence & Informational Items

Chairman Gary Schaeffer reminded directors to bring the five sheets of information they received from the GMC to the next meeting.

Adjournment

Chairman Gary Schaeffer adjourned the meeting at 10:05 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, February 8, 2007 at 2:00 pm CST at the District Office in Thedford, NE.