

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

Directors Present

Byron Cox
Ginger Fouse
Judy Ridenour
Gary Schaeffer
Gordon Simonson
Eric Storer

Directors Absent & Unexcused

Steve Boyer
Wayne Eatinger
Travis Hansen

Directors Absent & Excused

Louis Jacobson
Wynn Wiens

Staff in Attendance

Anna Baum, General Manager
Angie Jensen, Admin. Secretary
Jack Brummet, Res. Technician
Kyle Yrkoski, Res. Technician

Guests

Kevin Hood, NRCS
Joe Bob Atkins, Arnold Insurance Agency

Notice of Open Meeting Law Posting

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

Agenda Modification

Chairman Schaeffer asked if there were any modifications to the agenda. There were none.

Action on Minutes of August Meeting

Chairman Gary Schaeffer asked for additions and/or corrections to the September 13, 2007 minutes of the Special budget hearing and Regular Board of Directors Meeting. There were none. Chairman Schaeffer approved the minutes as circulated.

Financial Report

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

Public Forum-None

Insurance Policy-Joe Bob Atkins

Joe Bob Atkins presented a powerpoint summarizing our insurance coverage. He informed directors of the state statutes 13-901 to 13-926 the Political Tort Claims Act. Director Judy Ridenour moved to increase the umbrella coverage to \$4,000,000 and Director Gordon Simonson seconded the motion. Motion carried. (RCV#2)

NRCS Report

District conservationist, Kevin Hood, gave an oral report to directors. He said the new requirements for overall state values for practices will simplify pricing. All EQIP allocations are to be completed by the end of this year.

Sandhills RC&D-None

North Central RC&D-None

Central Sandhills Area Extension-None

NE Soil & Water Conservation Program

One NC-14 Planned Grazing application was presented for review. Director Judy Ridenour moved to accept the application and Director Eric Storer seconded the motion.

1140-Ch Schaeffer Farms Cherry County \$3,802.50

Motion carried. (RCV#3)

District Reports

General Manager Anna Baum had sent her report to directors in the mail. She presented the draft from the Department of Natural Resources designating the proposed fully appropriated areas in Middle Niobrara and the northern part of our district. The actual document will be sent out to directors next week along with the current GWMA rules and regs. Anna reminded directors of the next Board meeting's schedule concerning the public hearing on the rules and regs. A Question and Answer session at 6pm with the open meeting to follow at 6:30pm.

Resources Technicians Jack Brummet and Kyle Yrkoski had sent their report to directors in the mail. Jack reported on the grass drill he checked out during Husker Harvest Days. Kyle told directors the ELM meeting went well and tree survival for this fall is quite good.

Administrative Secretary Angie Jensen had sent her report to directors in the mail. She added the upcoming client's day October 16 at Halsey and the first annual review for retirement with Mark Giest from Morgan Stanley.

Approve Striking of 1% Resolution Failed 75% Approval

GM Anna Baum explained to directors the requirement of a 75% approval of the total number of 11 board members required for the 1% resolution to pass.

Directors Review and Comment on GWMP Rules and Regs

Tina Kurtz met with GM Anna Baum one final time to make a few minor changes to the rules and regs and directors had a chance to review and comment on the final copy. They will be sent to directors next week along with the document from DNR.

NARD Report

Director Judy Ridenour reported all the resolutions passed at annual conference. Once again all felt Husker Harvest Days was a success. The NARD is still working on a permanent building instead of the rented tent. The next NARD board meeting will be November 5 at the Lower Big Blue. Legislative Conference will be February 5-6, 2008. The Washington DC trip will be March 8-9, 2008.

Correspondence & Informational Items

Attention was brought to the articles and information by the white board.

Adjournment

Chairman Gary Schaeffer adjourned the meeting at 9:16 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 Public Hearing and Board of Directors Meeting will be held on Thursday, November 8, 2007 at 6:30 pm CST at the District Office in Thedford, NE.