

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 Theford, NE on Thursday, February 8, 2007. Chairman Gary Schaeffer called the meeting to order at 2:14 pm.

Directors Present

Byron Cox
Wayne Eatinger
Travis Hansen
Judy Ridenour
Gary Schaeffer
Gordon Simonson
Eric Storer
Wynn Wiens

Directors Absent & Excused

Steve Boyer
Ginger Fouse
Louis Jacobson

Guests Present

Kevin Hood, NRCS

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 5 moved to March meeting. Kyle Graham was unable to attend tonight due to weather conditions.

Action on Minutes of January Meeting

Chairman Gary Schaeffer asked for additions and/or corrections to the January 11, 2007 minutes of the Regular Board of Directors Meeting. There were none. Chairman Schaeffer approved the minutes as circulated.

Financial Report

The February financial report was reviewed by staff and directors. Administrative Secretary Angie Jensen informed directors she spoke to the Hooker County Clerk about the election expenses. The clerk informed her that if the district were to vote per sub-district rather than entire district, costs would be less. Director Byron Cox moved to accept the financial report and Director Travis Hansen seconded the motion. Motion carried. (RCV#1)

Public Forum-None

Sandhills RC&D

The Sandhills RC&D Annual Report was sent to the office by Bob Broweleit. Directors each received a report and one copy is on file at the office.

Central Sandhills Area Extension-None

NE Soil & Water Conservation Program

Thirteen NC-12 Windbreaks/Handplant applications had been completed and presented for review. One NC-14 Planned Grazing application was presented for approval. Director Eric Storer moved to accept the applications for NC-12 Windbreaks/Handplant adhering to the \$5,000 limit for Prairie Hills Cattle Co. and Director Wayne Eatinger seconded the motion. The NC-14 Planned Grazing application was tabled until next month's meeting.

1106-Lo	Don Christofferson	Logan County	\$ 406.38
1107-Ch	Ted Ferguson	Cherry County	\$4,027.79

1108-Ch	Jamison Ranch	Cherry County	\$4,713.64
1109-Lo	Jason Johnston	Logan County	\$1,008.61
1110-Lo	Randy Kramer	Logan County	\$2,610.19
1111-Ch	Matt Miles	Cherry County	\$3,686.41
1112-Lo	Jim Opela	Logan County	\$2,432.07
1113-Lo	Prairie Hills Cattle Co.	Logan County	\$5,000.00
1114-Br	Roger Stewart	Brown County	\$1,067.82
1115-Ch	Wilde Ranch	Cherry County	\$2,803.79
1116-BI	Wm. Zutavern Ranch	Blaine County	\$1,930.32
1117-Ch	ZX Ranch	Cherry County	\$1,921.40
1118-Lo	Jay Peterson	Logan County	\$ 179.73

Motion carried. (RCV#2)

District Reports

General Manager Anna Baum sent her written report to directors in the mail. She told directors she had attended the Roundtable meeting in Ogallala with Resources Technician, Jack Brummet. She also presented the directors with a running budget form she created. The district's third satellite office was secured in Hyannis to open after June. Resources technicians Jack Brummet or Kyle Yrkoski will be in Stapleton the first Tuesday of each month and in Mullen the second Tuesday of each month. Anna let the directors know we had purchased a new computer with the remaining office equipment funds for the Administrative Secretary to handle the new Quickbooks 2007 updates and larger capacity of the new program. The old computer will go in the water lab upon completion. Other subjects covered were the Hunter Safety course, bills in the legislature and the delinquent account on the books. Directors supported a decision to continue with the collection process on the delinquent account.

Resources Technician Kyle Yrkoski had sent his report to directors in the mail. He reported inspecting tree plans and replants. Office work has consisted of drawing up tree plans, filling out the forms and entering tree numbers in spreadsheets to keep orders current with Dianna at Bessey National Forest in Halsey, NE. He reported attending the Pheasants Forever meeting in Grand Island.

Resources Technician Jack Brummet sent his report to directors in the mail. Jack reported ordering 350 rolls of mulch for the 2007 tree season. He has been working on the assessed acres for Hooker and Logan County. He reported going to Legislative Conference in Lincoln. He will be working on water tables next week.

Administrative Secretary Angie Jensen sent her report to directors in their board packet. She added information on the new computer capabilities, Hunter Safety Course organizing and Jim Cooks retirement in Lincoln February 27, 2007.

Groundwater Management Committee moved to the end of the meeting to utilize time.

ELM modeling Study

GM Anna Baum asked directors for a 2008 commitment to the ELM funding. Director Judy Ridenour moved to commit \$28,000 to the ELM Study for 2008 and Director Wayne Eatinger seconded the motion. Motion carried. RCV#3

NARD Report

Director Judy Ridenour reported on the last NARD board meeting. She discusses the insurance situation the NARD board has been facing. March 5 has been set for the next NARD board meeting.

Personnel Policy Manual Update

GM Anna Baum made the suggested changes to the personnel manual by George Vinton. Director Wayne Eating moved to approve the new updated manual. Director Byron Cox seconded the motion. Motion carried. RCV#4
Operating Policy Manual

Chairman Gary Schaeffer asked directors for a motion after directors looked over the Operating Policy Manual. Director Wayne Eatinger moved to approve the manual and Director Gordon Simonson seconded the motion. Motion carried. RCV#5

Correspondence & Informational Items

GM Anna Baum asked if any directors were interested in going to the Irrigators conference in Kearney February 27 and 28. She said she would attend if nobody else could go. Items of interest from e-mails, newspapers and staff are stapled on the wall around the whiteboard for directors to read and keep informed.

NRCS Report

District Conservationist, Kevin Hood arrived to give a brief report on EQIP deadline and completed work.

Groundwater Management Report

Groundwater Management Policies were reviewed and criteria evaluated and changed. GM Anna Baum will make changes to the five policies discussed and send them out to the directors for another review. Directors Wayne Eatinger and Travis Hansen left at 5:05 pm. A water user survey was developed and it was agreed to send it to all individuals in the district.

Adjournment

Chairman Gary Schaeffer adjourned the meeting at 5:23 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, March 8, 2007 at 7:00 pm CST at the District Office in Thedford, NE.