

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, March 8, 2007. Chairman Gary Schaeffer called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm.

Directors Present

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

Directors Absent & Excused

Ginger Fouse

Guests Present

Kevin Hood, NRCS  
Jim Van Winkle, Sandhills Task Force  
Kyle Graham, US Fish & Wildlife  
Roger Hammer, North Platte NRCS  
Alvin Perez, North Platte 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. There were none.

Action on Minutes of February Meeting

Chairman Gary Schaeffer asked for additions and/or corrections to the February 8, 2007 minutes of the Regular Board of Directors Meeting. There were none. Chairman Schaeffer approved the minutes as circulated.

Financial Report

The March financial report was reviewed by staff and directors. General Manager, Anna Baum, told directors the past due account had been turned over to George Vinton and collection procedures started. Administrative Secretary Angie Jensen brought directors attention to the payment made to the reserve assessment for the employee insurance program. Director Wayne Eatinger moved to accept the financial report and Director Steve Boyer seconded the motion. Motion carried. (RCV#1)

Public Forum

Introductions were made between visitors and directors.

Sandhills Task Force Presentation-Kyle Graham and Jim Van Winkle

Jim Van Winkle had a power point presentation for the Upper Loup NRD directors and staff that provided information on what the Sandhills Task Force is about. Kyle Graham from US Fish and Wildlife also contributed information during the power point.

Soil Survey-Roger Hammer and Alvin Perez

Roger Hammer and Alvin Perez from North Platte NRCS had information on the McPherson County soil survey progress. Alvin is head of the MLRA (Major Land Resource Areas). They had a large map of completed work in McPherson County and several resources of material and information they handed out to directors and staff.

### NRCS Report

Kevin Hood, Thedford NRCS District Conservationist, handed his written report to directors and staff with an attached e-mail from Steve Chick regarding Office Business Analysis.

### Sandhills RC&D-None

#### North Central RC&D

Sent their annual report in the mail.

### Central Sandhills Area Extension

Grasshopper trainers training and producer meetings in Thedford and Mullen announced. Those dates respectively are March 13, 20 and 22.

### NE Soil & Water Conservation Program

Five NC-12 Windbreaks/Handplant applications had been completed and presented for review. One NC-14 Planned Grazing application was presented for approval. Director Wayne Eatinger moved to accept the applications for NC-12 Windbreaks/Handplant and deny the NC-14 planned grazing application and Director Byron Cox seconded the motion.

1119-Ho	Anna Baum	Hooker County	\$ 315.90
1120-Lo	Robert Childers	Logan County	\$1,162.73
1121-Br	John Cozad	Brown County	\$1,943.76
1122-Ho	Mike French	Hooker County	\$ 410.80
1123-Ch	Gary Phipps	Cherry County	\$ 631.28

Motion carried. (RCV#2)

### District Reports

General Manager Anna Baum sent her written report to directors in the mail. She reported on the manager's meeting held in Lincoln March 7. She handed out a water management activities summary of all Natural Resource Districts for director notebooks. A summary of water user survey comments was provided. A Q & A paper on Republican River Basin issues developed by Phil Young was passed out for directors to review. Upcoming agenda items will include Lori Moore, Hazard Mitigation, in April, Steve Peterson with USGS in May.

Resources Technician Kyle Yrkoski had sent his report to directors in the mail. He reported doing tree plans and paperwork and going along with Jack on spring water levels. Reported on the meeting with FEMA.

Resources Technician Jack Brummet sent his report to directors in the mail. Jack reported on spring water levels and maintenance work on the Great Plains drill. He asked directors to let him know if they knew of anyone wanting to work on the mulching crew.

Administrative Secretary Angie Jensen sent her report to directors in their board packet. She brought directors attention to the new articles and information posted on the wall with several different NRD related items.

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

### NARD Report

Director Judy Ridenour reported on the last NARD board meeting held at Spring Creek Prairie Audubon Center. The next employee benefits meeting will be in Grand Island on March 26. She will leave for the NARD conference in Washington DC Friday.

Correspondence & Informational Items-None

Groundwater Management Report

Groundwater Management Policies were reviewed and criteria evaluated and changed. GM Anna Baum had made changes to the five policies discussed and sent them out to the directors for review. After review, directors approved four policies and continue to work on triggers for critical areas. Anna will work on providing water level information per county to help with further discussion.

Adjournment

Chairman Gary Schaeffer adjourned the meeting at 10:13 pm.

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Eric Storer, Secretary

Tally of votes cast on motions, Financial Reports, Manager's Report and Thedford 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, April 12, 2007 at 7:00 pm CST at the District Office in Thedford, NE.