

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, May 10, 2007. Chairman Gary Schaeffer called the meeting to order at 7:12 pm.

Directors Present

Steve Boyer
Byron Cox
Wayne Eatinger
Ginger Fouse
Judy Ridenour
Gary Schaeffer
Gordon Simonson
Eric Storer

Directors Absent & Excused

Travis Hansen
Louis Jacobson
Wynn Wiens

Guests Present

Steve Peterson, USGS

Staff in Attendance

Angie Jensen, Admin. Secretary

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 April Meeting

Chairman Gary Schaeffer asked for additions and/or corrections to the April 12, 2007 minutes of the Regular Board of Directors Meeting. There were none. Chairman Schaeffer approved the minutes as circulated.

Financial Report

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

Public Forum-None

USGS Report-Steve Peterson

Steve Peterson, USGS gave an update on the groundwater modeling study with a power point presentation. Director Gordon Simonson arrived at 7:21pm.

NRCS Report

Kevin Hood, Thedford NRCS District Conservationist, sent his written report to directors and staff. He was not able to attend the meeting.

Sandhills RC&D

Bob Broweleit had sent an e-mail to give as a report to directors. Administrative Secretary, Angie Jensen read that to directors.

North Central RC&D-None

Central Sandhills Area Extension-None

NE Soil & Water Conservation Program

No new applications to approve and tree NSWCP applications will be completed and sent in for cost share now that tree planting is complete.

District Reports

General Manager Anna Baum had sent her written report to directors and was not in attendance.

Resources Technicians Kyle Yrkoski and Jack Brummet sent were not in attendance.

Administrative Secretary Angie Jensen sent her report to directors in their board packet. She read the scholarship addition to the operating policies Anna Baum had prepared. Director Wayne Eatinger moved to include the addition in the procedure manual with board approval included. Director Judy Ridenour seconded the motion. Motion carried. (RCV#2)

The board discussed the necessity of resource technicians attending meetings and decided they are not required to attend unless requested to do so.

Next month's public forum on the "Price of Water" presented by The Groundwater Foundation" in conjunction with NET will be in the office on Wednesday, June 13, 2007. The board will have a 4:00pm regular board meeting that day.

NARD Report

Director Judy Ridenour reported she will have a NARD board meeting June 18, 2007 at which time the Conservation Award recipients will be chosen.

Groundwater Management Committee-Policy Reviews

Directors reviewed the policies GM Anna Baum had prepared to be sent to Tina Kurtz at DNR. The board asked Anna to hold them until the following Monday to allow time for complete reading of the material.

Correspondence & Informational Items

There will be a boater safety course offered Friday, June 1, 2007 at 10:00 am at the Upper Loup NRD for ages 14-18. The Bessey Ranger District Office Open House will be May 24, 2007 at 1:30 pm.

Complete Manager Performance Evaluation

Director Wayne Eatinger moved to go into executive session at 9:26 pm to discuss personnel performance and prevent the needless injury to the reputation of an individual. Director Steve Boyer seconded the motion. Motion carried. (RCV#3)

Director Wayne Eatinger moved to come out of executive session at 9:40 pm and Director Steve Boyer seconded the motion. Motion carried. (RCV#4)

Adjournment

Chairman Gary Schaeffer adjourned the meeting at 9:45 pm.

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 Wednesday, June 13, 2007 at 4:00 pm CST at the District Office in Thedford, NE.