

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, July 12, 2007. Treasurer Judy Ridenour called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Directors Present

Steve Boyer  
Byron Cox  
Ginger Fouse  
Travis Hansen  
Louis Jacobson  
Judy Ridenour  
Gary Schaeffer  
Eric Storer  
Wynn Wiens

Directors Absent & Excused

Wayne Eatinger  
Gordon Simonson

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

Treasurer Ridenour made note of the Open Meetings Act posted by the Board meeting table. She asked if there were any modifications to the agenda. There were none.

Action on Minutes of June Meeting

Treasurer Judy Ridenour asked for additions and/or corrections to the June 13, 2007 minutes of the Regular Board of Directors Meeting. There were none. Treasurer Ridenour approved the minutes as circulated. All those in favor saying aye.

Public Forum-None

NRCS Report

Kevin Hood, District Conservationist, Thedford NRCS gave an oral report to directors. He stated that Thedford FSA records will automatically be sent to Valentine instead of North Platte once the FSA office closes. Director Louis Jacobson arrived at 7:11pm. Brandon Peterson is back part time with WAE hours.

Sandhills RC&D-None

North Central RC&D-None

Central Sandhills Area Extension-None

Financial Report

The July financial report was reviewed by staff and directors. A 5 year profit and loss comparison was circulated. Anna brought to directors' attention how the downward trend has been reversed for this past fiscal year. She is working to keep these numbers looking better and better. Director Eric Storer arrived at 7:15pm. Director Byron Cox arrived at 7:18pm. Director Steve Boyer moved to accept the financial report and Director Travis Hansen seconded the motion. Motion carried. (RCV#1)

### NE Soil & Water Conservation Program

Nine NC-14 Planned Grazing applications had been completed and were presented for review. Directors and staff reviewed applications. A motion was made by Director Eric Storer and seconded by Director Ginger Fouse to approve the following cost share applications Practice NC-14 Planned Grazing.

1128-Mc	Bonnie Robb Lake	McPherson County	\$5,000.00
1129-Ho	Ron Carr	Hooker County	\$4,575.48
1130-Gr	Ron Carr	Grant County	\$424.52
1131-Th	H. Ewoldt Ranch Co.	Thomas County	\$3,655.60
1132-Ho	Lattin Bros.	Hooker County	\$3,401.58
1133-Ho	Marker Ranching, Inc.	Hooker County	\$1,782.30
1135-Ch	Ries Cattle Co.	Cherry County	\$1,841.13
1136-Ch	Tri R Angus	Cherry County	\$5,000.00

Motion carried. (RCV#2)

Director Louis Jacobson moved to approve the Lyle Rath application with the conditions that Mr. Rath abides by NRCS Grazing plan specs and grazing records are provided to us no later than October 15, 2007 with a \$5,000 maximum and a letter of acknowledgement for these conditions to be met. Reimbursement is contingent on these conditions being met. Director Eric Storer seconded the motion.

1134-Th	Lyle Rath	Thomas County	\$5,000.00
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Motion carried. (RCV#3)

### District Reports

General Manager Anna Baum had sent her written report to directors in the mail. Director Gary Schaeffer arrived at 7:45pm. He chaired the remainder of the meeting. Anna highlighted on the web-site being complete and the Moon Lake complaint. Tina Kurtz is currently reviewing Groundwater Policies sent to her.

Resources Technician Kyle Yrkoski had sent a written report to directors in the mail. He updated directors on NERain project in our district.

Resources Technician Jack Brummet had sent a written report to directors in the mail. The Logan County monitoring well was down 6 feet from last month. He stated most irrigation wells started running July 1. He reported on the USGS training he and Kyle Yrkoski attended at Ord that day for seepage run in the river.

Administrative Secretary Angie Jensen sent her report to directors in their board packet. She also reported on the training at Nebraska City for Healthy Water, Healthy People. Articles on the wall and information was also brought to directors' attention.

### NARD Report

Director Judy Ridenour reported on the quarterly NARD board meeting she attended in Lincoln. She discussed the upcoming Water Policy Task Force meeting Monday, July 30, 2007 at North Platte which director Wynn Wiens and GM Anna Baum will attend. The Water Resource cash fund meeting on July 23, 2007 in Lincoln Anna will attend.

### Hazard Mitigation Plan

Director Judy Ridenour moved to enter into the hazard mitigation plan. Director Wynn Wiens seconded the motion. Motion carried. (RCV#4) Director Louis Jacobson moved to amend the motion to say \$8,000 worth of pledges in actual dollars needed from local qualified entities to start. Director Steve Boyer seconded the amendment. Motion carried. (RCV#5)

### Budget Preparation

GM Anna Baum distributed budget worksheets with a few changes from last meeting. Purchase of a new no-till drill and feasibility were discussed.

### Groundwater Management Committee-Policy Reviews

Directors reviewed the quality policies GM Anna Baum had prepared. Revisions are to be made and will be presented at the next meeting.

### Correspondence & Informational Items

Directors asked GM Anna Baum to stay before going into closed session. Director Byron Cox moved to go into executive session at 10:32 pm to discuss staff wages and prevent the needless injury to the reputation of an individual. Director Steve Boyer seconded the motion. Motion carried. (RCV#6)

Director Wynn Wiens moved to come out of executive session at 10:56 pm and Director Eric Storer seconded the motion. Motion carried. (RCV#7)

Director Eric Storer moved to increase staff salaries 3% for all employees and raising Angie Jensen's wages up to \$20,000. Director Travis Hansen seconded the motion. Motion carried. (RCV#8)

### Adjournment

Chairman Gary Schaeffer adjourned the meeting at 10:57 pm.

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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, August 9, 2007 at 7:00 pm CST at the District Office in Thedford, NE.