

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, August 9, 2007. Chairman Gary Schaeffer called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm.

Directors Present

Byron Cox
Wayne Eatinger
Ginger Fouse
Travis Hansen
Judy Ridenour
Gary Schaeffer
Eric Storer
Wynn Wiens

Directors Absent & Excused

Steve Boyer
Louis Jacobson
Gordon Simonson

Staff in Attendance

Angie Jensen, Admin. Secretary
Jack Brummet, 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 July Meeting

Chairman Gary Schaeffer asked for additions and/or corrections to the July 12, 2007 minutes of the Regular Board of Directors Meeting. There were none. Chairman Schaeffer approved the minutes as circulated. Director Byron Cox arrived at 7:04 pm.

Public Forum-None

NRCS Report-None

Sandhills RC&D-None

North Central RC&D-None

Central Sandhills Area Extension-None

Financial Report

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

NE Soil & Water Conservation Program-None

District Reports

General Manager Anna Baum and Resources Technician Kyle Yrkoski had sent written reports to directors in the mail.

Resources Technician Jack Brummet had sent a written report to directors in the mail. The Logan County monitoring well was up 1.20 feet from last month. He stated they just had rain and pivots just started back up. He reported he and Kyle Yrkoski had taken two river runs for the ELM study and have a few left to go. They attended the Leafy Spurge conference at Ainsworth. He reported continuing work for UNL on GPS and locating wells for them to use as monitoring wells. All equipment will be read from a satellite with installation beginning September or October 2007. Satellite offices every Tuesday have provided time to go visit locations and local farmer/ranchers with a positive response.

Administrative Secretary Angie Jensen sent her report to directors in their board packet. She mentioned the upcoming grant writing workshop she will attend in Bassett, NE at the North Central RC&D office August 16-17. Articles on the wall and August calendar were also brought to directors' attention.

NARD Report

Director Judy Ridenour reported on the Grazing Conference held in Kearney. She said the presentation was very good this year. She also reported on the Keep Nebraska Beautiful conference she attended July 18-19 in Norfolk. She asked that GM Anna Baum see what would be involved in becoming an affiliate member.

Budget Preparation

Director Wayne Eatinger motioned to have a special budget meeting for the Upper Loup NRD board of directors on Thursday, September 13, 7pm CT. Director Ginger Fouse seconded the motion. Motion carried. (RCV#2)

Insurance Umbrella

Directors asked that Joe Bob Atkins attend the next meeting to go over the insurance policy and give some detail on the increase in umbrella coverage.

Groundwater Management Committee-Policy Reviews

Directors reviewed the quality policies GM Anna Baum had prepared. Administrative Secretary Angie Jensen informed directors that Tina Kurtz would be in our office August 23, 2007 to review the policies that have been sent to her.

Correspondence & Informational Items

Director Wynn Wiens attended the Hooker County Commissioners meeting and Mullen Village meeting along with GM Anna Baum. He gave an oral report to directors and answered questions. Administrative Secretary Angie Jensen asked directors if they had anything they would like to have GM Anna Baum present at the Managers Meeting the end of August.

Adjournment

Chairman Gary Schaeffer adjourned the meeting at 8:50 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 and Special Budget Hearing will be held on Thursday, September 13, 2007 at 7:00 pm CST at the District Office in Thedford, NE.