

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, October 9, 2008. Eric Storer called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Directors Present

Steve Boyer  
Wayne Eatinger  
Ginger Fouse  
Louis Jacobson  
Judy Ridenour  
Gary Schaeffer (joined at 7:25)  
Gordon Simonson  
Eric Storer  
Wynn Wiens

Directors Absent & Excused

Byron Cox  
Travis Hansen

Staff in Attendance

Anna Baum, General Manager  
Leslie Reiser, Admin. Secretary

Guests

Kevin Hood, NRCS

Notice of Open Meeting Law Posting

Eric made note of the Open Meetings Act posted on the wall by the Board meeting table.

Agenda Modification

Eric asked if there were any modifications to the agenda. No modifications.

Action on Minutes of September Meeting

Eric asked for additions and/or corrections to the September 11, 2008 meeting minutes. No additions or corrections. Minutes approved as circulated.

Financial Report

The July financial report was reviewed by staff and directors. Steve moved to accept the financial report and Wayne seconded the motion. Motion carried. (RCV#1)

Public Forum – No Report

Agency Reports

NRCS Report

Kevin gave an oral report to directors. He reported that the NRCS is on a continuing resolution until the budget is approved. All part time employees will be laid off and all programs will be delayed. He attended a community meeting where Deb Fischer was the speaker.

Sandhills RC&D – No Report

North Central RC&D – No Report

Central Sandhills Area Extension

Bethany has requested some Ranch Practicum Scholarship applications to send out. On 10/14/08 Anna and Sue will be in Mullen doing a geocaching workshop with the 4<sup>th</sup> grade students.

### District Staff Reports

Anna, Kyle and Leslie attended Clients Day at the Halsey Forest. Tree prices went up from \$0.49 to \$0.56 per tree. Kyle has started going out on survival checks. Anna read a report to the board left by Denise due to the fact that she was unable to attend the meeting. Denise reported that 7 schools, 104 students, attended the land judging hosted by the NRD.

### NE Soil & Water Conservation Program – No Report

### Wildlife – No Report

### Water Quantity

We have received several water use sheets from producers reporting their 2008 water use. One more letter to land owners who have not certified their acres will be sent out.

### Water Quality

We have received 16 applications for cost share for fall leafy spurge spraying.

No soil sampling has been done as of yet.

### Yard Enhancement Program

Sent out several applications and have received three back.

### District Interlocal Cooperative Agreements

11/17/08- DNR will review the petition regarding the fully appropriated designation. We will decide after that date if we want to continue on with the petition

Kyle is done with the stream sampling for DEQ and the work reimbursement request has been sent.

### Grant Reports

The last round of HMP meetings will be held on 10/14/08 in Muller and 10/15/08 in Thedford.

The monitoring wells have been drilled and the data recorders placed.

Our objectives for the 319 grant are approximately 40% complete.

All 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter grant reimbursements have been sent

### NARD Report

Anna, Kyle, and Judy attended Annual Conference in Lincoln. Jim Goeke was one of the speakers down there. Legislative Conference is scheduled for 01/27/08 and 01/28/08.

### Correspondence & Informational Items – No Report

### Adjournment

Gary adjourned the meeting at 8:12pm.

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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, November 13, 2008 7:00 pm CST at the District Office in Theford, NE.