

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 10, 2008. Judy Ridenour called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm.

Directors Present

Steve Boyer
Byron Cox
Wayne Eatinger (joined at 7:05)
Ginger Fouse
Louis Jacobson
Judy Ridenour
Gary Schaeffer (joined at 7:05)
Gordon Simonson
Wynn Wiens

Directors Absent & Excused

Travis Hansen
Eric Storer

Staff in Attendance

Anna Baum, General Manager
Leslie Reiser, Admin. Secretary

Guests

Kevin Hood, NRCS

Notice of Open Meeting Law Posting

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

Gary arrived at 7:05 pm

Agenda Modification

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

Action on Minutes of June Meeting

Gary asked for additions and/or corrections to the June 12, 2008 meeting minutes. No additions or corrections. Minutes approved as circulated.

Financial Report

The June financial report was reviewed by staff and directors. Questions were brought up about the credit memo to Schufeldt. It was explained the he did not receive some of his trees and would receive a credit on next years tree order. Steve moved to accept the financial report and Wayne seconded the motion. Motion carried. (RCV#1)

Public Forum

Nothing to report.

Agency Reports

NRCS Report

Kevin gave an oral report to directors. He reported that the NRCS had received some calls by producers to see if their cost share applications were approved. He also made the comment that the money for these contracts will be handled in a different manner this next fiscal year. Also, it is now mandatory that if you bring your own hay into a national park, it has to be certified weed-free.

Sandhills RC&D

Steve reported on the Carbon Copy meeting held in Mullen

North Central RC&D

Nothing to report

Central Sandhills Area Extension

Anna reported that the Extension office is gearing up for fair and that we will have tables at those fairs for water testing and general information.

District Staff Reports

No additions to reports sent in the board packets.

NE Soil & Water Conservation Program

Anna reported to the board that we do not know as of yet what our allotment will be for the upcoming year. We try to divide the dollars up equally between the planned grazing and the trees. We have some left over dollars that we could provide cost share for two of the applications for planned grazing, but the remaining ones would have to wait until we know what our allotment is before we review them. The board reviewed the two applications. Byron made a motion to accept the applications, Wayne seconded. Motion carried (RCV#2)

Wildlife

One new contract for WILD.

There are 8 current Corners for Wildlife contracts with 2 more new this year.

Water Quantity

There was one new well permit that was issued in Logan county.

The acre certification is almost completed.

Water Quality

Chemigation permits and inspections are complete

Fiscal funds for Water Quality will be down about \$1000.00 but some of that money should be regained by NDEQ grant funds due to Kyle doing stream sampling for them.

District Interlocal Cooperative Agreements

The Niobrara Coalition meeting will be held at the Middle Niobrara NRD office in Valentine on July 16, 2008 at 9:00 am central time.

Grant Reports

Most of the Hazard Mitigation packets have been sent in and forwarded on the JEO.

Two well drillers sent in bids for the drilling of the monitoring wells that met the criteria for USGS. Judy made a motion to accept the contract from Downey Well Drilling, Wayne seconded. Motion carried. (RCV#3)

Budget

Anna passed around copies of the proposed budget for the board to review again. It was brought up that the budget didn't need to be approved but the cost of living increase should be so that it could take affect for the July salaries. Steve made a motion to accept the proposed budget, Wayne seconded. Motion carried. (RCV4)

NARD Report

Judy reported that they had a NARD meeting on June 16, 2008. There were 808,000 trees sold throughout the NARD. She also gave an oral report on the Loup Basin Tour.

Correspondence & Informational Items

Nothing to report

Adjournment

Gary adjourned the meeting at 8:41 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 will be held on Thursday, August 14, 2008 7:00 pm CST at the District Office in Thedford, NE.