

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 14, 2008. Eric Storer called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm.

Directors Present

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

Directors Absent & Excused

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.

Gary and Wayne 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 July 10, 2008 meeting minutes. No additions or corrections. Minutes approved as circulated.

Financial Report

The July financial report was reviewed by staff and directors. Eric moved to accept the financial report and Steve 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 26 EQIP contracts to date that totaled approximately \$869,000.00. September 5, 2008 is the cedar tree removal demonstration in Mullen.

Sandhills RC&D

Nothing to report

North Central RC&D

Nothing to report

Central Sandhills Area Extension

Nothing to report

District Staff Reports

No additions to reports sent in the board packets.

NE Soil & Water Conservation Program

13 applications for planned grazing were distributed for board members to review. There was discussion on one application as to whether it qualified for approval. Byron moved to accept all applications and Wayne seconded the motion. Motion carried (RCV#2)

Anna brought forward a written planned grazing policy which included the district's definition of a low capacity replacement well.

Wildlife

Nothing to report

Water Quantity

To date 53,084 irrigated acres have been certified, with only a few producers left to finish up.

Water Quality

Kyle has been doing domestic water sampling in Hooker County.

District Interlocal Cooperative Agreements

To date, \$4885.00 has been paid in lawyer fees toward the Niobrara Basin petition. Anna distributed an interlocal agreement to be signed. The agreement stated that we would like to go ahead as planned, but if in the future we decide to no longer be a part of it, we could be excused. Wayne moved to sign the agreement and Steve seconded the motion. Motion carried. (RCV#3)

Kyle is still doing stream sampling for NDEQ for the next 7 weeks.

Grant Reports

We have received notification the Twin Platte NRD has taken over our part of McPherson county in the Hazard Mitigation Plan. Region 24 has taken over the parts of Cherry and Brown counties that are in our district also. This leaves us with 5 counties in our plan.

Drilling of the monitoring wells is due to start August 19, 2008. The plan is to be done in approximately 8 days with the first site being in Logan County.

Anna attended a meeting for the 319 grant in North Platte. We are finding that the majority of the wells being tested are not registered. There may be potential in the future to get a grant to help cover registration costs. This would result in more of the districts out of pocket costs being covered by the 319 grant

Budget

In 2009 the mileage rate is set to go up from \$0.505 to \$0.585. We were notified that we could increase the rate for the remainder of 2008. The general consensus was to keep the current mileage. There was discussion on whether to

increase the per diem. The decision was to leave per diem at \$40.00. The budget hearing was set for September 11, 2008.

NARD Report

Judy reported that there is a need for help at Husker Harvest Days for anybody who would like to sign up. Annual conference is in Kearney September 29th and 30th. Wayne and Ginger reported on the Grazing conference that they attended.

Correspondence & Informational Items

Nothing to report

Adjournment

Gary adjourned the meeting at 9:05pm.

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.