

UPPER LOUP NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
December 3, 2020 @ 2:00 PM CT (1:00 PM MT)

Directors Present

Chris Higgins
John Kraye
Patrick Wright
Judy Ridnour
Connie Cox
Eric Storer
Tom Johnson
Eric Schipporeit
Richard Burnside

Directors Absent & Excused

Chris Vinton

Directors Unexcused

Miles Maseberg

Staff in Attendance

Anna Baum, General Manager
Jamie Green, Administrative Secretary
Lexi Spurlin, I & E Coordinator/ Resource Technician
Shane Young, Resource Technician
Jake Ginkens, Resource Technician

Guests

Rebecca Connealy via phone conference

Call Regular Monthly Meeting to Order

Higgins called the regular meeting to order at 2:01 pm.

Open Meetings Act

Higgins made note of the Open Meetings act posted on the wall in the Learning center.

Agenda Modifications

Higgins asked if there were any modifications to the agenda. Anna reported that Bob Meyer will not be coming to be present during the financial report.

Action on Minutes of November Meeting

Higgins asked for additions and/or corrections to the November 12, 2020 meeting minutes. Storer made a motion to accept the minutes as circulated and Johnson seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote. (RCV #1)

Public Forum – No Representation

Agency Reports – No Representation

District Staff Reports –

Jake advised the directors that he has been working on getting flowmeter readings. Shane has been working on tree plans for producers and reading flowmeters. Lexi has also been working on flowmeters and the newsletter which will be out in early January.

Financial Report

The December financial report was reviewed by staff and directors. Johnson made a motion to accept the financial report and Storer seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote. (RCV #2)

NE Soil & Water Conservation Program – No Report and No CS Applications

Wildlife – No Report

Water Sub-committee – No Report

Water Quantity

Anna reported that all producers who applied for expansion of irrigated acres but one has work started.

Water Quality

Anna advised the directors that the new District Annual Water Quality Management Reports had been emailed to them.

Current NRD Projects

ERC Demo and Presentation took place this morning and there was a good turnout. There were 4 vendors on site who demonstrated machines. Demo videos were shown.

Grant Reports

Anna informed the directors that we are still awaiting reimbursement from the Greener Towns Grant program, for the main project, and the Academy of Science for signage for the Firehall Arboretum project. Drought Mitigation Planning invitation letters are going out for the Stakeholder group. The first meeting is planned for either January or February.

Coalition/Alliance – No Report

NARD Report

Ridenour reported that she's still unsure if the NARD Legislative Conference will be held. The NARD was able to locate a permanent location for the office in Lincoln. Annual report books will be available soon.

Approval of Director Absences, Correspondence, Scholarships, Informational Items & Complaints

Johnson made a motion to approve Vinton absence and Storer seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote. (RCV #3)

Anna thanked Cox for her 4 years of service on the Board and asked the directors to think of a replacement for S-D 4. She will put an advertising in the newspaper announcing the opening.

Adjournment

Higgins adjourned the meeting at 2:38 pm.

Judy Ridenour, Secretary

Tally of votes cast on motions, Financial Reports and Manager's Report are on file with the official minutes of this meeting. The next Board of Directors Meeting will be held at the office on Thursday January 14, 2021 at 3:00 pm.