

UPPER LOUP NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT  
REGULAR BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
February 10, 2022 @ 3:00 PM CT

The regular meeting of the Upper Loup Natural Resources District Board of Directors was held in Thedford, NE on Thursday, February 10, 2022. Chris Higgins called the meeting to order at 3:03 pm.

Directors Present

Chris Higgins  
Richard Burnside  
John Kraye  
Judy Ridenour  
Eric Schipporeit  
Tony Ruhter  
Miles Maseberg  
Rebecca Connealy  
Patrick Wright

Directors Absent & Excused

Eric Storer  
Tom Johnson

Directors Unexcused

Staff in Attendance

Anna Baum, General Manager  
Jamie Green, Admin. Secretary

Guests

TL Meyer, Beef Systems Extension Educator

Call Regular Monthly Meeting to Order

Higgins called the regular meeting to order at 3:03 pm.

Open Meetings Act

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

Election

Kraye made a motion for the officers to stay the same and Schipporeit seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote. (RCV#1)

Kraye made a motion for the Lower Platte South River Basin Coalition representatives to stay the same and Schipporeit seconded the motion. Aye: Connealy, Kraye, Maseberg, Ridenour, Ruhter, Schipporeit, Wright. Abstain: Burnside and Higgins. Motion carried. (RCV#2)

Wright made a motion for Ridenour to be the NARD Representative and Higgins the Alternate and Kraye seconded the motion. Aye: Burnside, Connealy, Kraye, Maseberg, Ruhter, Schipporeit, Wright. Abstain: Ridenour and Higgins. Motion carried. (RCV #3)

Wright made a motion for Connealy to be the Loup Basin RC&D representative and the North Central RC&D and Sandhills RC&D representatives to stay the same and Burnside seconded the nomination. Aye: Burnside, Higgins, Kraye, Maseberg, Ridenour, Ruhter, Schipporeit, Wright. Abstain: Connealy. Motion carried. (RCV#4)

### Agenda Modifications

Higgins asked if there were any modifications to the agenda. No Modifications.

### Action on Minutes of January Meeting

Higgins asked for additions and/or corrections to the January 13, 2022 meeting minutes. Kraye made a motion to accept the minutes as circulated and Burnside seconded the motion. Aye: Burnside, Connealy, Higgins, Kraye, Maseberg, Ridenour, Ruhter, and Schipporeit. Abstain: Wright. Motion carried. (RCV #5)

### Public Forum – No Representation

### Agency Reports

T.L. Meyer reported to the directors the Generational Transition workshop has been rescheduled to April 21<sup>st</sup> at Gudmundsen and April 22<sup>nd</sup> in Bassett. There will be a Feedlot roundtable in North Platte on February 23<sup>rd</sup>. Ryan Ridenour is now the State President of the Nebraska Association of Cattle Extension Boards. There will be a chemigation training on May 26<sup>th</sup> at the ULNRD office in Thedford. Contact the Extension for more information.

### District Staff Reports

Anna reminded the directors the filing date for incumbents is February 15<sup>th</sup>. There have been changes with Legislative bills that have passed involving holding meetings virtually and putting notices in the paper, which will be included in the ULNRD Operations Policy. Anna will email a draft copy of the updated ULNRD operating policy to the directors before the next meeting. Then before the next meeting, an updated draft copy of the ULNRD personnel policy will be sent to directors.

Jake has received the parts for the drill. He was having issues with getting a service technician here in a timely manner, so he will take care of repairs.

Shane has 16 tree plans completed and has 3 upcoming visits next week.

Lexi has been working on ACE camp preparations. Something new this year is ACE camp registrations will be done online. The camp will be held a week later than usual due to the Juneteenth holiday on June 26<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup>.

### Financial Report

The February financial report was reviewed by staff and directors. Kraye made a motion to accept the financial report and Maseberg seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote. (RCV #6)

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

### Wildlife – No Report

### Water Sub-committee – No Report

### Water Quantity – No Report

### Water Quality – No Report

### Current NRD Projects

Anna asked the directors if they had any additions or changes to the Groundwater Management Plan goals and objectives that were sent out. She went over the goals and objectives with the directors. There were no additions or changes at this time.

### Grant Reports

Anna let the directors know the Drought Resiliency report is in the final review stage. They are working on a draft of the Drought Mitigation Plan. There are no stakeholder's meetings planned at this time.

### Coalition/Alliance

Anna reported to the directors the LPSB annual reports are due March 3<sup>rd</sup>. There is a technical meeting on February 28<sup>th</sup> in Kearney.

### NARD Report

Ridenour reported to the directors the Legislative conference was held in Lincoln on January 24<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup>. Governor Ricketts was present at the morning meeting and shared his excitement for the Perkins County Canal. There was discussion regarding developing a Water Conservation Award and evaluation criteria regarding nominations.

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

Anna reported to the directors one of the ULNRD pickups will be going up for bid.

Maseberg made a motion to approve Storer and Johnson absences and Burnside seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote. (RCV #7)

### Adjournment

Higgins adjourned the meeting at 3:55 pm.

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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 meeting was advertised in the Thomas County Herald, Stapleton Enterprise, McPherson County News, Hooker County Tribune, Grant County News, ULNRD website, and the ULNRD newsletter. The next Board of Directors Meeting will be held at the office on Thursday, March 10, 2021 at 3:00 pm.