

UPPER LOUP NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
February 13, 2020 @3:00 PM CT (2:00 PM MT)
District office – Thedford, NE

The regular meeting of the Upper Loup Natural Resources District Board of Directors was held at the District office in Thedford, NE on Thursday, February 14, 2020. Chris Higgins called the meeting to order at 3:04 pm.

Directors Present

Richard Burnside
Chris Higgins
Tom Johnson
John Krave
Miles Maseberg
Judy Ridenour (arrived @ 3:21)
Eric Schipporeit
Eric Storer
Patrick Wright

Directors Absent & Excused

Connie Cox
Chris Vinton

Directors Unexcused

Staff in Attendance

Anna Baum, General Manager
Leslie Harvey, Admin. Secretary
Lexi Hingtgen, Resources Tech/I&E Coord.

Guests

Kevin Hood, NRCS

Call Regular Monthly Meeting to Order

Higgins called the regular meeting to order at 3:04pm.

Open Meetings Act

Higgins made note of the Open Meetings Act posted on the wall.

Agenda Modification

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 9, 2020 meeting minutes. Johnson made a motion to accept the minutes as circulated and Storer seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote. (RCV#1)

Public Forum – No Representation

Agency Reports

Kevin gave an oral report to the Directors

District Staff Reports

Anna gave a legislative update to directors.

Shane has been doing tree plans and finishing up flowmeters.

Jake has been working on the drill and finishing up flowmeters.

Lexi has been working on ACE Camp, the Arboretum and cedar demo brochures

Financial Report

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

NE Soil & Water Conservation Program

Anna reviewed with directors the revision made to the standard operating procedures concerning the cost-share of planting ERC in livestock windbreaks. Ridenour made a motion to provide cost-share on livestock windbreaks containing ERC following the standard operating procedures and Burnside seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote. (RCV#3)

Wildlife – No Report

Water Sub-committee

Anna reported that she is still waiting on the official report on the possible water storage project study. Initially, it doesn't look like there will be any benefits to the District.

Water Quantity – No Report

Water Quality – No Report

Current NRD Projects

Anna passed out the cedar demo brochure.

She reported that the tree saws are in and showed them to the directors.

Grant Reports – No Report

Coalition/Alliance

Anna reported that she is working on the annual report that is due March 1st.

NARD Report

Judy reported on Legislative Conference

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

Johnson made a motion to accept the absences of Cox and Vinton and Wright seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote. (RCV#3)

Adjournment

Higgins adjourned the meeting at 3:42 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 on Thursday March 12, 2020 at 3:00pm CST at the District office in Thedford, NE.