

UPPER LOUP NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
January 14, 2021 @ 3:00 PM CT (2:00 PM MT)

Directors Present

Chris Higgins
John Kraye
Patrick Wright
Judy Ridnour
Rebecca Connealy
Eric Storer
Richard Burnside

Directors Absent & Excused

Miles Maseberg
Tom Johnson
Eric Schipporeit

Directors Unexcused

Staff in Attendance

Anna Baum, General Manager
Jamie Green, Administrative Secretary

Guests

Call Regular Monthly Meeting to Order

Higgins called the regular meeting to order at 3:01 pm.

Open Meetings Act

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

Swear in New Board Members

Ridenour and Connealy took the oath of office.

Election

Storer nominated Higgins for Chairman and Wright seconded the nomination.

Aye: Burnside, Connealy, Kraye, Ridenour, Storer, Wright. Abstain: Higgins. Motion carried. (RCV#1)

Storer nominated Wright for Vice-chairman and Higgins seconded the motion. Aye: Burnside, Connealy, Higgins, Kraye, Ridenour, Storer. Abstain: Wright. Motion carried. (RCV#2)

Storer nominated Ridenour for Secretary and Burnside seconded the nomination. Aye: Burnside, Connealy, Higgins, Kraye, Storer, Wright. Abstain: Ridenour. Motion carried. (RCV#3)

Burnside provisionally nominated Johnson for Treasurer and Storer seconded the nomination. Motion carried by unanimous vote. (RCV#4)

Storer made a motion for Schipporeit to be the North Central RC&D representative and for Kraye to be the Sandhills RC&D representative and Burnside seconded the nomination. Aye: Burnside, Connealy, Higgins, Ridenour, Storer, Wright. Abstain: Kraye. Motion carried. (RCV#5)

Wright nominated Higgins and Burnside to be Lower Platte South River Basin Coalition representatives and Storer seconded the motion. Aye: Connealy, Higgins, Kraye, Ridenour, Storer, Wright. Abstain: Burnside. Motion carried. (RCV#6)

Agenda Modifications

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

Action on Minutes of November Meeting

Higgins asked for additions and/or corrections to the December 3, 2020 meeting minutes. Ridenour advised that the NARD Annual Report was available at the office not available soon as mentioned in the minutes. Wright made a motion to accept the minutes as circulated and Storer seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote. (RCV #7)

Public Forum – No Representation

Agency Reports – No Representation

District Staff Reports –

Anna reported to the directors that she will be holding the Director Orientation in March before the meeting. She invited any directors who haven't been to one in a while were welcome to attend for a refresher. Anna stated the resource technicians will be done reading flowmeters on Friday. Shane has been working with producers on tree plans for the spring tree season. Lexi got the newsletters out earlier this month. There are coupons in the newsletters for orange bags for our Hefty program, which enables the community to recycle the less accepted plastics. Jamie advised the directors that the mileage for reimbursement went down.

Financial Report

The January financial report was reviewed by staff and directors. Burnside made a motion to accept the financial report and Krave seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote. (RCV #8)

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

Wildlife – No Report

Water Sub-committee – No Report

Water Quantity – No Report

Water Quality –

Anna reported that they will soon be updating Sub-District 1 domestic well contact list for testing this summer.

Current NRD Projects

Ridenour asked about the possibility of making the tree shredder owned by RC & D available to the community to rent. Anna stated that she will do some research regarding liability insurance and maintenance questions. Krave will visit with RC&D to find out their future plans for the tree shredder as well.

Grant Reports

Anna stated that the Drought Mitigation Plan data collection and mapping is 90% complete. She sent invitations for the stakeholders committee and has heard back from 8 to date that are interested. The first stakeholders meeting will tentatively be in February. We were preliminary approved for the NET grant for the drill. Anna also advised the directors that she put in a grant to the Department of Environment and Energy to help recover Recycling expenses and that was also approved.

Coalition/Alliance

Anna reported that the next committee meeting will be either end of January or first week in February, possibly in person.

NARD Report

Ridenour stated that there was a risk pool meeting held via zoom on December 11th. The meeting was called to vote on using risk pool funds for the closing on the new NARD building. Ridenour advised the directors that she was pleased to see the staff helping with remodel.

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

Storer made a motion to approve Schipporeit, Johnson, and Maseberg absences and Kraye seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote. (RCV #9).

Directors signed the Board of Education land lease paperwork.

Ridenour made a motion to approve the Resolution and Kraye seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote. (RCV #10).

Burnside made a motion to approve Tony Ruhter as director of Sub-District 4 and Storer seconded it. Motion carried by unanimous vote. (RCV #11)

Adjournment

Higgins adjourned the meeting at 3:52 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, February 11, 2021 at 3:00 pm.