

UPPER LOUP NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
January 9, 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, January 9, 2020. Chris Higgins called the meeting to order at 3:01 pm.

Directors Present

Richard Burnside
Chris Higgins
Tom Johnson
John Krave
Judy Ridenour (arrived @ 3:02)
Eric Schipporeit
Eric Storer
Chris Vinton
Patrick Wright

Directors Absent & Excused

Connie Cox
Miles Maseberg

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 3:01pm.

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 December Meeting

Higgins asked for additions and/or corrections to the December 12, 2019 meeting minutes. Storer made a motion to accept the minutes as circulated and Vinton seconded the motion. Aye: Higgins, Johnson, Krave, Ridenour, Storer, Vinton, Wright. Abstain: Burnside, Schipporeit. Motion carried. (RCV#1)

Public Forum – No Representation

Agency Reports

Kevin gave an oral report to the Directors

District Staff Reports

Anna reported there is a cedar tree demo south of Tryon January 10th and 11th. The NRD sponsored cedar tree demo will be held on February 25th starting in Mullen @ 9:00 mt with a short presentation and the demo to begin @ 10:30 mt. with the location to be announced.

Directors discussed purchasing small hand held tree saws to be available to constituents throughout the district. Anna will order 50 and have them screen-printed with name and phone number.

Lexi reported that checking flowmeters has been hampered by the recent snowfall but they are almost complete.

The newsletter is complete and sent out. Lexi has been working on ACE Camp and the website as well.

Leslie had e-mailed the directors the 2019 Board Attendance Record.

School land leases were distributed for directors to sign.

Financial Report

The December financial report was reviewed by staff and directors. Vinton 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

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 – No Report

Water Quantity – No Report

Water Quality – No Report

Current NRD Projects – No Report

Grant Reports

Anna reported that she has received 3 resolutions from plan participants to adopt the HMP. Krave made a motion to Adopt HMP Resolution 20-1 and Johnson seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote. (RCV#4)

Out of 4 consulting firms contacted to provide services, only one sent back a proposal. Burnside made a motion to accept JEO as the consulting firm and Vinton seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote. (RCV#5)

Anna reported that 8 nurseries throughout Nebraska have been contacted to provide trees and shrubs for the Arboretum. Some species are not available so they will need to change some of the plantings.

The Thedford Fire Board is scheduled to sign the interlocal agreement on Tuesday January 14th and the Village of Thedford will sign theirs in February. The public presentation of the project is scheduled for March 26th and the pollinator planting will be June 3rd.

Coalition/Alliance

Anna reported that she is working on the annual report.

NARD Report

Legislative Conference is January 28th and 29th, 2020

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

Vinton made a motion to accept the absences of Cox and Maseberg and Storer seconded the motion. Aye: Burnside, Higgins, Ridenour, Schipporeit, Storer, Vinton. Nay: Wright, Johnson, Krave. Motion carried. (RCV#6)

Anna reported that the application from Mullen Public Schools was the only one received for the Nature in the Neighborhood Grant for 2020. Wright made a motion to accept the application and Vinton seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote. (RCV#7)

Adjournment

Higgins adjourned the meeting at 3:57 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 February 13, 2020 at 3:00pm CST at the District office in Thedford, NE.