

UPPER LOUP NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT  
REGULAR BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
March 12, 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. Patrick Wright called the meeting to order at 3:04 pm.

Directors Present

Richard Burnside  
Connie Cox  
Tom Johnson  
John Krave  
Judy Ridenour  
Patrick Wright

Directors Absent & Excused

Chris Higgins  
Miles Maseberg  
Eric Schipporeit  
Eric Storer  
Chris Vinton

Directors Unexcused

Staff in Attendance

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

Guests

Kevin Hood, NRCS

Call Regular Monthly Meeting to Order

Wright called the regular meeting to order at 3:00pm.

Open Meetings Act

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

Agenda Modifications

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

Action on Minutes of February Meeting

Ridenour asked for additions and/or corrections to the February 12, 2020 meeting minutes. Johnson made a motion to accept the minutes as circulated and Wright 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 approximately 17,000 trees to be planted to date with a few more producers to meet with and do plans. Halsey will start lifting trees March 30<sup>th</sup> and Shane will plan on starting to plant the first week of April.

Jake has been working on the drills and getting ready for them to go out. He will be starting static water levels soon.

Lexi has been working on ACE Camp as well as the April newsletter.

### Financial Report

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

### NE Soil & Water Conservation Program

One application for planned grazing was reviewed by directors. Wright made a motion to accept the application and Burnside seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote. (RCV#3)

### Wildlife – No Report

### Water Sub-committee – No Report

### Water Quantity

Anna reported that there are 55 meters to date that need to be installed in Cherry, Thomas, Hooker, and Grant counties by 5/1/2020.

Anna reviewed pumping information from 2019 with directors

### Water Quality

Water quality testing this year will be in sub-district 5 with 101 domestic wells to be tested and 66 irrigation wells.

### Current NRD Projects

Anna reported that the cedar demo had been postponed and will take place in October.

### Grant Reports

The Drought Mitigation Plan has been resubmitted to NEMA.

The Arboretum Public Information meeting will be held March 26<sup>th</sup> from 6-7 pm central time in the Learning Center. 54 invitations have been sent out to area groups and individuals as well as flyers posted.

All but 2 resolutions for the HMP have been returned.

### Coalition/Alliance

The LPS Board Meeting will be held April 16<sup>th</sup> @ 1:00 pm in Ord. They will be looking at assessing dues for the coalition for the next 2 years. We have 70% of our total acre feet depletion allocation left going into year 5.

### NARD Report

Judy reported on the NARD meeting in Lincoln.

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

Burnside made a motion to accept the absences of Higgins, Maseberg, Schipporeit, Storer, and Vinton and Kraye seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote. (RCV#4)

Anna shared the Sandhills RC&D annual report with directors.

Anna reported that the Envirothon was needing volunteers and asked if any of the directors would like to participate.

The NARD annual DC trip has been cancelled.

### Adjournment

Wright adjourned the meeting at 3:50 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 next Board of Directors Meeting will be held on Thursday April 9, 2020 at 7:00pm CST at the District office in Thedford, NE.