

UPPER LOUP NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT  
REGULAR BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
May 14, 2020 @7:00 PM CT (6:00 PM MT)  
Via teleconference

The regular meeting of the Upper Loup Natural Resources District Board of Directors was held via teleconference in Thedford, NE on Thursday, May 14, 2020. Chris Higgins called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Directors Present

Chris Higgins  
Miles Maseberg  
Tom Johnson  
John Krave  
Judy Ridenour  
Eric Schipporeit  
Eric Storer  
Chris Vinton  
Patrick Wright

Directors Absent & Excused

Richard Burnside

Directors Unexcused

Connie Cox

Staff in Attendance

Anna Baum, General Manager  
Leslie Harvey, Admin. Secretary

Guests

Kevin Hood, NRCS

Call Regular Monthly Meeting to Order

Higgins called the regular meeting to order at 7:00pm.

Open Meetings Act

Higgins made note of the Open Meetings act that was sent to each director and has also been posted on the website and is on the wall in the Learning center.

Agenda Modifications

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

Action on Minutes of April Meeting

Higgins asked for additions and/or corrections to the April 9, 2020 meeting minutes. Storer made a motion to accept the minutes as circulated and Maseberg 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

Shane and Lexi are done planting trees. They planted a total of 18,072 trees.

Jake is done doing static water levels.

The techs will start doing chemigation, drill delivery and domestic water testing.

Leslie had 2 school land leases for the directors to sign.

### Financial Report

The April financial report was reviewed by staff and directors. Maseberg 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

Directors reviewed one application. Vinton made a motion to accept the application and Storer seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote. (RCV#3)

### Wildlife – No Report

### Water Sub-committee – No Report

### Water Quantity

Anna had sent copies of a transfer request and 2 variance requests to directors. Vinton made a motion to approve the transfer request and Storer seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote. (RCV#4)

Vinton made a motion to approve the variance request to Sisters Holdings LLC and Storer seconded the motion. Aye: Higgins, Johnson, Ridenour, Schipporeit, Storer, Vinton, Wright. Nay: Krave, Maseberg. Motion carried. (RCV#5)

Vinton made a motion to accept the variance request to Al Davis and Krave seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote. (RCV#6)

### Water Quality – No Report

### Current NRD Projects

Anna reported that neither the cedar demo nor the Arboretum information meeting had been rescheduled as of yet.

### Grant Reports

They will start planting grass around the Arboretum site as soon as some topsoil has been delivered and leveled at the site. Anna has started to gather some of the planting material.

The HMP is complete with Anna working on the final report.

The NEMA Drought Mitigation Plan has been sent back to have some changes made.

Coalition/Alliance

The LPSRB Board Meeting has been scheduled for the 21<sup>st</sup>. It will be a ZOOM meeting.

NARD Report

The basin tour has been postponed.

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

Anna reported to directors that the Prescribed Burn Task Force has asked the ULNRD to be a sponsor. Kraye made a motion to help sponsor and Wright seconded the motion. Aye: Johnson, Kraye, Schipporeit, Storer, Vinton, Wright. Nay: Higgins, Maseberg, Ridenour. Motion carried. (RCV#7)

Kraye made a motion to approve Burnsides absence and Vinton seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote. (RCV#8)

Adjournment

Higgins adjourned the meeting at 7:45 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 June 11, 2020 at 7:00pm CST via teleconference.