

UPPER LOUP NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
November 4, 2021 @7:00 PM CT

The budget hearing followed by the regular meeting of the Upper Loup Natural Resources District Board of Directors was held in Thedford, NE on Thursday, November 4, 2021. Chris Higgins called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Directors Present

Chris Higgins
Richard Burnside
John Krave
Judy Ridenour
Patrick Wright
Eric Schipporeit
Tony Ruhter
Eric Storer
Tom Johnson

Directors Absent & Excused

Rebecca Connealy
Miles Maseberg

Directors Unexcused

Staff in Attendance

Anna Baum, General Manager
Jamie Green, Admin. Secretary

Guests

TL Meyer, Beef Systems Extension Educator

Call Regular Monthly Meeting to Order

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

Open Meetings Act

Higgins made note of the Open Meetings act posted 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 October Meeting

Higgins asked for additions and/or corrections to the October 14, 2021 meeting minutes. Storer made a motion to accept the minutes as circulated and Krave seconded the motion. Aye: Burnside, Johnson, Krave, Ridenour, Ruhter, Storer, and Wright. Abstain: Higgins and Schipporeit. Motion carried. (RCV #1)

Public Forum – No Representation

Agency Reports

T.L. Meyer let the directors know of upcoming events. There will be a Generational Transitions Conference at Gudmundsen on January 6th. There are pesticide trainings that will be on January 4th in Mullen, January 5th in Thedford, January 11th in Hyannis, and January 25th in Brewster. Contact the Extension for more information.

District Staff Reports

Anna reported to the directors that it was a tight fit getting the new 15' drill in the garage for the winter and asked for suggestions to provide cover for drills.

Jamie reported that she has been working on getting past due A/R accounts caught up.

No report for resource technicians or I & E.

Financial Report

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

NE Soil & Water Conservation Program

Anna presented a NSWCP Application to the Directors. Wright made a motion to accept the application and Storer seconded the motion. Aye: Burnside, Higgins, Johnson, Krave, Ridenour, Schipporeit, Storer, and Wright. Abstain: Ruhter. Motion carried. (RCV #3)

Wildlife – No Report

Water Sub-committee – No Report

Water Quantity

Anna reported to the directors that of the expansion of irrigated acres applications that were approved, 7 needed new wells and 4 have already turned in well permit applications.

Water Quality – No Report

Current NRD Projects

Anna let the directors know that data is starting to be collected on the groundwater management plan. Anna will be meeting with our consultant, Jon Mohr to go over the groundwater management plan, and will give update at next meeting.

Grant Reports

Anna informed the directors a poll will be sent out to the drought mitigation stakeholders for a December meeting time.

Coalition/Alliance

Anna reported to the directors the Lower Platte South River Basin Coalition had a zoom technical meeting on November 4th. Results were presented from the last 5 year increment. The results were reviewed to see if the numbers were close that were pulled for expansion of acres and stream depletion. The modeling and new information determined that the numbers were pretty conservative and there were rollover acres for the next 5 year increment. She asked if the directors want to stay conservative for the next increment or change what we are currently doing if we are allotted more depletions. Directors said

we want to remain conservative. Anna also mentioned that John Engle, HDR consultant, will be attending either the December or January board meeting to go over the plan and all increment analysis.

30 x 30 program Resolution

There was discussion regarding the 30 x 30 program and if a resolution should be prepared and voted on. Aye: Burnside, Higgins, Johnson, Krave, Ruhter, Schipporeit, Storer, and Wright. No: Ridenour. Motion carried. (RCV #3)

NARD Report – No Report

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

Johnson made a motion to approve Connealy and Maseberg absences and Wright seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote. (RCV #5)

The December meeting was set for December 9th at 2:00 pm following the Christmas lunch at 1:00 pm.

Anna let the directors know there is going to be a Soil Health Summit in Lincoln at East Union on November 19th. There will also be a webinar held online.

Adjournment

Higgins adjourned the meeting at 7:37 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 meeting was advertised in the Thomas County Herald, Stapleton Enterprise, McPherson County News, Hooker County Tribune, Grant County News, ULNRD website, and the ULNRD newsletter. The next Board of Directors Meeting will be held at the office on Thursday, December 9, 2021 at 2:00 pm.