

UPPER LOUP NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
September 10, 2020 @7:00 PM CT (6:00 PM MT)

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, September 10, 2020. Chris Higgins called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm.

Directors Present

Chris Higgins
Miles Maseberg
John Krave
Chris Vinton
Patrick Wright
Eric Schipporeit
Connie Cox
Eric Storer

Directors Absent & Excused

Tom Johnson
Judy Ridenour
Richard Burnside

Directors Unexcused

Staff in Attendance

Anna Baum, General Manager
Jamie Green, Admin. Secretary

Guests

Call Budget Hearing to Order – Open Meeting Law – Adjourn

Higgins called the Budget Hearing to order at 7:01 pm.

Higgins made note of the Open Meetings Act posted in the Learning Center.

No public comment or testimony provided.

Hearing adjourned at 7:02 pm.

Call Regular Monthly Meeting to Order

Higgins called the regular meeting to order at 7:02 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 August Meeting

Higgins asked for additions and/or corrections to the August 13, 2020 meeting minutes. Vinton made a motion to accept the minutes as circulated and Krave seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote. (RCV#1)

Public Forum – No Representation

Agency Reports – No Representation

District Staff Reports

Anna reported that Jamie has been working on developing a mass producer list with email and contact info. Lexi has implemented an online pay portal so we can now accept payments for goods and services via the website.

Action to Adopt FY 2020-2021 Budget

Cox made a motion to approve the budget for fiscal year 2020-2021 and Vinton seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote. (RCV #2)

Action to Adopt Resolution to Approve Additional 1% Increase

Resolution failed due to lack of 75% of governing board to vote.

Action to Adopt Resolution to Set Property Tax Request

Storer made a motion to approve the property tax request set at \$439,350.00 and Vinton seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote. (RCV #4)

Action to Adopt Resolution to Set Levy for FY 2020-2021

Vinton made a motion to set the levy for fiscal year 2020-2021 at \$0.016835 per \$100.00 of valuation and Schipporeit seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote. (RCV #5)

Financial Report

The August financial report was reviewed by staff and directors. Storer made a motion to accept the financial report and Maseberg seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote. (RCV #6)

NE Soil & Water Conservation Program

Anna presented a NSWCP Application to the Directors. Vinton made a motion to accept the application and Wright seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote. (RCV #7)

Wildlife – No Report

Water Sub-committee – No Report

Water Quantity

Anna advised there have still not been any applications received for expansion of irrigated acres to date. Anna will meet with DNR next week to go over the VIMP.

Water Quality

Anna reported to the directors that chemigation inspections are complete. Lexi has less than 10 wells left for Sub-District 5 water quality testing. Anna will be going to the Village of Mullen board meeting to discuss recycle trailer use.

Current NRD Projects – No Report

Grant Reports

Anna informed the directors the Drought Resiliency Grant has been working on data analysis and report writing.

The Drought Mitigation Plan has been working on data analysis and report writing.

The Arboretum was featured in the Thomas County and Stapleton newspapers. The 2nd phase of reseeded and fall plantings will be next Tuesday September 15, 2020. We have several volunteers coming to help and please let us know if you would like to help. The Open house for the Arboretum is planned for the 2nd week in October.

Coalition/Alliance – No Report

NARD Report

Cox made a motion and Storer seconded to approve Ridenour for the NRD Delegate and Higgins as the Alternate for the 2020 Business Session in Kearney. Motion carried with 7 ayes and 1 abstain. (RCV #8)

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

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

The Director's Tour at the properties of Higgins and Maseberg have been set for October 1st with regular board meeting to follow.

Adjournment

Higgins adjourned the meeting at 8:09 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 October 1, 2020 at 1:00 pm.