

UPPER LOUP NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

The regular meeting of the Upper Loup Natural Resources District Board of Directors was held at the District office in Thedford, NE on Thursday, November 10, 2011. Gary Schaeffer called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Directors Present

Byron Cox  
Darwin Frey  
Chris Higgins  
Tom Johnson  
Gary Schaeffer  
Gordon Simonson  
Patrick Wright

Directors Absent & Excused

Judy Ridenour  
Eric Storer  
Chris Vinton  
Wynn Wiens

Directors Unexcused

Staff in Attendance

Anna Baum, General Manager  
Leslie Harvey, Admin. Secretary

Guests

Kevin Hood, NRCS

Call Regular Monthly Meeting to Order

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

Notice of Open Meeting Law Posting

Gary made note of the Open Meetings Act posted on the wall by the Board meeting table.

Agenda Modification

Gary asked if there were any modifications to the agenda.

Action on Minutes of September Meeting

Gary asked for additions and/or corrections to the October 13, 2011 meeting minutes. No additions or corrections.

Public Forum – No Representation

Agency Reports

NRCS Report

Kevin gave an oral report to directors.

District Staff Reports

Anna handed out a Legislative bill summary about the Keystone Pipeline

Anna reported that the 2012 tree prices have been set. Bare root trees have not increased but planting has increased by \$0.05. Potted trees have increased \$0.15.

Discussion was held about retirement plans for Jack Brummet.

Kyle has been out doing survival checks.

Jack has been doing fall static water levels and working on recycling.

Denise has been researching new web hosting sites and has found one that she has been working on.

### Financial Report

The October financial report was reviewed by staff and directors. Byron moved to accept the financial report and Chris H. seconded the motion. Motion carried. (RCV#1)

### NE Soil & Water Conservation Program

One application for planned grazing was reviewed by directors. Byron made a motion to accept the application and Gordon seconded the motion. Motion carried. (RCV#2)

### Wildlife – No Report

### Water Quantity

Two well permits have been issued to producers that were approved for additional irrigated acres in 2011. To date, 763 new irrigated acres have been applied for to irrigate in 2012.

Water use and acre certification verification letters have been sent out and some are starting to come back.

### Water Quality – No Report

### Grant Reports – No Report

### Groundwater Rules Regulations

Anna passed out rules 24, 25 & 26 for directors to review.

### NARD Report

Darwin attended the NARD board of directors meeting in Gothenburg.

### Correspondence & Informational Items

Winter meeting hours take effect with the December board meeting starting at 3:00 pm CST.

### Adjournment

Gary adjourned the meeting at 8:25 pm.

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Chris Higgins, Secretary

Tally of votes cast on motions, Financial Reports, Manager's Report and Valentine NRCS Reports are on file with the official minutes of this meeting. Notice of this meeting was published in all eight county newspapers and broadcast on KRVN radio. The next Board of Directors Meeting will be held on Thursday, December 8, 2011 3:00 pm CST at the District Office in Thedford, NE.