

UPPER LOUP NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

The Special Budget Hearing and regular meeting of the Upper Loup Natural Resources District Board of Directors were held at the District office in Thedford, NE on Thursday, October 13, 2011. Gary Schaeffer called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Directors Present

Byron Cox
Darwin Frey
Tom Johnson
Judy Ridenour
Gary Schaeffer
Gordon Simonson
Eric Storer
Chris Vinton
Wynn Wiens

Directors Absent & Excused

Chris Higgins
Patrick Wright

Directors Unexcused

Staff in Attendance

Anna Baum, General Manager
Kyle Yrkoski, Res. Technician
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. Correction to the date of the October meeting.

Action on Minutes of September Meeting

Gary asked for additions and/or corrections to the September 8, 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 reported the interviews were held for the Resource Technician job and it was offered to an individual from Valentine.

Anna mentioned that the shelter belts in Logan County affected by the fire will first be handled through EQIP.

The hot water heater here at the office had to be replaced.

The newsletters are at the printer.

The Dodge pickup will be up for auction beginning October 24 and ending October 28, 2011.

Kyle gave an oral report to directors on activities he had completed this month.

Denise is helping with the range judging in Ansley.

Financial Report

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

NE Soil & Water Conservation Program – No Report

Wildlife – No Report

Water Quantity

The Johanson land sale was held October 4th with Jack being available to answer any potential buyer's questions about irrigated acre certification.

Two well permits were approved and issued in Logan County.

The water use letters will be sent out along with the certified acre usage letters.

Water Quality

We have received a few leafy spurge cost share applications as of date.

Kyle has tested 97 domestic wells in sub-district 1 with the average nitrate level being at 3mg/L.

Grant Reports

Totals for the 3rd quarter regarding the recycling program are 8760 lbs. of plastic, paper, tin and aluminum and 7150 lbs. of cardboard.

Groundwater Rules Regulations

Discussion was held on the application fee for expansion of irrigated acres. Judy made a motion to set the fee at \$75.00 for 25 acres or less and \$3.00 per acre above the 25 acres. Eric seconded the motion. Motion carried. (RCV#2)

Discussion was held on Rule 23, reporting requirements. It was decided to keep ag reporting as an encouraged activity not a mandatory one.

NARD Report

Kyle and Judy attended Annual Conference. The NARD Board meeting will be held in Gothenburg on November 7, 2011.

Correspondence & Informational Items – No Report

Adjournment

Gary adjourned the meeting at 7:45 pm.

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, November 10, 2011 7:00 pm CST at the District Office in Thedford, NE.