

**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, January 10, 2008. Chairman Gary Schaeffer called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Directors Present

Byron Cox
Wayne Eatinger
Travis Hansen
Louis Jacobson
Judy Ridenour
Gary Schaeffer
Gordon Simonson
Wynn Wiens

Directors Absent & Excused

Steve Boyer
Ginger Fouse
Eric Storer

Staff in Attendance

Anna Baum, General Manager
Jack Brummet, Res. Technician
Sandy Booth, I & E Coordinator

Guests

Leslie Reiser
Kevin Hood, NRCS

Notice of Open Meeting Law Posting

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

Agenda Modification

Chairman Schaeffer asked if there were any modifications to the agenda. There were none.

Action on Minutes of December 2007 Meeting

Chair Gary Schaeffer asked for additions and/or corrections to the December 13, 2007 minutes. Minutes were reviewed and approved as submitted with corrections being made to some wording and the addition of Sandy Booth to staff in attendance.

Financial Report

The December financial report was reviewed by staff and directors. Byron Cox moved to accept the financial report and Wayne Eatinger seconded the motion. Motion carried. (RCV#1)

Public Forum

Anna introduced Leslie Reiser and announced her as the new Administrative Secretary, she'll start January 22.

2008 Election of Officers

- a. Chair. Louis Jacobson made a motion to retain Gary Schaeffer as Chair, Wayne Eatinger 2nd. Motioned carried (RCV#2)
- b. Vice Chair. Wayne Eatinger nominated Byron Cox, Gordon Simonson 2nd. Motioned carried (RCV#3)
- c. Secretary. Travis Hansen nominated Eric Storer, Wayne Eatinger 2nd. Motion carried (RCV#4)
- d. Treasurer. Byron Cox nominated Judy Ridenour, Wayne Eatinger 2nd. Motion carried (RCV#5)

Selection of NARD Representative and Alternate

Byron Cox nominated Judy Ridenour with Wayne Eatinger as alternate, Travis Hansen 2nd. Motion carried. (CV#6)

Selection of RC&D Representatives

Louis Jacobson made a motion to keep all representatives the same, Wayne Eatinger 2nd. Motion carried. (RCV#7)

- a. North Central Representative for 2008 remains Gordon Simonson
- b. Loup Basin Representative for 2008 remains Byron Cox
- c. Sandhills Representative for 2008 remains Steve Boyer

Agency Reports

- a. District conservationist, Kevin Hood, gave an oral report to directors.
- b. Sandhills RC&D-None
- c. North Central RC&D-None
- d. Central Sandhills Area Extension-None

NE Soil & Water Conservation Program

5 replant applications were submitted for Board approval. Wayne Eatinger made a motion to accept all NSWCP applications, Wynn Wiens 2nd. Motion carried. (RCV#8)

District Reports

- a. General Manager Anna Baum sent her report to directors in the mail. Anna updated directors on the Irrigation well certification process. 356 letters were mailed out with acre certification applications and a check list. Lots of calls have been received some from producers that we can take off the list. Anna reported that Hazard Mitigation Planning Grant pledges have been received from 5 villages and all counties except 2. Counties not included in the current plan will have the opportunity in 5 years to join when the grant is reviewed.
- b. Resources Technicians Jack Brummet and Kyle Yrkoski sent their report to directors in the board packet. Jack reported on drill repair and he has contact with a potential mulch contractor.
- c. Administrative Secretary - report sent to directors in the board packet.
- d. I/E Coordinator Sandy Booth - report sent to the directors in the board packet.

Groundwater Report

- a. Forms. New acre certification forms were presented to Directors.
- b. Well Permits. Louis Jacobson made a motion to accept and approve the well permit application, Gordon Simonson 2nd. Motion Carried (RCV#9)

NARD Report

Judy Ridenour gave a short briefing of the request for funds to repair and remodel the Capitol Court Building. Judy Ridenour made a motion to contribute \$100 to improve the Capitol Court Building. No 2nd. Motion died.

Correspondence & Informational Items

An informational meeting to discuss a IMP (Integrated Management Plan) planning with DNR and all affected fully appropriated NRD's is scheduled in Valentine on February 11, 2008.

Adjournment

Chairman Gary Schaeffer adjourned the meeting at 8:35 pm.

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, February 14, 2008 7:00 pm CST at the District Office in Thedford