

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 December 11, 2008. Gary Schaeffer called the meeting to order at 3:02 pm.

Directors Present

Steve Boyer
Byron Cox
Travis Hansen
Judy Ridenour
Gary Schaeffer
Gordon Simonson
Eric Storer
Wynn Wiens

Directors Absent & Excused

Wayne Eatinger
Ginger Fouse
Louis Jacobson

Staff in Attendance

Anna Baum, General Manager
Jack Brummet, Resource Tech.
Leslie Reiser, Admin. Secretary
Denise Vinton, Information & Education Coordinator

Guests

Kevin Hood, NRCS

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. No modifications.

Action on Minutes of September Meeting

Gary asked for additions and/or corrections to the November 13, 2008 meeting minutes. No additions or corrections. Minutes approved as circulated.

Financial Report

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

Public Forum - No Report

Agency Reports

NRCS Report

Kevin gave an oral report to directors.

Sandhills RC&D – No Report

North Central RC&D – No Report

Central Sandhills Area Extension - No Report

District Staff Reports

Anna attended the irrigation conference in Kearney.
Brian Dunnigan was appointed as Director at DNR.
We have started a new promotional program named trees for newborns.

Anna, Jack and Kyle attended an ELM Meeting in Ord.

NE Soil & Water Conservation Program

One application for replants has been returned and approved.

Wildlife – No Report

Water Quantity

Two new well permits were submitted and approved.

Water Quality – No Report

Yard Enhancement Program – No Report

District Interlocal Cooperative Agreements

Hearing date for the petition is still set for 12/17/08. The Upper Elkhorn and Lower Niobrara have no plans to continue any future appeals to the petition.

Grant Reports

There are funds available now for projects through FEMA. Mullen is applying for help with generators.

January 15th will be an informational meeting with representatives from USGS and UNLCSD.

Kyle has been entering water quality results as part of the 319 grant

NARD Report

Judy passed around a sheet with listings of different board positions available within the State of Nebraska.

Legislative Conference is 1/27/08-1/28/08.

D.C. conference is scheduled for 3/21/08-3/25/08.

Correspondence & Informational Items

Five Ranch Practicum Scholarships have been returned and were put to the board for approval. Wynn moved to approve the scholarships and Byron seconded the motion. Motion carried. (RCV#2)

Adjournment

Gary adjourned the meeting at 4:13 pm.

Eric Storer, 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, January 15, 2009 4:00 pm CST at the District Office in Thedford, NE.