

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 14, 2010. Gary Schaeffer called the meeting to order at 3:00 pm.

Directors Present

Steve Boyer
Byron Cox
Wayne Eatinger
Darwin Frey
Judy Ridenour
Gary Schaeffer
Gordon Simonson
Eric Storer
Wynn Wiens

Directors Absent & Excused

Chris Vinton

Directors Unexcused

Staff in Attendance

Anna Baum, General Manager
Jack Brummet, Resource Technician
Leslie Reiser, Admin. Secretary
Denise Vinton, I&E Coordinator

Guests

Chris Hobza
Alyssa Smola
Kevin Hood, NRCS
Tim Anderson
Kyle Heglard
Clint Svoboda

Call Regular Monthly Meeting to Order

Gary called the regular meeting to order at 3:00 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. No modifications.

Action on Minutes of December Meeting

Gary asked for additions and/or corrections to the December 10, 2009 meeting minutes. No additions or corrections. Minutes approved as circulated.

Public Forum

Groundwater Network Update by Chris Hobza/USGS

Chris Hobza gave a power point presentation on the Groundwater Network to Directors and public in attendance.

Agency Reports

NRCS Report

Kevin gave an oral report to directors.

Sandhills RC&D – No Report

District Staff Reports

Ann reported that three communities have taken advantage of the hazard mitigation plan for projects to get generators, Dunning, Mullen and Stapleton. Mullen is looking at building a community center and incorporating a safe room so as to take advantage of the funds available.

Anna handed out the most recent list of NRD related bills for the directors to review. She reminded them to let her know of any strong feelings towards any of the legislation.

Denise reported that the newsletter has been sent out. She is presently working on getting a bow hunter safety course set up.

Financial Report

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

NE Soil & Water Conservation Program

Kyle has been busy doing tree plans.

Wildlife – No Report

Water Quantity

No basins were deemed fully appropriated this year. We have received 4 applications in 2010 for well permits that were approved. 14 applications to expand irrigated acres were received in December and the district approved 1,126 new acres.

Water Quality – No Report

District Interlocal Cooperative Agreements

The Niobrara Basin group will appeal the Director's decision of the Niobrara basin being fully appropriated. The Upper Loup will remain in name only on the appeal and will not put any funds towards the appeal

Grant Reports – No Report

NARD Report

Legislative conference will be held January 25-27. Judy asked directors for suggestions for a booth representing the NRD's.

Correspondence & Informational Items

Mileage rates have dropped from \$0.585 to \$0.50.

Election year is upon us. Incumbents must file by February 16 with the county clerk. Non-incumbents must file by March 1.

Adjournment

Gary adjourned the meeting at 4:45 pm.

Wynn Wiens, 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, February 11, 2010 3:00 pm CST at the District Office in Thedford, NE.