

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 June 11, 2009. Byron Cox called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm.

Directors Present

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

Directors Absent & Excused

Directors Unexcused

Steve Boyer
Wayne Eater

Staff in Attendance

Anna Baum, General Manager
Jack Brummet, Resource Tech.
Leslie Reiser, Admin. Secretary

Guests

Kevin Hood, NRCS

Notice of Open Meeting Law Posting

Byron 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 January Meeting

Gary asked for additions and/or corrections to the May 14, 2009 meeting minutes. Byron noted that he was listed as adjourning the May meeting and it should have been Gary. Minutes approved with the corrections.

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 – Preparation has begun for county fairs

District Staff Reports

Anna pointed out some practices on the “going green” handout that she would like to see implemented. A sheet with the Natural Resources bills that were passed in legislation in 2009 was circulated to directors.

4 Range Camp scholarships were passed out to directors to review. Wynn moved to approve all the scholarships and Judy seconded the motion. Motion carried. (RCV#1)

Financial Report

The June financial report was reviewed by staff and directors. Eric moved to accept the financial report and Byron seconded the motion. Motion carried. (RCV#2)

NE Soil & Water Conservation Program

Directors reviewed the draft for written policies for NSWCP practices NC-3, NC-4, NC-6, NC-7, NC-8, NC-17 and NC-20 and approved them.

198 chemigation permits received as of date.

Wildlife – No Report

Water Quantity – No Report

Water Quality - No Report

Yard Enhancement Program – No Report

District Interlocal Cooperative Agreements

Anna passed out the proposed LB 384 rules and regulations draft for directors to review. A public hearing will be scheduled for July 9, 2009 to hear testimony on the proposed rules and regulations. Also circulated was a ranking sheet that will be used in the certification process of irrigated acres under LB 483.

Grant Reports

An update for the third year ELM goals and objectives was passed out.

The draft for the Hazard Mitigation plan is still at FEMA.

A map with locations of the 2009 drilling sites for new monitoring wells was presented.

Kyle is busy testing domestic wells as part of the 319 grant.

Budget

Anna passed out the operating budget worksheet for fiscal year 09-10. Discussion was held on increase/decrease of budget items.

NARD Report

Judy informed directors of the NARD Grazing Conference in Kearney. Next NARD board meeting will be June 22, 2009

Correspondence & Informational Items

Meeting date in August has been changed to the 6th due to scheduling conflicts.

Adjournment

Gary adjourned the meeting at 9:47 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, July 9, 2009 7:00 pm CST at the District Office in Thedford, NE.