

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 March 19, 2009. Byron Cox called the meeting to order at 1:02 pm.

Directors Present

Byron Cox
Wayne Eatinger
Darwin Frey
Judy Ridenour
Gordon Simonson
Eric Storer
Chris Vinton
Wynn Wiens

Directors Absent & Excused

Gary Schaeffer

Directors Unexcused

Steve Boyer

Staff in Attendance

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

Guests

Kevin Hood, NRCS
Chip Ramsey
Tim Anderson

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

Byron asked if there were any modifications to the agenda. Anna made note that Darwin needed to be sworn in before the meeting was to proceed. Darwin took the oath of office and was sworn in.

Action on Minutes of January Meeting

Byron asked for additions and/or corrections to the February 13, 2009 meeting minutes. No additions or corrections. Minutes approved as circulated.

Financial Report

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

It was brought to the attention of the directors that the audit needed to be approved. Chris made a motion to approve the audit and Wynn seconded the motion. Motion carried. (RCV#2)

Public Forum – Tim Anderson introduced himself. Tim is a biologist that works for Olsson & Associates out of Holdrege. He is living in Mullen and offered his services as a volunteer to the Resource Technicians and Upper Loup NRD.

Self Moratorium Discussion - Chip Ramsey from the Rex Ranch introduced himself. It was explained to him what the self moratorium meant to producers in his area. There was discussion on the matter and directors decided to table any decision on the placement of a self-moratorium until the final decision of the basin appropriation status is made.

Agency Reports

NRCS Report – No Report

Sandhills RC&D – No Report

North Central RC&D – No Report

Central Sandhills Area Extension - No Report

District Staff Reports

Jack reported that he had 4 more days of water table left to do. He and Kyle went to Greely for the ELM aquifer test.

Kyle has been busy with tree plans

NE Soil & Water Conservation Program

Anna circulated a list of NSWCP practices. There was discussion on which ones the ULNRD would provide cost-share for. The directors decided that there would have to be guidelines set in place to govern some of the cost-share practices. These guidelines are to be worked on in stages.

Wildlife – No Report

Water Quantity – No Report

Water Quality

Chemigation permits have been sent out, and several are back.

Yard Enhancement Program – No Report

District Interlocal Cooperative Agreements – No Report

Grant Reports

The draft for the hazard mitigation plan has been sent to NEMA for comments. From there, it goes on to FEMA for approval.

Potential monitoring well sights for year two of the Environmental Trust grant are being reviewed.

Due to the high number of non-registered wells tested under the 319 Grant, it was decided to drop the stream sampling for year two to insure adequate funds for registered domestic well sampling.

NARD Report

Judy reported the next NARD meeting will be in Grand Island on June 22, 2009. Anna has been named vice chair for the NARD managers group.

Correspondence & Informational Items

Anna reported that Travis Hansen has resigned from the board.

Director handbooks need to be updated. A list of information that should be in them was given to the directors.

Adjournment

Byron adjourned the meeting at 3:15 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, April 9, 2009 7:00 pm CST at the District Office in Thedford, NE.