

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 May 14, 2009. Gary Schaeffer called the meeting to order at 3:20 pm.

Directors Present

Wayne Eatinger  
Darwin Frey  
Gary Schaeffer  
Eric Storer  
Chris Vinton  
Wynn Wiens

Directors Absent & Excused

Byron Cox  
Judy Ridenour  
Gordon Simonson

Directors Unexcused

Steve Boyer

Staff in Attendance

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

Guests

Kevin Hood, NRCS  
Roger Hammer  
Steve Chick  
Dick Hadenfeldt

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 January Meeting

Gary asked for additions and/or corrections to the March 19, 2009 meeting minutes. No additions or corrections. Minutes approved as circulated.

Financial Report

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

Public Forum – No Report

Soil Survey Update – Roger Hammer from the North Platte USDA office gave an update on the progress of soil sampling in our district. McPherson County was completed in 2006. He is now working in Thomas and Hooker Counties.

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 – Sue Pearman has been helping Anna with the Arbor Day presentations.

District Staff Reports

Anna has worked on a ULNRD “going green” plan. She passed out a paper for the directors to review in regards to what additional efforts the district can be doing to help reduce our environmental impact.

### NE Soil & Water Conservation Program

Several NSWCP applications were passed around for directors to review. Wayne made a motion to accept all applications with the exception of Steve Martin's. Eric seconded the motion. Motion carried. (RCV#2)

Wildlife – No Report

Water Quantity – No Report

Water Quality - No Report

Yard Enhancement Program – No Report

District Interlocal Cooperative Agreements – LB 483 was passed as well as an amendment to LB 54. This amendment states that DNR has the authority to skip an annual evaluation of a basin following a basin appropriation status change. Discussion was held on placing a 46-707(2) stay on the entire district. Wayne made a motion to put the stay on. Wynn seconded the motion. Motion carried (RCV#3)

Discussion was held as to decide the number of acres for new development per year or over a 4 year span. Chris made a motion to set the number to 2500 acres per year or 10,000 over a 4 year span. Wynn seconded the motion. Motion carried. (RCV#4)

Discussion was held pertaining to letting all or just a percentage of acres coming out of CRP to be certified. It was decided to table it until the next meeting.

Brian Dunnigan has not yet made a decision on the Niobrara petition.

### Grant Reports

The draft for the Hazard Mitigation plan has been sent to FEMA.

We have been approved for the second year for the Environmental Trust grant. The plan is to drill 2 monitoring wells in Cherry County, one in Grant County and one in Hooker County. Permission has been granted by the producers whose land the wells will be located on.

Kyle will continue to do domestic well testing again this year as part of the 319 grant.

NARD Report – No Report

### Correspondence & Informational Items

Anna will be bringing a budget worksheet to the directors at the next meeting as well as asking for comments on the “going green”.

### Adjournment

Byron adjourned the meeting at 6:25 pm.

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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, June 11, 2009 7:00 pm CST at the District Office in Thedford, NE.