

UPPER LOUP NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT

PUBLIC HEARING REPLACING 46-707(2) STAY WITH PROPOSED RULE 19

PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING AMENDMENT OF GWMA RULES & REGS TO INCLUDE RULE 19

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Directors Present

Byron Cox
Wayne Eatinger
Darwin Frey (arrived at 7:12)
Judy Ridenour
Gary Schaeffer
Gordon Simonson
Chris Vinton

Directors Absent & Excused

Steve Boyer
Eric Storer
Wynn Wiens

Guests

Kevin Hood, NRCS

Staff in Attendance

Anna Baum, General Manager
Leslie Reiser, Admin. Secretary
Jack Brummet, Res. Technician

Notice of Open Meeting Law Posting

Gary made note of the Open Meetings Act posted on the wall by the Board meeting table.

Public Hearing Regarding Replacing 46-707(2) Stay With Proposed Rule 19

Wayne moved to open the public hearing at 7:00 PM CT and Gordon seconded the motion. Motion carried (RCV#1)

No written or oral testimony was provided.

Wayne moved to close the public hearing and Byron seconded the motion. Motion carried (RCV#2)

Public Hearing Regarding Amendment of GWMA Rules & Regs to Include Rule 19

Chris moved to open the public hearing at 7:15 PM CT and Judy seconded the motion. Motion carried (RCV#3)

Gary read written testimony from the Department of Natural Resources in support of the Amendment.

Wayne moved to close the public hearing and Chris seconded the motion. Motion carried (RCV#4)

ULNRD Board of Directors Regular Meeting Call to Order

The regular meeting of the Upper Loup Natural Resources District Board of Directors was held at the District office in Theford, NE on Thursday, November 19, 2009. Gary Schaeffer called the meeting to order at 7:20 pm.

Notice of Open Meeting Law Posting

Notice had been given by Chairman Schaeffer prior to the public hearing.

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 September 10, 2009 meeting minutes. No additions or corrections. Minutes approved as circulated.

Public Forum-None

Agency Reports

NRCS Report - Kevin passed out a written report and gave an oral report to directors.

RC&D-None

District Reports

Anna reported that there is a new citizen attestation form required so that the NRD will be in compliance with LB403. Any individual submitting any application or form that would derive public benefit from the state must fill out this form.

Anna reported that the legislature is in special session to deal with budgets cuts proposed by the governor. These cuts would affect our NSWCP funds. There will be a 2 ½ % cut this fiscal year and a 5 % cut next year.

Anna brought attention to the new price list for our services.

Discussion was held about meeting times for December and January meetings. It was decided that both the December and January meeting times would be moved up to 3:00 PM CT

Jack reported that he has finished doing water table. Data recorders have arrived and he will be installing those in two of the monitor wells.

Anna reported for Denise that the NRD's will be putting on an ACE camp at the State 4-H Camp in Halsey. Scholarships for this camp would be in the amount of \$175.00 each. Judy moved to provide a total of 5 scholarships, one for each sub-district, for students in 6-8 grades. Byron seconded the motion. Motion carried. (RCV#5)

Financial Report

The September financial report was reviewed by staff and directors. Wayne moved to accept the financial report and Byron seconded the motion. Motion carried. (RCV#6)

NE Soil & Water Conservation Program – No Report

Wildlife – No Report

Water Quantity

Anna reported that there have been 3 applications for expansion of irrigated acres as of date.

Water Quality

We paid on 16 leafy spurge and 6 well decommissioning cost share applications.

Yard Enhancement Program – No Report

District Interlocal Cooperative Agreements – No Report

Grant Reports

Kyle has been working on mapping of the domestic and irrigation wells in our district as part of the 319 grant.

Order

An order was signed by directors to amend our ground water rules and regulations to add rule 19.

Vote on Replacing Stay with Rule 19

A motion was made by Byron to replace 46-707(2) stay with rule 19 and seconded by Wayne. Motion carried. (RCV#7)

NARD Report

Judy reported that she attended annual Conference and went to Valentine to provide testimony for the interim study on consolidation of NRDs. Legislative conference is in January.

Correspondence & Informational Items

Anna presented directors with a power point presentation on the NRD that is available for them to use as a tool in education of their constituents.

Anna informed directors that Alyssa Smola will be at the December meeting for a director workshop to be held after the regular meeting.

Adjournment

Gary adjourned the meeting at 8:45 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, December 10, 2009 at 3:00 pm CST at the District Office in Thedford, NE.