

UPPER LOUP NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

The Special Budget Hearing and regular meeting of the Upper Loup Natural Resources District Board of Directors were held at the District office in Thedford, NE on Thursday, September 10, 2009. Gary Schaeffer called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

Directors Present

Byron Cox
Darwin Frey
Judy Ridenour
Gary Schaeffer
Eric Storer (joined at 7:17)
Chris Vinton (joined at 7:17)

Directors Absent & Excused

Wayne Eater
Gordon Simonson
Wynn Wiens

Directors Unexcused

Steve Boyer

Staff in Attendance

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

Guests

Ronda Haumann
Charles Jones
Kevin Hood, NRCS
Lisa Spencer
Tracy Spencer

Public Budget Summary Hearing

Gary opened the Public Budget Summary Hearing at 7:05 pm for the Fiscal Year Budget 2009-2010. Hearing no comment not objections from the public, he closed the public hearing at 7:10 pm.

Notice of Open Meeting Law Posting

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

Call Regular Monthly Meeting to Order

Gary called the regular meeting to order at 7:11 pm.

Agenda Modification

Gary asked if there were any modifications to the agenda. No modifications.

Action on Minutes of August Meeting

Gary asked for additions and/or corrections to the August 16, 2009 meeting minutes. No additions or corrections. Minutes approved as circulated.

Public Forum

Ronda Haumann representing the Village of Thedford gave a short testimony in support of the recycling program. Charles Jones representing the Village of Mullen also gave a short testimony in support of the recycling program.

Agency Reports

NRCS Report

Kevin gave an oral report to directors.

Sandhills RC&D – No Report

District Staff Reports

Anna presented copies of and discussed the resolutions that will be discussed at Annual Conference. Anna also passed out a schedule for the interim hearings and asked directors to provide some type of testimony in regards to LR 181. Anna also asked directors to consider making the 707(2) stay permanent abiding by the same rules and regulations as those for LB 483. Directors will need to decide at the next meeting.

Jack gave a report on the real-time recorders that are in the monitor wells.

Financial Report

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

Budget

Chris made a motion to adopt the resolution to approve the additional 1% increase and Eric seconded the motion. Motion failed. (RCV#2)

Eric made a motion to adopt the resolution to set the property tax request and Byron seconded the motion. Motion carried. (RCV#3)

Judy made a motion to adopt the resolution to set the levy for FY 2008-2009 and Chris seconded the motion. Motion carried. (RCV#4)

NE Soil & Water Conservation Program – No report

Wildlife – No Report

Water Quantity

One new acre increase permit was issued. Letters informing all registered irrigation well owners about the new LB 483 rules and regs were mailed.

Water Quality

The press release with LB 483's rules and regs has been published in the papers. Kyle has started mapping wells that have been tested.

District Interlocal Cooperative Agreements – No Report

Grant Reports

USGS and UNLCSD were here on September 9th to help with the NET Outreach.

NARD Report

Annual Conference will be held in Kearney September 28th and 29th.

Correspondence & Informational Items

Anna asked the board to begin thinking about the possibility of providing scholarships for the NARD camp to be held next June at the Halsey 4 – H camp.

Adjournment

Gary adjourned the meeting at 9:05 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, October 9, 2008 7:00 pm CST at the District Office in Thedford, NE.