

## **Static Groundwater Level Rules and Regulations Update Public Informational Meetings Scheduled**

The Upper Elkhorn NRD will be hosting Public Informational Meetings and a Public Hearing regarding updates to the Groundwater Management Plan Rules and Regulations in December 2017.

The drought which occurred in 2012 caused everyone to re-evaluate their needs and use of groundwater. Although some individuals were not hindered, others were negatively affected when the UENRD experienced a three foot decline in static groundwater levels district wide. Have you ever wondered what would have happened to the aquifer system had the drought continued for another 3 – 5 years? What would be the economic impact to producers whose wells no longer pumped enough to water their crops? To domestic wells which no longer provided water to homes? The goal of the Groundwater Management Plan and UENRD Rules and Regulations are to protect all current and future groundwater users: domestic/municipal, livestock, irrigation, commercial/industrial, and impacts to surface water. You are invited to Public Informational Meetings and the Public Hearing regarding updates to the Groundwater Management Plan and UENRD Rules and Regulations and how the UENRD anticipates managing groundwater levels in order to protect life, protect property, and protect for the future.

<b>Public Informational Meetings</b>			
<b>Town</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>
Bassett	Range Cafe Back Room	Tuesday, December 5, 2017	2:30 PM
O'Neill	O'Neill Community Center	Monday, December 11, 2017	2:30 PM
Neligh	Neligh American Legion	Thursday, December 14, 2017	2:30 PM
<b>Public Hearing</b>			
O'Neill	O'Neill Community Center	Monday, December 18, 2017	1:30 – 2:30 pm