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Memorandum

Date: September 16, 2016
To: Each Director
From: Paul D. Zillig, General Manager
Subject: Executive Subcommittee Meeting Minutes

The Executive Subcommittee met at 5:30 pm on Thursday, September 15, 2016 in the NRD Office in Lincoln. Subcommittee members present included Greg Osborn, Dick Bolte, Larry Ruth, and Ray Stevens. Others present included Gary Aldridge, Steve Seglin and myself.

Gary Aldridge thought it would be better to address the subcommittee about two items instead of taking the time at the Board Meeting. Gary's two observations were to point out some of our calendars on the website needed to be updated and he questioned why the Director's Per Diem is shown on the list of expenditures as an amount different than the \$60/meeting-day.

The first item on the agenda was to consider a proposed agreement between Cline Williams Wright Johnson & Oldfather, LLP (Mark Christensen's law firm where he is a partner), Mark Christensen, and the NRD. Seglin reported that after the Board appointed Mark Christensen to fill the Subdistrict #1 Board vacancy he was contacted by Cline Williams about their desire to have an agreement in place to address potential conflicts for Cline Williams. Seglin was directed to work with Cline Williams on a potential agreement, which is attached. The Subcommittee discussed the agreement, reasons for it, any concerns for the NRD, and a general discussion on how our existing policy on conflicts of interest relates to all Directors.

It was moved by Stevens, seconded by Bolte, and unanimously approved by the Subcommittee to **recommend the Board of Directors approve the Agreement with Cline Williams Wright Johnson & Oldfather, LLP and Mark Christensen.**

The next item on the agenda was to consider approving a representation agreement between with the Lower Platte North NRD, Papio-Missouri River NRD and Water Strategies, LLC. I reported that the previous arrangement with Kelly & Weaver P.C. (Bob Weaver) was no longer in effect and management of the three NRDs have explored our options for continuing with other representation in DC. We feel that Water Strategies, LLC is very familiar with Lower Platte South NRD and will provide us with the best services and at a reasonable cost.



I reported that this NRD has benefited greatly from federally funded projects (Antelope Valley) and it helps to have a federal advocacy in DC, be able to track federal bills/legislation, and readily communicate with Congress and the US Army Corps of Engineers in DC. Current potential projects that will benefit from federal funding include the Deadmans Run Section 205 Flood Reduction Project, the Lower Platte River Watershed Restoration project, and other Lower Platte projects.

I reviewed the attached Representation Agreement. The Subcommittee discussed the proposed agreement and was in agreement as long as we can make sure we are aware of any potential conflicts of interest. It was moved by Bolte, seconded by Ruth, and unanimously approved by the Subcommittee to **recommend the Board of Directors approve the Representation Agreement between Lower Platte North NRD and Pappio-Missouri River NRD with Water Strategies LLC, pending legal counsel review.**

The final action item on the agenda was to consider moving the date of the December Board Meeting. Osborn reported that the December Board Meeting is scheduled for 2:00 pm on Wednesday, December 21st. This year the 3rd Wednesday is very late (21st) and will cause conflicts with holiday travel for several Board members, staff and the public. Osborn suggested we move the meeting up one week to Wednesday, December 14th. The Subcommittee discussed this option and felt it was a good idea. It was moved by Stevens, seconded by Bolte, and unanimously approved by the Subcommittee to **recommend the Board of Directors approve changing the December Board of Directors Meeting from Wednesday, December 21st at 2:00 pm to Wednesday, December 14, 2016 starting at 2:00 pm.**

Staff then gave several reports. There was no other business and the meeting adjourned at 6:30 pm.

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cc: Steve Seglin