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Memorandum

TO: Board of Directors
 DATE: January 10, 2018
 FROM: David Potter, Assistant General Manager 
 SUBJECT: Integrated Management Plan Subcommittee meeting minutes.

The Integrated Management Subcommittee met on Monday, January 8, 2018, at 6:34 p.m. at the NRD Office in Lincoln. Members present included Larry Ruth, Gary Hellerich, Greg Osborn, Mark Spangler, Sarah Wilson, and Bob Andersen. Members absent included Dave Landis & Ron Svoboda. Others present were Don Jacobson, Paul Zillig, Dick Ehrman, Dan Schulz & David Potter.

The first item was a summary review of the various IMP studies completed so far. The subcommittee directed staff to prepare a list of the projects relating to the IMP that have been completed to date. Prior to the Plan's adoption the District had a planning retreat to discuss the IMP, conducted a Stakeholders Perspective, completed a Water Balance Study, and conducted a Public Involvement Plan. Since the adoption of the Plan in 2014, the District had completed or are working on numerous studies and reports related to integrated management, including: 2014 Annual Report, Additional IMP Planning Components, Drought Emergency Response Plan, 2015 Annual Report, 2016 Annual Report, Additional IMP Analyses, Basin Water Management Plan, and the Drought Contingency Plan. Potter presented and reviewed the 2017 Summary of the Integrated Management Plan, Retreat, Studies and Reports that had been developed to help identify all that has been done to this point (attached).

The second item was to consider amending the Water Sustainability Fund (WSF) Contract for the Lower Platte River Consortium's Drought Contingency Plan. The Lower Platte River Consortium contracted with the HDR Team April 2016 to develop a Drought Contingency Plan. In order to be eligible for WSF reimbursement for Project Administration, these costs will need to be shown under a separate task. There is a need to split out the project administration cost from Tasks 100, 200, 300 and 400 in the contract. The amendment will include a new Task 600 for Project Administration (\$40,000) and adjusting the budget

summary to reduce Tasks 100-400 each by \$10,000 (attached). Zillig discussed the need to amend the contract and the funding of the project will not change. It was moved by Andersen, second by Osborn, and unanimously approved to **recommend the Board of Directors request the Nebraska Natural Resources Commission approve amending Water Sustainability Fund Contract #4151 for the Lower Platte River Consortium's Lower Platte River Drought Contingency Study to account for Project Administration costs.**

The third item was an update on the Lower Platte River Basin Water Management Plan and Implementation. Zillig discussed the status of the Management Plan and the interlocal agreement. As of this month, all seven participating NRD Boards have now taken formal action to approve the Interlocal Agreement that continues the Coalition and adopts the first 5-year plan allocation. The master interlocal agreement document is currently being circulated for signature. Jacobson and Osborn are the District representatives on the Coalition and answered questions of the subcommittee. Dick Ehrman and Dan Schulz are on the technical committee and attended a meeting in Ord on January 9th.

With no further business, the subcommittee meeting adjourned at 7:08 p.m.

pc: Steve Seglin

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