

**NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE
REPORT TO THE
LOWER PLATTE SOUTH NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT
April 15, 2020**

PERSONNEL:

- Devin Heusinkvelt has been hired as the NRCS Soil Conservationist in the Weeping Field Office. He graduated from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln in December 2016 with a B.S. in Animal Science and Grazing Livestock Systems with minors in Rangeland Ecology and Beef Industry. Devin was the Soil Conservationist in the Oshkosh, NE Field Office for the past 3 years.
- USDA Service Center Operations – Service Centers are currently closed to the public to avoid face-to-face interactions with customers. Producers may contact their local office to make arrangements to conduct business by alternate means, such as over the phone, electronically, or by mail. Staff will continue to complete field work while following social distancing guidelines.

LAND TREATMENT:

- The Conservation Technicians are still receiving construction checkout information for completed structural practices and submitting payments for completed projects. The deadline for completion of 2019 NRD applications is April 30th. They're also starting to work on designs for the LPSNRD Summer Conservation Program applications.

PROGRAMS:

- EQIP - Staff is currently working to complete ranking of all application received prior to the cutoff deadline. The ranking deadlines are May 15th for all State/Area ranking pools and June 1st for the LPSNRD ranking pool.
 - Lancaster County: 27 applications
 - Cass County: 25 applications
- CRP - FSA's general CRP signup has been completed. FSA has accepted approximately 80-90 offers within Cass and Lancaster Counties. The deadline for completing CRP contracts is September 11th.
- CStP - NRCS is currently the process of ranking all general and renewal applications. The next deadline for ranking is April 24th for 2014 & 2015 contracts.
 - Lancaster County: 29 applications
 - Cass County: 3 contracts

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- National Arbor Day – April 24th
- Conservation Stewardship FY20 Signup Deadline – May 29th

Cory Schmidt - District Conservationist



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February 28, 2020

TO: NARD Board & NRD Managers
FROM: Dean E. Edson
RE: DRAFT Preliminary Budget FY 20-21 & FY 21-22

Attached is the proposed preliminary budget for FY 20-21 & FY 21-22 for the NARD General Operating and NARD Foundation. The NARD Fiscal Planning Committee will review this draft at their March 9th meeting. The committee will make a recommendation to the Board at the board meeting later that day. The NARD Board will then approve a draft budget for consideration by the districts. Final action will occur on the budget at the June board meeting.

For final budgeting purposes, we have included the 2020 NCF Envirothon in the NARD Budget for FY 20-21 as most of the income and expenses will occur in July and August of 2020. However, since there will be some expenses in FY 19-20, we will create a budget for the event on calendar year 2020 so all income and expenses will be accounted for against a budget in QuickBooks. We also will need to issue a final report to the NARD Board and NCF in January 2021.

The funds collected by the local districts and NARD since 2017 have been placed in reserve for the event. The NARD staff has received pledges from other contributors which, if all come through, gives us some cushion for the event. If we have excess after all income and expenses are in, the NARD Board will decide what to do with those funds. Below are the revised estimated totals for the 2020 Envirothon.

TOTAL INCOME--	\$425,166
TOTAL EXPENSES --	\$423,200
NET INCOME --	\$ 1,966

The two-year budget adopted last year asked for a 4% increase in dues each of the next two fiscal years. This is maintained. The other major changes included: 1) Increased income and expense for the Foundation programs to reflect the Fundraising efforts for the 2020 Envirothon to be held in Nebraska. This resulted in a significant increase in income and expenses for FY 2020-21. Note that income and expenses drop significantly the next fiscal year. 2) Increase income and expenses for the annual conferences to reflect increased participation; 3) a \$15,000 reduction in the grant for the NRD/DEE Water Quality position; and 4) an increased cost for NARD Board insurance (Property/Casualty, Liability, Errors & Omissions).

There were no changes proposed with the tree program or the reimbursements from the NARD Risk Pool. A spreadsheet with the budget follows, including an explanation for each line item. We welcome any suggestions for changes to the budget and/or position descriptions. The total budget numbers are as follows:

INCOME	Draft FY 20-21 Budget		Daft FY 21-22 Budget	
	Sub Account	Account	Sub Account	Account
	2020-21		2021-22	
Foundation Programs		\$451,666		\$26,500
Interest Income	1,500		1,500	
Donations & Fund Raisers	25,000		25,000	
2020 Envirothon	425,166		0	
District Dues	4 percent increase	\$604,245	4 percent increase	\$628,415
Conferences		\$222,500		\$230,380
Annual Conference	114,000		118,560	
Legislative Conference	83,000		86,320	
Basin Tour & Meetings (PRCA, Rep, other)	6,500		6,500	
NACD	1,000		1,000	
Other - NRD Managers, NARD Board, Etc.	18,000		18,000	
Grants		\$155,000		\$155,000
NARD/DNR Liaison	40,000		40,000	
NARD/DEE Liaison	85,000		85,000	
NRCS TSP	30,000		30,000	
Information & Education		\$23,625		\$23,625
NACD Poster Winners	125		125	
Husker Harvest Days	3,500		3,500	
Special Projects	15,000		15,000	
Nebraska Envirothon	5,000		5,000	
Investment Income		\$22,750		\$22,750
NPAIT & Union Bank Investment Income	5,250		5,250	
NPAIT Sponsorship & Non- Spon. Income	4,500		4,500	
UBS	13,000		13,000	
Miscellaneous Income		\$500		\$500
NRD Tree Program Sales	400,000		400,000	
Less				
Cost of Goods Sold	376,000		376,000	
Net Tree Program		\$24,000		\$24,000
Washington, D.C. Mtg.		\$104,000		\$106,000
Benefit Administration		\$69,600		\$69,600
Special Projects		\$15,000		\$15,000
Public Relations		\$100,000		\$100,000
Reimb. for Part-Time Receptionist		\$15,208		\$15,816
Total:		\$1,808,094		\$1,417,586
<i>Percent reserve to income</i>		<i>0.52%</i>		<i>0.44%</i>
<i>Percent change in income</i>		<i>26.83%</i>		<i>-21.60%</i>

Income:

Foundation Programs (Account #600)

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The Foundation Account is estimated to generate funds annually from interest, contributions and fundraisers. The majority of these funds are targeted for the 2020 Envirothon to be held in Nebraska, which a separate detailed budget is attached. Additional programs funded include: The Nebraska Ag Youth Leadership Institute, FFA, ACE Camp, Nebraska Envirothon and other educational programs. The income was increased to reflect the fundraising efforts. (\$451,666 for FY 20-21 and \$26,500 for FY 21-22).

District Dues (Account #601)

Dues from NRDs – Last year’s preliminary budget called for a 4% increase in dues, which is maintained. The revised proposal adds 0.51% to the reserve as a percentage of total income for FY 20-21 and 0.43% for FY 21-22. Total -- \$604,245 for FY 20-21 and \$628,415 for FY 21-22.

Affiliate Dues (Account #602)

Proposed to be deleted. We have not had affiliate dues for over 10 years. Any contributions we have received goes to Miscellaneous Income, line 610.

Conferences (Account #603)

Conference registrations, vendor fees and other – Increased due to increased participation from all sources, including vendors, and reflective of last year’s income (increases for both fiscal years to meet participation). For both FY the totals are:

<u>Conference</u>	<u>FY 20-21</u>	<u>FY 21-22</u>
Annual	\$114,000	\$118,560
Legislative	\$83,000	\$86,320
Basin Meetings (Platte R. CA, Rep)	\$6,500	\$6,500
NACD	\$1,000	\$1,000
Other	<u>\$18,000</u>	<u>\$18,000</u>
Total	\$222,500	\$230,380

Grants (Account #605)

Three grant programs totaling \$155,000 for both fiscal years as follows:

1. **NARD/DNR Liaison position** –The contract is \$40,000 annually to be reimbursed quarterly.
2. **NARD/DEE Liaison position** – This position is reimbursed by a 319 grant at 85% of total cost capped at \$85,000. This is a \$15,000 reduction from previous fiscal years.

Reimbursement for Part-Time Receptionist (Account 621)

This position was approved by the board in November 2010. Currently, we are hiring college students to work part-time. This position is reimbursed by the NARD Risk Pool. The expense for this position is included in Salaries. (\$15,208 for FY 20-21 and \$15,816 for FY 21-22).

Expenses:

Salaries (Account #811)

For FY 20-21, allowance of up to four percent salary adjustments totaling \$325,211 for four NARD Staff Positions. A similar four percent salary adjustment is budgeted for FY 20-21 totaling \$338,220. Salaries for the NARD/DNR and the NRD/DEE positions are accounted for on separate line items (See Account #'s 814 & 817).

<u>Proposed 20-21</u>	<u>Position</u>
\$177,145	Executive Director (\$169,145 Base, plus \$8,000 deferred)
70,859	Office Manager
62,001	Public Relations Director
<u>15,208</u>	<u>Intern/Receptionist</u>
\$325,211	Total

<u>Proposed 21-22</u>	<u>Position</u>
\$184,230	Executive Director (\$176,230 Base, plus \$8,000 deferred)
73,693	Office Manager
64,481	Public Relations Director
<u>15,816</u>	<u>Intern/Receptionist</u>
\$338,220	Total

Contract Labor (Account # 812)

This project retains a consultant to assist the NRDs with media and public relations. This has been discussed by the Executive Board and is recommended by the NRD managers. The consultant will work with local NRDs on developing better relationships with the media, basin wide and statewide messaging. Continuing education and training sessions for employees and directors at conferences is included. Districts would be billed separately for meetings and special projects specific to that district (\$35,000 each FY).

NRD/DEE Water Quality Liaison Position (Account #814)

This is the total expenses for the position including salary, benefits and expenses. We are reimbursed for salary, benefits, and all related expenses at 85% up to at \$85,000. (\$123,150 for FY 20-21 and \$128,076 for FY 21-22. See account 603 for income).

NARD Officers Expense (Account #820)

President's and/or designated officer's expenses for the NACD Legislative Conference, NACD Annual Meeting, and NACD Regional Meeting. (\$6,600 for each FY).

Information & Education (Account #826)

Sub-account for public relations efforts including special projects, Envirothon, Husker Harvest Days, NET Programs (Baseball & Big Red Wrap-up), awards, PSA's and I & E other. (\$34,250 for each FY).

Staff Expense (Account #840)

Staff mileage, lodging, meals, and other business-related expenses for four NARD Staff. (\$22,500 for each fiscal year). Expenses for NRD/DEQ and NRD/DNR are accounted for separately in Account #'s 814 and 817.

Office Furniture (Account #842)

Any office furniture, equipment or computers that need to be replaced (\$5,000 in each FY).

Office Rent (Account #851)

A five year lease was signed in 2015 and runs through 2020 and \$30,000 is budgeted for each FY.

Equipment Rent (Account #853)

Copier, service contracts, and support for color copier contract. (\$8,000 total per FY).

Insurance (Account #856)

Property/Casualty, Liability, Errors & Omissions. This is increased from \$8,000 to \$9,500 per FY to reflect cost experience.

General Taxes (Account #858)

Personal property, sales tax and other misc. income tax charges (\$500 total per FY).

Telephone/Internet/Cable (Account #860)

State of Nebraska phone system, Time Warner Cable, internet, web hosting, other use and equipment upgrades (\$13,000 in each FY).

Unicameral (Account #861)

Used to keep the law books up to date and final legislative reports (\$500 in each FY).

Repairs & Maintenance (Account #871)

Office cleaning services have been dropped. NARD staff handles cleaning, but we do need an account for any repairs to personal property (no change; \$500 total per FY).

Professional Services (Account #880)

Lobbyist – Zulkoski & Weber, Legal Counsel for any legal review needs, and or other services to be determined by the board. (\$47,000 for each FY).

Special Projects (Account 895-001)

Expenses for special projects taken on by the NARD Board. A corresponding income amount is also included (\$15,000 each FY).

Public Relations Expenses (Account #895-005)

Expenses related to public relations efforts/programs. No programs will be undertaken unless approved by the board and a related income amount is determined (maintained at \$100,000 per FY).

NRCS Expenses (Account #902)

Expenses related to promotion of NRCS and NACD (maintained at \$6,000 per FY).

Budget Summary

	<u>FY 20-21</u>	<u>FY 21-22</u>
TOTAL INCOME	<u>\$1,808,094</u>	<u>\$1,417,586</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>\$1,798,689</u>	<u>\$1,411,280</u>
Addition to CASH RESERVE	<u>\$ 9,406</u>	<u>\$ 6,306</u>
<u>Income Ratios</u>		
Percent reserve to Total Income	<u>0.52%</u>	<u>0.44%</u>
Percent change in Total Income	<u>26.83%</u>	<u>-21.60%</u>
<u>Expense Ratios</u>		
Additional Cash Reserve as a percent of Expenses	<u>0.52%</u>	<u>0.45%</u>
Percent increase in Expenses from the previous year	<u>30.62%</u>	<u>- 21.54%</u>



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February 23, 2020

TO: NARD Board & NRD Managers

FROM: Dean E. Edson

RE: 2020 National Conservation Foundation Envirothon – NARD Foundation Budget

Attached is the revised budget for the 2020 National Conservation Foundation (NCF) Envirothon to be hosted by the Nebraska Association of Resources Districts in July of 2020. This is an excellent opportunity to showcase the success of Nebraska's NRD system to manage resources on river basin boundaries to the top environmental science students and future leaders in North America. We expect over 260 students and about 150 sponsors and teachers from the United States and Canada will be at the event.

Since the original budget was adopted in June of 2017, the NARD staff and various NRD staff have formed committees to work on the event. The staff has used the budget information from the 2017 North American Envirothon and projected our cost for 2020.

For final budgeting purposes, we have included the 2020 Envirothon in the NARD Budget for FY 20-21 as most of the income and expenses will occur in July and August of 2020. Since this will fall over two fiscal years, we are going to establish the budget on a calendar year for the 2020 NCF Envirothon so all costs and receipts will be accounted for in QuickBooks. A final report needs to be provided to the NCF in January 2021.

The funds collected by the local districts and NARD since 2017 have been placed in reserve for the event. The NARD staff has received pledges from other contributors which, if all come through, gives us some cushion for the event. If we have excess after all income and expenses are in, the NARD Board will decide what to do with those funds. Below are the revised estimated totals.

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We have an opportunity to list the individual NRDs that contribute as sponsors for the testing stations, social events, ceremonies, etc. There are enough events so that all districts that contributed can get individual recognition. The idea is to have signage and information of the individual NRDs at such sites. We would hope that at least one representative from each participating NRD could attend the event.

The students will be housed at the UNL Abel and Sandoz student dorms. There will be deposits required, so we will have some expenses in FY 19-20, but the majority will be in FY 20-21. Therefore the budget for the event will be on calendar year 2020.

We really appreciate the advisory committees that have been helping with the events, recognition, tours, judging, fundraising, testing/training and media. Most all of these individuals are local district employees.

2020 North American Envirothon - NARD Foundation Budget

Line #	FY 2017-18	FY 2018-19	FY 2019-20	FY 2020-21	TOTAL
1				\$93,600	\$93,600
2				\$36,000	\$36,000
3	\$84,301	\$81,265	\$0	\$0	\$165,566
4	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$0	\$15,000
5				\$115,000	\$115,000
					\$0
					\$0
	\$89,301	\$86,265	\$5,000	\$244,600	\$425,166
EXPENSES					
6					\$89,000
7			\$18,000		
8			\$21,000	\$50,000	
9					\$90,000
10			\$18,000		
11			\$42,000	\$30,000	
12					\$25,000
13			\$5,000		
14			\$20,000		
15					\$23,000
16			\$6,000		
17			\$17,000		
18					\$53,500
19			\$7,000		
20			\$3,000		
21			\$2,500		
22			\$12,500		
23			\$6,000		
24			\$3,500		
25			\$10,000	\$500	
26			\$1,000		
27			\$7,500		
28			\$5,000		\$5,000
29			\$2,000	\$1,000	\$3,000
30					
31			\$2,500	\$5,000	\$7,500
32			\$5,000	\$25,000	\$30,000
33					\$0
34			\$5,000	\$23,000	\$28,000
35					\$0
36			\$2,500	\$1,000	\$3,500
37					
38			\$15,000		\$15,000
39			\$20,000		\$20,000
40			\$5,000		\$5,000
41			\$1,000		\$1,000
42			\$2,500		\$2,500
43			\$2,800		\$2,800
44					
45			\$3,000		\$3,000
46				\$1,500	\$1,500
47				\$400	\$400
48		\$3,000	\$3,000		\$6,000
49			\$5,000		\$5,000
50			\$500		\$500
51			\$1,500	\$1,500	\$3,000
	\$0	\$3,000	\$281,300	\$138,900	\$423,200
	\$89,301	\$83,265	-\$276,300	\$105,700	\$1,966

2020 NCF Envirothon – Nebraska Budget

Meals (Lines 9-11) – Meals will be provided at the Abel/Sandoz cafeteria for the registered students and individuals over the 6-day event. Three meals per day will be provided. Estimated costs at \$30/day/individual. We budgeted a deposit (\$18,000) in FY 2019-20. Total - \$90,000.

Event Site Rentals (Lines 12-14) – Sites will need to be reserved to handle all students for the social events, outdoor testing locations, opening and closing ceremonies, etc. We anticipate these will need to be secured in FY 2019-20. Total - \$25,000.

Buses/Transportation (Lines 15-17) – Buses will be needed to transport students, sponsors, and other individuals to training and testing days. We have received estimates from bus companies for the event but have not signed contracts yet. Total - \$23,000.

Supplies/Shirts (Lines 18-27) – These estimates are based upon other states costs for supplies provided to students, committee members, judges and volunteers. The students are all supplied with the same official notebooks, bags, backpacks. This is to prevent them from bringing their own supplies and notes to events. The costs from other states are adjusted for expected cost in FY 2019-20. Total - \$53,500.

NRD Information Booklets (Line 28) – Included an amount for an NRD Information Booklet to provide to all participants. By 2020, we may need to revise some existing information booklets that can be utilized for other purposes we could also use for this purpose. The NRD I&E staff can begin reviewing this issue over the next couple of fiscal years. The costs are based upon previous printing cost. Total \$5,000.

Office Supplies/Copying/Postage (Line 29) – Included an amount for office supplies, copying, and postage. Total - \$3,000.

All of the following events will be developed through one of the advisory committees.

- **Ceremonies (Lines 30-36)** -- Included an amount for the opening ceremony and a featured speaker. This could be a Nebraska celebrity or dignitary. This would include reception for about 700 attendees. Total - \$7,500.
- **Education Day Field Trip (Line 32)** -- We are planning a field trip to feature some local NRD flood control structures such as Antelope Valley, Lake Wanahoo, Chalco Hills, etc. The districts involved would be listed as sponsors for the event (see the NRD Contribution line 3 - summary above). The field day could also include a visit to the Omaha Zoo. Costs would include bus transportation, meals, refreshments and admissions for 550 people. Total - \$30,000.
- **Closing Awards Ceremony and Banquet (Line 34)** – This will include a featured speaker and meals for 550. Total - \$28,000.
- **Evening social events for the students (Line 36)** -- This would be ice cream social and/or pizza night. Total - \$3,500.

2020 NCF Envirothon – Nebraska Budget

First Aid Kits (Line 50) – Included an amount to purchase first aid kits to have at all locations for emergency purposes. Total \$500.

Miscellaneous (Line 51) -- Included an amount for miscellaneous expenses. Total \$3,000.

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Nebraska's 106th Legislature
(NRD Issue Related Bills)
See 2020 Introduced Bills starting on Page 3

BILL	INTRODUCER	DESCRIPTION	COMMITTEE	HEARING	ACTION	POSITION		GENERAL FILE	SELECT FILE	FINAL READING	GOVERNOR SIGN
						NRD	NARD				
2019 BILLS (Approved / Killed)											
48	Stinner	Change provisions relating to sufficient cause for nonuse of a water appropriation	NR	2/13/2019		-	S	2/14/2019 2/21/2019	2/28/2019 3/7/2019	3/12/2019 3/15/2019	3/21/2019
103	Linehan	Change provisions relating to property tax requests	RV	1/24/2019		O	O	2/5/2019 2/11/2019	2/19/2019 3/1/2019	3/5/2019 3/7/2019	3/12/2019
177	Lindstrom	Change a termination date for bonding authority of natural resources districts ***PRIORITY BILL***	NR	2/14/2019		S	S	3/18/2019 4/8/2019	4/10/2019 4/26/2019	4/30/2019 5/2/2019	5/8/2019
243	Gragert	Create the Healthy Soils Task Force ***PRIORITY BILL***	AG	1/29/2019		S	M	3/15/2019 3/21/2019	3/25/2019 4/3/2019	4/3/2019 4/11/2019	4/17/2019
293	Speaker Scheer	Provide, change and eliminate provisions relating to appropriations	AP	2/26/2019		-	S	5/2/2019 5/8/2019	5/8/2019 5/14/2019	5/14/2019 5/21/2019	5/27/2019
294	Speaker Scheer	Appropriate funds for expenses of Nebraska State Government for the biennium ending June 30, 2021	AP	2/26/2019		-	S	5/2/2019 5/8/2019	5/9/2019 5/14/2019	5/15/2019 5/21/2019	5/27/2019
298	Speaker Scheer	Repeal funds and authorize, provide, change and eliminate fund transfer provisions	AP	2/26/2019		-	S	5/2/2019 5/8/2019	5/8/2019 5/14/2019	5/14/2019 5/21/2019	5/27/2019
299	Speaker Scheer	Change Cash Reserve Fund provisions	AP	2/26/2019		-	M	5/2/2019 5/8/2019	5/9/2019 5/14/2019	5/15/2019 5/21/2019	5/27/2019
302	Hughes	Merge the State Energy Office with and rename the Department of Environmental Quality	NR	1/30/2019		M	S	2/1/2019 2/7/2019	2/13/2019 2/21/2019	2/27/2019 3/15/2019	3/21/2019
307	Albrecht	Change provisions relating to certain Department of Environmental Quality funds	NR	1/31/2019		-	S	2/1/2019 2/8/2019	2/13/2019 2/21/2019	2/27/2019 3/7/2019	3/12/2019
319	Moser	Change provisions relating to notices, rules and regulations of the Department of Natural Resources	NR	2/6/2019		-	S	2/11/2019 2/13/2019	2/21/2019 3/1/2019	3/6/2019 3/15/2019	3/21/2019
573	<u>Hansen, M.</u>	Change provisions relating to agreements under the Intergovernmental Risk Management Act	BC	3/18/2019	IPPD 3/19/2019	-	O				
2019 BILLS (Carried Over)											
53	Scheer	Change and provide duties for landowners or their tenants relating to removal of a blockage or obstruction in a watercourse and provide for court costs and attorney's fees	NR	2/14/2019	IPPD 3/6/2020	M	M				

BILL	INTRODUCER	DESCRIPTION	COMMITTEE	HEARING	ACTION	POSITION		GENERAL FILE	SELECT FILE	FINAL READING	GOVERNOR SIGN
						NRD	NARD				
128	Hughes	Provide for Wildlife Conservation Plates	TR	2/5/2019	IPPD 2/26/2020	M	M				
134	Stinner	Provide levy authority and duties for natural resources districts	RV	1/30/2019		S	S				
148	Groene	Change requirements for public hearings on proposed budget statements and notices of meetings of public bodies	GM	2/6/2019		-	O	3/5/2019 1/15/2020	1/23/2020 1/31/2020	2/4/2020 2/6/2020	2/12/2020
150	Brewer	Change provisions relating to access to public records and provide for fees	GM	2/8/2019		S	S				
158	Brewer	Change provisions relating to the assessed value of real property	RV	1/24/2019		O	O				
163	Hunt	Permit counties to conduct elections by mail	GM	3/6/2019		-	M				
204	Briese	Require approval of voters for bonds under the Interlocal Cooperation Act	GM	1/24/2019		-	O				
261	DeBoer	Require use of redistricting maps drawn using state-issued computer software	EX	2/14/2019		M	M				
283	<u>Pansing Brooks</u>	Provide for a climate change study. ***PRIORITY BILL***	EX	2/11/2019		S	O	2/19/2020			
336	<u>Hansen, M.</u>	Change the vote requirement to exceed certain budget limitations	GM	3/7/2019		S	S				
367	Hughes	Eliminate provisions relating to fund transfers and change a termination date under the Nebraska Litter Reduction and Recycling Act	GM	3/7/2019		-	S				
368	Hughes	Eliminate over appropriated river basins, subbasins and reaches	NR	2/20/2019	IPPD 3/6/2020	M	S				
386	Erdman	Change provisions relating to cash reserves under the Nebraska Budget Act	GM	2/21/2019		M	O				
412	<u>Geist</u>	Require an election regarding creation of a joint public agency	GM	2/7/2019		O	O				
552	McDonnell	Change provisions relating to the Nebraska Tree Recovery Program	AP	3/4/2019		S	O				
581	Albrecht	Require the use of generally accepted accounting principals in preparing budgets under the Nebraska Budget Act	GM	3/20/2019		O	O				
606	Groene	Provide for water augmentation projects and retention of water rights as prescribed ***PRIORITY BILL***	NR	3/14/2019	IPPD 3/6/2020	-	O				
632	Hughes	Clarify a statutory reference relating to rural water districts. ***PRIORITY BILL***	NR	2/28/2019		-	M	3/6/2020			
712	Friesen	Prohibit joint entities and joint public agencies from taking action against representative for their speech	JU	3/14/2019		-	M				

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729	Walz	Adopt the Soil Health and Productivity Incentive Act	AG	2/19/2019		M	O				
2020 BILLS											
769	Gragert	Change provisions relating to membership on the Nebraska Natural Resources Commission	NR	1/29/2020		S	S	2/25/2020			
802	Hughes	State a legislative finding and declaration relating to the right to use ground water	NR			O	S				
829	Erdman	Change provisions relating to certain in lieu of tax payments made by the Game and Parks Commission	RV	2/21/2020		M	M				
845	Groene	Change procedures for water augmentation projects under an integrated man agent plan	NR	2/20/2020		O	O				
855	Moser	Eliminate legislative confirmation of certain members of the Niobrara Council	NR	1/29/2020		M	M				
856	Moser	Extend sunset of the Petroleum Release Remedial Action Cash Fund	NR	1/23/2020		S	S				
857	Lowe	Require state agency review of rules and regulations	GM	1/31/2020		M	M				
859	Hughes	Change provisions relating to qualifications and terms of office for certain Game and Parks Commission members	NR	2/6/2020	IPPD 3/6/2020	O	S				
860	Hughes	Change Game and Parks Commission district limits and designations as prescribed	NR	2/6/2020		O	S				
861	Hughes	Change provisions of the Integrated Solid Waste Management Act with respect to consumer merchandise and containers	NR	2/12/2020		O	M	2/27/2020			
863	Hughes	Limit ownership of land by the Game and Parks Commission	NR	1/30/2020		O	M				
890	<u>Hilgers</u>	Provide for water, wastewater, utility, and sewer construction projects under the Political Subdivision Construction Alternatives Act	GM	1/23/2020		M	S w/Amendment to add NRDs to list of political subdivisions	2/10/2020			
904	<u>Bolz</u>	Provide for use of the Water Sustainability Fund for sustainable use of water in food production and transfer general funds	NR		WD 1/15/2020						
905	DeBoer	Provide for a fee on single-use checkout bags and for a program to provide reusable checkout bags to the public	RV	1/30/2020		S	M				
921	Hilkemann	Provide for The Good Life is Outside plates	TR	2/10/2020		M	M				

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1003	Walz	Provide annexation powers to cities of the second class and villages for relocation due to catastrophic flooding. ***PRIORITY BILL***	UR	2/18/2020		M	M	3/6/2020 3/11/2020			
1008	Speaker Scheer	Provide, change, and eliminate provisions relating to appropriations.	AP	1/29/2020		M	M	3/10/2020 3/12/2020			
1009	Speaker Scheer	Provide for transfer of funds, repeal a fund, and change use of a fund	AP	1/29/2020		M	M	3/10/2020 3/12/2020			
1010	Speaker Scheer	Change Cash Reserve Fund provisions	AP	1/29/2020		M	M				
1024	<u>Clements</u>	Change provisions of the Intergovernmental Risk Management Act	BC			M	M				
1026	<u>Bolz</u>	Appropriate funds to the University of Nebraska (Replacement for LB 904)	AP	2/12/2020		M	M				
1054	<u>Kolterman</u>	Define the required beginning date and change deferment of payment provisions under certain retirement plans ***PRIORITY BILL***	RE	2/5/2020		M	S	2/6/2020 2/10/2020	2/12/2020 2/21/2020	2/25/2020	
1072	Hughes	Authorize certain natural resources districts to issue flood protection bonds and use bond proceeds as prescribed	NR	2/5/2020		S	S				
1167	Albrecht	Require members of the public to be allowed to speak at each meeting subject to the Open Meetings Act.	GM	2/20/2020		M	O				
1193	Linehan	Change election provisions for certain bond issue, tax levy and property tax limitation questions	GM	2/12/2020		M	M				
1195	<u>Morfeld</u>	Change provisions regarding acces to public records	GM	2/21/2020		M	M				
1201	<u>Bostelman</u>	Create the Flood Mitigation and Planning Task Force (Included in LB 632)	NR	2/5/2020		S	S	3/4/2020			
1211	Hansen, B.	Change requirements for the preparation of proposed budget statements	GM			M	O				
1212	Hansen, B.	Adopt the Property Tax Request Act	RV	2/27/2020		O	O				
LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTIONS											
LR8CA	Linehan	Constitutional amendment to limit the total amount of property tax revenue that may be raised by political subdivisions	RV	2/27/2019		O	O				
LR12CA	Vargas	Constitutional amendment to change legislators' salaries	EX	2/6/2019		-					

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LR285CA	Brewer	Constitutional amendment to provide for use of lottery proceeds for prison overcrowding prior to use for the Nebraska Environmental Trust Act	GA		WD 1/21/2020						
LR288	<u>Slama</u>	Urge Congress and the United States Corps of Engineers to prioritize flood control as a top priority for the management of water systems under their authority in the Missouri River Mainstream Reservoir System Control Manual. ***PRIORITY RESOLUTION***	NR	2/6/2020	ADOPTED 2/27/2020	M	S				
LR294	Kolowski	Review various climate-related findings and acknowledge an anthropogenic climate and ecological crisis	NR	2/20/2020		M					
LR300CA	Erdman	Constitutional amendment to prohibit all forms of taxation other than a consumption tax ***PRIORITY RESOLUTION***	RV			M	O				
WATCH LIST											
254	McCollister	Adopt the Fair Chance Hiring Act	BL	2/4/2019		-		2/14/2019 2/20/2019	2/26/2019 3/7/2019	3/12/2019	
311	Crawford	Adopt the Paid Family and Medical Leave Insurance Act ***PRIORITY BILL***	BL	2/4/2019		-		3/7/2019			
311A	Crawford	Adopt the Paid Family and Medical Leave Insurance Act ***PRIORITY BILL***		5/15/2019		-		5/15/19			