

# Climate Resiliency Task Force Nomination

Mayor Leirion Gaylor Baird is seeking nominations for the Climate Resiliency Task Force for the 2019-2020 year. This will be a group of 40-50 individuals representing a diverse cross-section of our community who will meet four times during the year for day-long planning workshops. This group will participate in visioning a resilient future, identifying climate hazards specific to our community, understanding our strengths and vulnerabilities, identifying strategies to build resilience against those vulnerabilities, and setting goals to make Lincoln a more resilient city.

We are seeking individuals who represent the following areas of expertise in the Lincoln community:

- Energy
- Public Health
- Stormwater/Flood Management
- Water Supply
- Transportation
- Information & Communications Technology
- Food Supply
- Land Use Planning
- Legal
- Finance
- Faith Community
- Low-Income Populations
- Higher Education
- Vocational Education
- Elementary Education
- Community & Culture
- Social Services
- Environment & Biodiversity
- Economic Development
- Immigration/Migration
- Climate Impacts
- Agricultural Economics
- Waste Management
- Housing
- Youth
- Philanthropy
- Property Insurance
- Industrial
- Commercial

No prior knowledge of or experience with climate change issues is required.

Nominees will be asked to attend four workshops in their entirety. Each one will run from 8am-4pm. The dates are:

- October 2, 2019
- November 13, 2019
- December 11, 2019
- April 1, 2020

**NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE  
REPORT TO THE  
LOWER PLATTE SOUTH NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT  
August 21, 2019**

**PERSONNEL:**

- John McClinton has been hired as the Pheasants Forever Farm Bill Wildlife Biologist in the Lincoln Field Office. He will work jointly with NE Game & Parks Commission and NRCS to promote, coordinate and implement the conservation provisions of the Farm Bill and other related wildlife conservation programs.
- Evan Sisel, LPSNRD Resources Technician, is attending a Nationwide Conservation Planning Boot Camp training for Conservation/NRD staff in Lincoln. Boot Camp is a three-week, intensive training course for technical staff that covers current conservation planning policy, procedures, and guidelines as outlined by NRCS policy.

**LAND TREATMENT:**

- Staff is working to assist producers in installation and checkout of Summer Conservation Program projects. They're also starting to work with producers to begin design on Surface Water Quality BMPs that will be installed this fall after harvest.

**PROGRAMS:**

- EQIP – Staff is continuing to work on contract obligations for FY19 which needs to be completed prior to October 1.
  - Lancaster – 8 contracts – 1,584 acres - \$258,313 obligated
  - Cass – 11 contracts – 1,848 acres - \$223,636 obligated
- CRP – The Farm Service Agency (FSA) is currently accepting offers for Continuous CRP (Signup 52) through August 23<sup>rd</sup>. All contracts must be completed and returned to FSA by September 14<sup>th</sup>.
- CSP – Grassland Conservation Initiative – All contracts have been completed for Lancaster County. No applications were received in Cass County.
  - Lancaster – 12 contracts – 344 acres - \$30,960 obligated

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

- September 2<sup>nd</sup> – Labor Day Holiday
- September 22<sup>nd</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> – NRDs Annual Conference – Kearney
- October 9<sup>th</sup> – East Central Land Judging Contest – Weeping Water

***Cory Schmidt - District Conservationist***



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August 16, 2019

TO: NARD Board and NRD Managers

FROM: Dean E. Edson, Executive Director

**RE: 2019 ANNUAL CONFERENCE RESOLUTIONS**

Attached are two resolutions that have been submitted to NARD for consideration at the 2019 Annual Conference as of end of business on August 16, 2019, which is the deadline for resolutions. Additional resolutions submitted, if any, will require 2/3rds vote of the delegates to be considered at the annual meeting.

The 2018 voting delegate list is on page 2. This is the list from last year's meeting. Please check the delegate list and provide any changes to our office September 13, 2019. The voting procedures to be used at the conference are on page 3.

**Resolutions submitted by the August 16, 2019 deadline**

1. *NARD Resolution 2019-1 – Nebraska Natural Resources Commission Membership Requirements. Submitted by Upper Niobrara-White NRD*
2. *NARD Resolution 2019-2 -- Enhance Bonding Authorities. Submitted by the Lower Elkhorn Natural Resources District*

**Voting Delegate and Alternate  
For  
2019 Annual Conference**

	<b>DELEGATE</b>	<b>ALTERNATE</b>
<b>Central Platte NRD</b>	Jim Bendfeldt	Jay Richeson
<b>Lewis &amp; Clark NRD</b>	Marcel Kramer	Jeff Steffen
<b>Little Blue NRD</b>	Lyle Heinrichs	Chuck Rainforth
<b>Lower Big Blue NRD</b>	Doug Stokebrand	Steve Kelley
<b>Lower Elkhorn NRD</b>	Kurt Janke	Bob Huntley
<b>Lower Loup NRD</b>	Dean Rasmussen	Virgil Gellermann
<b>Lower Niobrara NRD</b>	Diana Wendt	Jack Engelhaupt
<b>Lower Platte North NRD</b>	Bob Hilger	John Hannah
<b>Lower Platte South NRD</b>	Larry Ruth	Milt Schmidt
<b>Lower Republican NRD</b>	Roger Nelson	Nelson Trambly
<b>Middle Niobrara NRD</b>	Dean Jochem	Marty Graff
<b>Middle Republican NRD</b>	Shane Rippen	Joe Anderjaska
<b>Nemaha NRD</b>	Orval Gigstad	Duane Sugden
<b>North Platte NRD</b>	Jerry Dillman	Dave Ostdiek
<b>Papio-Missouri River NRD</b>	Rich Tesar	Tim Fowler
<b>South Platte NRD</b>	Larry L Rutt	Bill Halligan
<b>Tri-Basin NRD</b>	Dave Raffety	Larry Reynolds
<b>Twin Platte NRD</b>	Robert Petersen	Dennis Schilz
<b>Upper Big Blue NRD</b>	Larry Moore	Ronda Rich
<b>Upper Elkhorn NRD</b>	Dale Wiles	Ted Hughes
<b>Upper Loup NRD</b>	Judy Ridenour	Bobbie Jo Christensen
<b>Upper Niobrara White NRD</b>	Tod Dorshorst	Scott Berndt
<b>Upper Republican NRD</b>	Tom Gaschler	Terry Martin

## RESOLUTION & VOTING PROCEDURES

1. **Each NARD member district that is in good standing shall be able to submit resolutions for consideration by the Association membership on policy issues pertinent to the mission and goals of the Association. A majority of the 23 districts shall constitute a quorum.**
2. **The voting delegate for the member district, or the alternate in the case of the delegate's absence, shall be the only individual to make the motion on behalf of their respective district. Any district representative may speak on the merits of a motion or issue during the discussion period once recognized by the chair.**
3. **We encourage more information on the issues. However, a non-voting participant may only speak on an issue and/or provide additional information at the request of a voting delegate of a district in good standing or at the request of the chair.**
4. **A copy of all resolutions submitted to the NARD Office prior to the Annual Meeting is included in the Resolutions Packet. Resolutions received by the deadline require a majority of the members voting for consideration. Resolutions received after the deadline must follow 5.b. below.**
5. **Additional resolutions may be submitted for consideration at the first Business Session at the Annual Conference for discussion provided that:**
  - a) **The member district is responsible for providing enough copies so members may read the resolution before discussion begins.**
  - b) **If 2/3 of the members voting approve the Motion to place the resolution before the body, the resolution shall be added to the agenda for consideration (example: 2/3rds of 115 = 77).**
6. **Resolutions shall be discussed, and motions shall be made at the 1<sup>st</sup> Business Session. No final voting for approval of resolutions shall be taken on the first day. This provides discussion time at caucus before final approval.**
7. **Motions/resolutions shall be voted on at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Business Session.**
8. **Amendments may be made on either the first or second day during the Business Session. A written copy of the amendment(s) must be provided to the Chairman of the Legislative Committee.**
9. **Each member district shall have five votes.**
10. **To help avoid any distractions during the Business Session, all cell phones must be silenced during the session. Anyone whose cell phone rings during the Business Session will be fined \$5 for each occurrence and proceeds will be contributed to the NARD Foundation Account. Contributions to the NARD Foundation are tax deductible.**

**NARD Resolution 2019-1**

**Nebraska Natural Resources Commission Membership Requirements  
Submitted by Upper Niobrara-White NRD**

**WHEREAS**, §2-1504 established the Nebraska Natural Resources Commission and;

**WHEREAS**, the Nebraska Natural Resources Commission (Commission) is charged with advising the Department of Natural Resources as requested by the director and shall perform such other functions as are specifically conferred on the commission by law, and

**WHEREAS**, the Natural Resources Commission is responsible for reviewing and distributing several state funds including the Water Sustainability Fund, the Resources Development Fund and others, and

**WHEREAS**, the Nebraska Natural Resources Commission consists of twenty-seven members, and

**WHEREAS**, members of the commission all of whom have attained the age of majority shall include one resident of each of the following river basins, with delineations being those on the Nebraska river basin map officially adopted by the commission and on file with the department: (i) The Niobrara River, White River, and Hat Creek basin, (ii) the North Platte River basin, (iii) the South Platte River basin, (iv) the middle Platte River basin, (v) the lower Platte River basin, (vi) the Loup River basin, (vii) the Elkhorn River basin, (viii) the Missouri tributaries basin, (ix) the Republican River basin, (x) the Little Blue River basin, (xi) the Big Blue River basin, and (xii) the Nemaha River basin; and; One additional resident of each river basin which encompasses one or more cities of the metropolitan class; and

**WHEREAS**, fourteen members appointed by the Governor, subject to confirmation by the Legislature. Of the members appointed by the Governor, one shall represent each of the following categories: Agribusiness interests; agricultural interests; ground water irrigators; irrigation districts; manufacturing interests; metropolitan utilities districts; municipal users of water from a city of the primary class; municipal users of water from a city of the first or second class or a village; outdoor recreation users; public power districts; public power and irrigation districts; range livestock owners; surface water irrigators; and wildlife conservation interests, and

**WHEREAS**, there is no current statutory requirement for the fourteen appointed commission members to be residents of the State of Nebraska.

**NOW THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED**, that the Nebraska Association of Resources Districts seek changes in the Nebraska statutes to ensure all serving Nebraska Natural Resources Commission members be residents of the State of Nebraska.

**Monday Business Session: Motion** \_\_\_\_\_ **Second:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Other:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Amendment No. 1:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Amendment No. 2:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Tuesday Business Session:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Amendment No. 1:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Amendment No. 2:** \_\_\_\_\_

**NARD Resolution 2019-2**

**Enhance Bonding Authorities  
Submitted by the Lower Elkhorn Natural Resources District**

**WHEREAS**, Nebraska Revised Statutes § 2-3226.10 *et seq.*, creates and authorizes the issuance of general obligation bonds for flood control projects encompassing a city of the metropolitan class under certain conditions;

**WHEREAS**, the use of bonding authorities can provide an effective means to finance a wide spectrum of public projects associated with natural resources across Nebraska; and

**WHEREAS**, many areas within Nebraska, outside cities of the metropolitan class, are in need of bonding to finance projects related to NRD responsibilities;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Nebraska Association of Resources Districts seeks to amend Nebraska statutes to enhance the financial authorities of all natural resources districts to issue general obligation bonds to finance projects related to flood control, water quality projects, and water quantity projects for the public benefit of all Nebraskans.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that such amendment to Nebraska statutes should not be limited or constrained by any sunset provision.

*Motion* \_\_\_\_\_ *Second:* \_\_\_\_\_  
*Other* \_\_\_\_\_

*Amendment No. 1:* \_\_\_\_\_  
*Amendment No. 2:* \_\_\_\_\_

*Tuesday Business Session:* \_\_\_\_\_  
*Amendment No. 1:* \_\_\_\_\_  
*Amendment No. 2:* \_\_\_\_\_

**NRD Chair Larry Ruth:**

**The City of Lincoln, Lower Platte South NRD and private sector are partnering on the Salt Creek Resiliency Study, the primary focus will be to determine how flood resiliency can be enhanced in the Salt Creek floodplain through comprehensive structural and non-structural flood measures to reduce flooding impacts.**

**The City of Lincoln is requesting that you select two Board Members to serve on the Salt Creek Resiliency Study Stakeholder Committee (see below).**

**Dear Stakeholder:**

**We would like you to serve on the Salt Creek Resiliency Study Stakeholder Committee.** We are requesting you to participate in the Salt Creek floodplain resiliency discussions and assist in developing a public education plan for long term floodplain improvements. Please review the following responsibilities outlined below to understand stakeholder member expectations.

If you are not able to participate, please suggest someone within your organization that may be able to participate. We would like a response by **September 5, 2019.**

**Expectations**

As a Stakeholder you are asked to commit to the following:

- Be honest in your comments and suggestions, keeping the entire community in mind.
- Participate in two stakeholder meetings during the study phase.
  - *Tuesday, September 10, 2019 5:30-7:30pm, Lancaster County Extension Office*
  - *Tuesday, October 1, 2019 5:30-7:30pm, Lancaster County Extension Office*
- Provide feedback on materials posted to project website and engage in conversations about the study.
- Help educate the public and encourage community members to attend the public open house.
  - *Tuesday, November 5, 2019, 6:00-7:30pm - TBA*