




## LOWER PLATTE SOUTH natural resources district

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### Memorandum

**Date:** February 19, 2019  
**To:** Each Director  
**From:** Paul D. Zillig, General Manager  
**Subject:** Executive Subcommittee Meeting Minutes



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The Executive Subcommittee met at 4:00 pm on Monday, February 18, 2019 at the NRD Office in Lincoln. Subcommittee members present included Larry Ruth, Deborah Eagan, Milt Schmidt, and Dan Steinkruger. Others present included Steve Seglin, Al Langdale, David Potter, and myself.

Chair Ruth opened the meeting, reported that this meeting was advertised in a legal notice, and reviewed the agenda. Ruth called on Al Langdale to report on the first item to consider approving an annual extension of the 2018 Work Crew Agreement with the Nebraska Department of Correctional Services. Langdale reported that a new agreement was approved last year that called for Correctional Services to provide two crews to work on NRD projects and the NRD provides funds for the salary of two Corporals to supervise the crews and the NRD provides transportation. The 2018 agreement stated that the agreement can be renewed for up to three one-year periods. Attached is a copy of the 2019 Renewal Acknowledgement for the Work Crew Agreement.

It was moved by Schmidt, seconded by Eagan, and unanimously approved by the Subcommittee to **recommend the Board of Directors approve the 2019 Renewal Acknowledgement for the 2018 Work Crew Agreement with the Nebraska Department of Correctional Services/Cornhusker State Industries.**

The next item on the agenda was to review the legislative bills and establish recommended positions for the NRD. Ruth pointed out the list of legislative bills of interest to NARD and this NRD. The Subcommittee reviewed the attached list of bills and discussed the recommended positions. The Subcommittee decided to change the recommended position of “monitor” to “oppose” for LB 581 which makes changes to NRD budget requirements, this change is now in line with the position of NARD. It was moved by Schmidt, seconded by Steinkruger, and unanimously approved by the Subcommittee to **recommend the Board of Directors approve the NRD positions as shown on the attached list of 2019 Legislative Bills.**

Ruth mentioned that the NRDs Master Plan includes an Objective that the NRD “continually consider the effect of changes in climate when initiating new NRD programs, and when making changes in existing programs”, staff will work on the details of this consideration. Seglin updated the Subcommittee on NRD lawsuits, and I gave a staffing update and a report on wetland credits in the NRD’s Blue Heron Wetland Bank.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 5:10 pm.

PDZ/pz

pc: Steve Seglin

**Renewal Acknowledgement  
Work Crew Agreement**

Lower Platte South Natural Resource District (District) agrees to exercise the first one-year renewal option of its *Work Crew Agreement* with the Nebraska Department of Correctional Services/Cornhusker State Industries (NDCS/CSI) for labor performed by inmates on behalf of the District. All provisions of the agreement will remain in effect with no changes. This option will extend the agreement from January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019.

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Paul Zillig, General Manager  
Lower Platte South Natural Resources District

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Date

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Jeremy Elder, Deputy Director  
Cornhusker State Industries

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Date

BILL	INTRODUCER	DESCRIPTION	COMMITTEE	HEARING	ACTION	POSITION		GENERAL FILE	SELECT FILE	FINAL READING	GOVERNOR SIGN
						NRD	NARD				
<b>2019 BILLS</b>											
48	Stinner	Change provisions relating to sufficient cause for nonuse of a water appropriation	NR	2/13/2019		-	S	2/14/2019			
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		M	M				
103	Linehan	Change provisions relating to property tax requests	RV	1/24/2019		O	O	2/5/2019			
128	Hughes	Provide for Wildlife Conservation Plates	TR	2/5/2019		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				
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			-	M				
177	Lindstrom	Change a termination date for bonding authority of natural resources districts	NR	2/14/2019		S	S				
204	Briese	Require approval of voters for bonds under the Interlocal Cooperation Act	GM	1/24/2019		-	O				
243	Gragert	Create the Healthy Soils Task Force	AG	1/29/2019		S	M				
261	DeBoer	Require use of redistricting maps drawn using state-issued computer software	EX	2/14/2019		M	M				
283	Pansing Brooks	Provide for a climate change study	EX	2/11/2019		S	O				
293	Speaker Scheer	Provide, change and eliminate provisions relating to appropriations	AP	2/26/2019		-	S				
294	Speaker Scheer	Appropriate funds for the expenses of Nebraska State Government for the biennium ending June 30, 2021	AP	2/26/2019		-	S				
298	Speaker Scheer	Repeal funds and authorize, provide, change, and eliminate fund transfer provisions	AP	2/26/2019		-	S				

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299	Speaker Scheer	Change Cash Reserve Fund provisions	AP	2/26/2019		-	M				
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		
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		
319	Moser	Change provisions relating to notices, rules and regulations of the Department of Naural Resources	NR	2/6/2019		-	S	2/11/2019 2/13/2019			
336	Hansen, M.	Change the vote requirement to exceed certain budget limitations	GM			S	S				
367	Hughes	Eliminate provisions relating to fund transfers and change a termination date under the Nebraska Litter Reduction and Recycling Act	GM			-	S				
368	Hughes	Eliminate overappropriated river basins, subbasins and reaches	NR	2/20/2019		M	S				
386	Erdman	Change provisions relating to cash reserves under the Nebraska Budget Act	GM	2/21/2019		M	O				
412	Geist	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			S	O				
573	Hansen, M.	Change provisions relating to agreements under the Intergovernmental Risk Management Act	BC	3/18/2019		-	O				
581	Albrecht	Require the use of generally accepted accounting principals in preparing budgets under the Nebraska Budget Act	GM			O	O				
606	Groene	Provide for water augmentation projects and retention of water rights as prescribed	NR			-	O				
632	Hughes	Clarify a statutory reference relating to rural water districts	NR			-	M				
712	Friesen	Prohibit joint entities and joint public agencies from taking action against representative for their speech	JU	3/14/2019		-	M				
729	Walz	Adopt the Soil Health and Productivity Incentive Act	AG	2/19/2019		M	O				

**2020 BILLS**

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<b>LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTIONS</b>											
LR8CA	Linehan	Constitutional amendment to limit the total amount of property tax revenue that may be raised by political subdivisions	RV			o	o				
LR12CA	Vargas	Constitutional amendment to change legislators' salaries	EX	2/6/2019		-					
<b>WATCH LIST</b>											
254	McCollister	Adopt the Fair Chance Hiring Act	BL	2/4/2019		-					
311	Crawford	Adopt the Paid Family and Medical Leave Insurance Act	BL	2/4/2019		-					