



LOWER PLATTE SOUTH natural resources district

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Memorandum

Date: January 26, 2019
To: Each Director
From: Paul D. Zillig, General Manager
Subject: Executive Subcommittee Meeting Minutes

The Executive Subcommittee met at 8:00 am on Friday, January 25, 2019 at the NRD Office in Lincoln. Subcommittee members present included Larry Ruth, Deborah Eagan, Milt Schmidt, Bruce Johnson, Ray Stevens, and Dan Steinkruger. Others present included Steve Seglin, David Potter, and myself.

Chair Ruth opened the meeting and stated the purpose of the meeting today was to establish positions on legislative bills of interest to the NRD. Ruth suggested that we focus our discussion on bills that will be a priority to LPSNRD. The Subcommittee reviewed the process for final approval: 1) Executive Subcommittee established initial positions, 2) NARD Legislative Conference provides more background information on bills, 3) Executive Subcommittee updates the positions, as needed, 4) LPSNRD Legislative positions are reviewed at the February Board Meeting, positions are amended as determined by the Board.

Chair Ruth led the Subcommittee on discussion and consideration of the proposed bills. Attached is a complete list of Bills of interest to LPSNRD and a brief summary of each Bill (includes NARD's updated information from yesterday). Listed below are the Legislative Bills considered, the Bill description, followed by the LPSNRD's position, and in parenthesis (the Director that made the motion, followed by the Director that seconded the motion, and the vote).

LB 103 – Change Provisions relating to property tax requests. OPPOSE (Eagan, Stevens, unanimous).

LB 134 – Provide levy authority and duties for natural resources districts. SUPPORT (Ruth, Eagan, unanimous).

LB 150 – Change provisions relating to access to public records and provide for fees. SUPPORT (Eagan, B Johnson, unanimous).

LB 243 – Create the Healthy Soils Task Force. SUPPORT (B Johnson, Stevens, unanimous).

LB 283 – Provide for a climate change study. SUPPORT (Eagan, B Johnson, unanimous).

LB 261 – Require use of redistricting maps drawn using state-issued computer soft-ware.
MONITOR (Eagan, Stevens, unanimous).

LB 177 – Change a termination date for bonding authority of NRDs. SUPPORT (Stevens,
Steinkruger, unanimous).

LB 158 - Change provisions relating to the assessed value of real property. OPPOSE (Steinkruger,
Eagan, unanimous).

LB 53 – 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.
MONITOR (Schmidt, Steinkruger, unanimous)

LB 128 – Provide for Wildlife Conservation Plates. Motion to support failed. MONITOR (B
Johnson, Eagan, unanimous).

LB 302 – Merge the State Energy Office with and rename the Dept of Environmental Quality (404
permit authorization). MONITOR (Steinkruger, Eagan, unanimous).

LB 336 – Change the vote requirements to exceed certain budget limitations. SUPPORT (Stevens,
Eagan, unanimous).

LB 368 – Eliminate overappropriated river basins, subbasins and reaches. MONITOR (Stevens, B
Johnson, unanimous).

LB 386 – Change provisions relating to cash reserves under the Nebraska Budget Act. MONITOR
(Stevens, Eagan, unanimous).

LB 412 – Require an election regarding creation of a joint public agency. OPPOSE (Eagan, B
Johnson, unanimous).

LB 552 – Change provisions relating to the Nebraska Tree Recovery Program. SUPPORT (B
Johnson, Steinkruger, unanimous).

LB 581 – Require the use of generally accepted accounting principals in preparing budgets under
the Nebraska Budget Act. MONITOR (Stevens, Schmidt, unanimous).

LB 729 – Adopt the Soil Health and Productivity Incentive Act. MONITOR (B Johnson, Stevens,
unanimous).

LR 8 CA – Constitutional amendment to limit the total amount of property tax revenue that may be
raised by political subdivisions. OPPOSE (Stevens, B Johnson, unanimous).

The Subcommittee asked Staff to review LB 314 concerning revenue and taxation.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 10:00 am.

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pc: Steve Seglin