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Memorandum

Date:

January 27, 2017

To:

Board of Directors

From:

Paul D. Zillig, General Manager-

Subject:

Executive Subcommittee Meeting Minutes

The Executive Subcommittee met at 7:30 am on Thursday, January 26, 2017 in the NRD Conference Room in Lincoln. Subcommittee members present included Ray Stevens, Deborah Eagan, Greg Osborn, Jeremie Kerkman, and Larry Ruth. Others present included Larry Zimmerman, Steve Seglin, Dave Potter, and myself.

Chair Stevens opened the meeting and reported that the Subcommittees needed to take another look at the Legislative Bills after hearing discussion at the NARD Legislative Conference. The Subcommittee reviewed the preliminary position of the Executive Subcommittee and NARD's position. The Subcommittee then proposed the positions for 42 bills and one Legislative resolution, as shown on the attachment. It was moved by Osborn, seconded by Ruth, and unanimously approved by the Subcommittee to approve the NRD's position on the attached list of bills. Chair Stevens reminded the Subcommittee that the Board authorized the Executive Subcommittee to determine the NRD's position, the NRD Board can then reconsider any of these positions at the February Board Meeting.

The next item on the agenda was to consider the NRD's representation on the Lower Platte River Basin Water Management Coalition. I reported that this Coalition is comprised of 7 NRDs (Upper & Lower Elkhorn, Upper & Lower Loup, Papio-Missouri River, Lower Platte North, and Lower Platte South NRDs) and the Nebraska Department of Natural Resources.

When established in 2013 the parties entered into an interlocal agreement to develop a water management plan for the Lower Platte Basin that would determine any available water supplies and coordinate the management of those supplies. The agreement required all votes to be by consensus and that each party would have two Board members on the Coalition. I reported that the Lower Platte South NRD authorized Don Jacobson to serve on this Coalition along with the "currently-seated chair", with myself as alternate.

Stevens reported that Greg Osborn has been the "currently-seated chair" for the past 3 years and served on the Coalition. Chair Stevens felt that Osborn had done a good job, is familiar with the issues of the Coalition, and would do a good job continuing to represent the NRD on this Coalition along with Don Jacobson. It was moved by Ruth, seconded by Kerkman, and unanimously approved by the subcommittee to recommend the Board of Directors appoint Greg Osborn to serve in place of the currently-seated Chair on the Board of the Lower Platte River Basin Water Management Coalition.

There was no other business and the meeting adjourned at 8:05 am.

cc: Steve Seglin