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Memorandum

Date: October 16, 2020
To: Board of Directors
From: Paul D. Zillig, General Manager 
Subject: Executive Subcommittee Meeting Minutes

The Executive Subcommittee met at 4:00 pm on Wednesday, October 14, 2020 via video/teleconference. Directors participating were Larry Ruth, Deborah Eagan, Bruce Johnson, Ray Stevens, Milt Schmidt, and Dan Steinkruger. Others participating included Steve Seglin, Corey Wasserburger, Nathan Kulhman, David Potter, and myself.

Chair Ruth called the meeting to order and welcomed those participating. Ruth reviewed the agenda and then reported on the first item concerning this NRD’s Resolution on Extreme Weather Events and Changes in Climate that was considered by NARD. Ruth and Schmidt reported on the NARD Business session and that the Resolution was defeated 31-64 with 20 not attending/voting. Ruth reported he met with the Finance & Planning Subcommittee and he will continue to work on completing the planning circle for changes in climate. He reported that additional information will be needed to identify how changes in climate can benefit from NRD programs and identifying additional costs to the operation of the NRD because of changes in climate.

The Subcommittee discussed the upcoming Board Meetings. The Subcommittee discussed the need for everyone to help keep our Board Meetings moving along in an efficient manner. They reviewed the November & December Board Meeting dates of the 16th & 18th, respectively, and agreed that there shouldn’t be a conflict with the holidays and we should hold the meetings on those dates.

The Subcommittee then discussed the challenges facing NARD and the NARD Foundation, due to the pandemic causing the cancellation of the NARD Washington, D.C. and Annual Conferences, and the downtown riots and fire destroyed the NARD Office. The Subcommittee directed myself to talk to Dean Edson and check into assisting NARD and report back to the Executive Subcommittee at a future meeting.

I then reviewed the attached list of potential Operating and Personnel Policy Update considerations. I reported that over the past year those changes have been mentioned as potential improvements. The Subcommittee will consider a final version for Board consideration in December. The

Subcommittee also was updated on the December extension of the agreement with the Department of Corrections for our crews and feedback we've received concerning compensation for the crews.

The Subcommittee also discussed the success of the NRD Board Meetings going paperless by utilizing tablets. Steinkruger mentioned that the District should look into upgrading to laptops as Directors now attend more virtual meetings and will benefit from better technology and capabilities of laptops. Staff was directed to assess the needs and report back to the Subcommittee.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 5:15 pm.

PDZ/pz

Encl.

pc: Steve Seglin
Corey Wasserburger