Memorandum

Date:

December 30, 2020

To:

Executive Subcommittee

From:

Paul D. Zillig, General Manager

Subject:

Executive Subcommittee Meeting Minutes

The Executive Subcommittee met at 12:30 pm on Wednesday, December 16, 2020 via video/teleconference. Directors participating were Larry Ruth, Deborah Eagan, Bruce Johnson, Ray Stevens, Milt Schmidt, and Dan Steinkruger. Others participating included Corey Wasserburger, Steve Seglin, Dean Edson, Nathan Kuhlman, David Potter, and myself.

Chair Ruth called the meeting to order and welcomed those participating. Ruth reviewed the only agenda item to be considered, the item was to consider a request from NARD for each NRD to approve a resolution ratifying and consenting to the assignment of that NRD's pro rata share of the dividend from the NARD Risk Pool to the NARD Foundation for the purpose of purchasing the NARD office building. All 23 NRDs are being asked to ratify the resolution.

Wasserburger reported on the unique relationship between LPSNRD and the NARD, NARD Foundation and the NARD Risk Pool. He cited statute 2-3235 (see below) and how the NARD Office project could be authorized.

2-3235. Districts; cooperation; agreements; authorized; contributions; materials and services to landowners; terms.

(1) Each district shall have the power and authority to cooperate with or to enter into agreements with and, within the limits of appropriations available, to furnish financial or other aid to any cooperator, any agency, governmental or otherwise, or any owner or occupier of lands within the district for the carrying out of projects for benefit of the district as authorized by law, subject to such conditions as the board may deem necessary.

The Subcommittee discussed the importance of the NARD Office project and Dean Edson updated the Subcommittee on the efforts of all three entities (NARD, NARD Foundation, NARD Risk Pool) to work together on this. The Subcommittee discussed the benefits from the three NARD entities for managing the tree seedling program, conservation technical hours, environmental education/Envirothon, and providing liaisons for several state agencies. In the end Wasserburger said legal counsel can't recommend the approval of the resolution but can't say it's illegal. The

subcommittee recommendation to approve the resolution will be presented as shown in the December 11^{th} Meeting Minutes.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 1:35 pm.

PDZ/pz

pc: Steve Seglin

Corey Wasserburger