

Memorandum

Date:

February 11, 2022

To:

Each Director

From:

Paul D. Zillig, General Manager

Subject:

Executive Subcommittee Meeting Minutes

The Executive Subcommittee met at 12:30 pm on Thursday, February 10, 2022 via zoom/teleconfernce. Directors participating were Deborah Eagan, David Landis, Chelsea Johnson, Bob Andersen, Larry Ruth, and Luke Peterson. Others participating included Steve Seglin, Corey Wasserburger, Kristin Buntemeyer, David Potter, and myself.

Chair Eagan called the meeting to order, welcomed those participating and requested I report on the any additional consideration of Legislative Bills introduced that are of interest to LPSNRD. I reported that late last month the Subcommittee reviewed the list of bills with a brief explanation and "bullets" explaining what the bill does. The Subcommittee took positions on each bill, these bills were then further reviewed and discussed at the NARD Legislative Conference, and then a letter was then submitted to the LPSNRD State Senators informing them of the NRD's position.

I reported that the Subcommittee now needs to consider if any additional bills need to be considered or current positions modified before presenting the Subcommittee recommendation to the full Board at the February Board Meeting. Chelsea Johnson moved and Landis seconded the recommendation that the Subcommittee add a position of Support to LB 1048 and it was moved by Andersen, seconded by Landis to add a position of Support to LB 953 and 1102, both motions were unanimously approved. An updated list of bills, brief explanation, and position is attached.

The Executive Subcommittee's recommendation to the Board was to <u>recommend the Board of</u>
Directors approve the following positions on these Legislative Bills –

<u>SUPPORT - LB 746, 761, 805, 813, 925, 953, 978, 981, 1048, 1081, 1096, 1102, 1160, 1248, and 1255;</u>

<u>OPPOSE – LB 743, 787, 1135, and 1146; and</u> <u>MONITOR – LB 775, 778, 806, 809, 820, 840, 908, 965, 1011-1015, 1023, and 1277.</u>

The Subcommittee then discussed LB 1135 and their opposition to this Bill that would reduce the ability to protect unique natural resources such as native prairies and wetlands with conservation easements. The Subcommittee supported Chair Eagan's decision to ask Larry Ruth to testify in

opposition to LB 1135 on behalf of the NRD. Ruth reported on the extent of his testimony and others expected to also testify in opposition.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 1:00 pm.

PDZ/pz

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Steve Seglin

Corey Wasserburger