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Memorandum

Date: February 11, 2023
To: Each Director
From: Paul D. Zillig, General Manager
Subject: Executive Subcommittee Meeting Minutes

The Executive Subcommittee met at 8:00 am on Friday, February 10, 2023 in the NRD Large Conference Room. Directors in attendance were David Landis, Bob Andersen, Lisa Lewis, and Tom Green. Others attending included Kristen Hassebrook of Mueller Robak, Corey Wasserburger, Donna Reid, Dave Potter, Will Inselman, and myself.

Chair Landis called the meeting to order at 8:00 am, made introductions, and welcomed those in attendance. Landis called on Kristen Hassebrook to report on the Legislative Session. Hassebrook handed out the list of bills potentially of interest to LPSNRD, and reported the Legislature is on day 26 of the 90 day session and on Monday floor debate begins. Hassebrook then reviewed and updated the Subcommittee on the following bills and preliminary positions. (brief description and lists of the bills is attached, along with a more detailed description of all the LPSNRD bills of interest)

Support – LB 218, 401, 428, 506*, 534, 560, 571 & 651

Oppose – LB 312, 394, and 396.

Monitor – LB 40, 49, 241, 304, 576, 656, and LR 30CA.

Discuss further – LB281, 268, 662

*testify or write letter on Bostar's Lincoln Water Supply bill

The Subcommittee desired to move from “oppose” to “monitor” for LB 312.

The Subcommittee then discussed LB 662, attached is a request from Director Baker to “oppose” the bill and information on the bill. Wasserburger reported how the bill would also affect the NRD’s rights to file suits on actions detrimental to NRD projects/property. The Subcommittee discussed their concerns. It was moved by Green, seconded by Andersen, and unanimously approved by the Subcommittee to add this to the list of bills that the NRD Oppose (based on impacts to the NRD). The Subcommittee did not feel the NRD should testify.

The Subcommittee then discussed LB 281, which would provide funding for the replacement of the Camp at Halsey which burned down last year. I reported that this was an important resource

utilized by the NRDs for youth environmental camps and has more state-wide significance than previously expressed and our support would be appreciated. It was moved by Lewis, seconded by Green, and unanimously approved to add this to the list of bills recommended to support.

The Subcommittee also discussed LB 268 which authorizes trusts/investment pools to be established for the State Treasurer for political subdivisions and the possible impacts to LPSNRD and our current investment pool NPAIT (Nebraska Public Agency Investment Trust). No interest was expressed in taking a position on this bill.

It was moved by Andersen, seconded by Green, and unanimously approved by the Subcommittee **to recommend that the Board of Directors approve the positions on the following legislative bills:**

Support – LB 218, 281, 401, 428, 506*, 534, 560, 571 & 651

Oppose – LB 394, 396 and 662.**

Monitor – LB 40, 49, 241, 304, 312, 576, 656, and LR 30CA.

***testify or write letter on Bostar's Lincoln Water Supply bill**

****based on impacts to the NRD**

The last item was a report by Landis on the NIFCO Mechanical request to utilize the NRD access route to the Blue Heron Wetland area. Landis reported that Director Andersen and himself toured the site earlier this week to get a better understanding of the request. They've directed staff to contact NIFCO concerning their request and look further into allowing some "green" improvements to a portion of the access route that they could use under a license agreement with some compensation to the NRD, and that staff present that proposal to the Corps for consideration as a modification to the use of the wetland bank. At that time staff will report back to the Subcommittee.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 9:08 am.

PDZ/pz

pc: Kristen Hassebrook, Matt Schaefer, Tim Hruza
Steve Seglin
Corey Wasserburger