



LOWER PLATTE SOUTH natural resources district

Item #7

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Memorandum

Date: February 19, 2019
To: Each Director
From: Paul D. Zillig, General Manager
Subject: Executive Subcommittee Meeting Minutes

The Executive Subcommittee met at 4:00 pm on Monday, February 18, 2019 at the NRD Office in Lincoln. Subcommittee members present included Larry Ruth, Deborah Eagan, Milt Schmidt, and Dan Steinkruger. Others present included Steve Seglin, Al Langdale, David Potter, and myself.

Chair Ruth opened the meeting, reported that this meeting was advertised in a legal notice, and reviewed the agenda. Ruth called on Al Langdale to report on the first item to consider approving an annual extension of the 2018 Work Crew Agreement with the Nebraska Department of Correctional Services. Langdale reported that a new agreement was approved last year that called for Correctional Services to provide two crews to work on NRD projects and the NRD provides funds for the salary of two Corporals to supervise the crews and the NRD provides transportation. The 2018 agreement stated that the agreement can be renewed for up to three one-year periods. Attached is a copy of the 2019 Renewal Acknowledgement for the Work Crew Agreement.

It was moved by Schmidt, seconded by Eagan, and unanimously approved by the Subcommittee to **recommend the Board of Directors approve the 2019 Renewal Acknowledgement for the 2018 Work Crew Agreement with the Nebraska Department of Correctional Services/Cornhusker State Industries.**

The next item on the agenda was to review the legislative bills and establish recommended positions for the NRD. Ruth pointed out the list of legislative bills of interest to NARD and this NRD. The Subcommittee reviewed the attached list of bills and discussed the recommended positions. The Subcommittee decided to change the recommended position of “monitor” to “oppose” for LB 581 which makes changes to NRD budget requirements, this change is now in line with the position of NARD. It was moved by Schmidt, seconded by Steinkruger, and unanimously approved by the Subcommittee to **recommend the Board of Directors approve the NRD positions as shown on the attached list of 2019 Legislative Bills.**

Ruth mentioned that the NRDs Master Plan includes an Objective that the NRD “continually consider the effect of changes in climate when initiating new NRD programs, and when making changes in existing programs”, staff will work on the details of this consideration. Seglin updated the Subcommittee on NRD lawsuits, and I gave a staffing update and a report on wetland credits in the NRD’s Blue Heron Wetland Bank.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 5:10 pm.

PDZ/pz

pc: Steve Seglin