




LOWER PLATTE SOUTH natural resources district

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Memorandum

Date: March 20, 2019
To: Each Director
From: Paul D. Zillig, General Manager 
Subject: Executive Subcommittee Meeting Minutes

The Executive Subcommittee met at 4:00 pm on Tuesday, March 19, 2019 at the NRD Office in Lincoln. Subcommittee members present included Larry Ruth, Deborah Eagan, Milt Schmidt, Dan Steinkruger, Bruce Johnson, and Ray Stevens. Others present included Caleb Pharris & Roger Severin from Olsson, Steve Seglin, Dan Schulz, David Potter, and myself.

Chair Ruth opened the meeting and the Subcommittee then reviewed Legislation. I reported that the Directors will be provided a summary of the status of the Legislative Bills of interest to the NRD (Agenda Item #17). The Subcommittee discussed LB 103, the NRD Opposed this bill as introduced due to deadlines that were impossible to meet. LB 103 was amended with realistic deadlines and the emergency clause, this bill was approved and signed by the Governor. The Subcommittee discussed LB 243 (Create the Healthy Soils Task Force) and that it is now on General File. I reported that LB 302 was now in Final Reading and the Subcommittee reviewed the other bills supported by LPSNRD (LB 134, 150, 177, 283, 336, and 552).

The next item on the agenda was to consider a request from John Rallis to purchase wetland credits from the Blue Heron Wetland Bank (as outlined in the March 14th memo to the Board). Schulz reviewed the history of the bank and Caleb Pharris of Olsson presented the request from Rallis. Attached to the memo was a letter from Pharris explaining the project and need to acquire the wetland credits, Stevens pointed out that Exhibit B in Pharris' letter included an email from the Corps for a different project, the correct email is attached.

It was moved by Stevens and seconded by Ruth to recommend the Board authorize selling 0.418 total credits from the NRD's Blue Heron Wetland Bank for \$20,000 to John Rallis for the Rallis Residential Development. Discussion followed. Steinkruger expressed his concern with the request and felt that the Subcommittee needed a bigger discussion on the purpose of our wetland bank. The Subcommittee discussed whether to have that discussion (before or after considering this application). The Subcommittee reviewed the history of credits sold, discussed mitigation on site,

and water quality requirements and improvements. The motion to **recommend the Board of Directors authorize selling 0.418 total credits from the NRD's Blue Heron Wetland Bank for \$20,000 to John Rallis for the Rallis Residential Development** was approved on a vote of 5 "yes" and 1 "no" (Steinkruger).

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 4:55 pm.

PDZ/pz

pc: Steve Seglin