




LOWER PLATTE SOUTH natural resources district

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Memorandum

Date: August 17, 2017
To: Executive Subcommittee Members
From: Paul D. Zillig, General Manager 
Subject: Executive Subcommittee Meeting Minutes

The Executive Subcommittee met at 5:30 pm on Tuesday, August 15, 2017 in the NRD Small Conference Room in Lincoln. Subcommittee members present included Ray Stevens, Larry Ruth, Greg Osborn, Jeremie Kerkman, and Milt Schmidt. Others present included Steve Seglin, Kathy Spence, and myself.

Chair Stevens opened the meeting and explained the first agenda item will be for the Executive Subcommittee to serve as the Nominating Committee. This committee will need to select a candidate for Board consideration to fill the vacancy for the LPSNRD position of NARD Alternate (previously held by Director Larry Zimmerman). Stevens reported that initially no Directors volunteered to be considered for this position, so he discussed the need to fill the position with others and Greg Osborn agreed to be considered to fill this position for the remainder of the year, until new officer elections are held in January of 2018. It was moved by Kerkman, seconded by Ruth, and unanimously approved by the Nominating Committee to **submit Greg Osborn to the Board of Directors as a candidate for the NARD Alternate position.**

The next item on the agenda was to further discuss Gary Aldridge's request that the NRD broadcast/podcast our Board Meetings and make that available to the public. The Subcommittee discussed Papio-Missouri River NRD's podcast that is available on their website and something similar could be done at a minimal cost. The Subcommittee directed staff to make available to the Subcommittee an example of one of our Board Meeting tapes so the Subcommittee could assess the quality of the podcast and the ability of the public to follow the discussion.

The next item on the agenda was an update from Seglin that the "closed session" complaint has not been determined by the Attorney General's office, there has been no decision from the Judge on the SCI lawsuit on the Salt Creek – Beals Slough Tie-Back levee easement, and that the City of Lincoln denied the claim for damages from the Mohammad's for the auto accident involving an NRD summer worker.

Ruth reported that the next item will need to be deferred until he can complete his review of the government resources workshop materials and input from NRD Legal Counsel.

The next item concerned Director Aldridge's decision to present to NRD staff a \$60 check to the District to resolve his Director Per Diem issue. The Subcommittee felt that the Operating Policy C-4 clearly states "Directors shall receive compensation...". The Subcommittee agreed that it was appropriate to pay Aldridge for the meeting attended. The Subcommittee discussed an option that Aldridge could donate the \$60 to the NRD, Osborn said he would talk to Aldridge about this option.

The Subcommittee then discussed options to improve the audio system in the Large Conference Room, making it compatible with blue tooth capable hearing aids. Staff looked into a "hearing loop system" that would allow certain hearing aids to better utilize our wireless sound system. Staff reported that the cost to install the hearing loop system would be approximately \$4,000. The Subcommittee suggested other ways to improve the audio efficiency (speak up, less side conversations, etc.). They did not want to proceed with the hearing loop system at this time.

The Subcommittee expressed the need to again consider updates to the District's Operating Policies closer to the end of the calendar year. Potential items include adding to the General Manager's authority the right to "waive bid informalities", updates on the use of government resources, and take up any requests to modify the Director per diem limits/rates.

The final item was to direct staff to look into holding the October Board Meeting in Waverly and also plan a tour to look at some of the local projects, including the Ash Hollow Dry Dam. The Subcommittee will review the information and consider bringing a recommendation to the Board at the September Board Meeting.

There was no other business and the meeting adjourned at 6:30 pm.

PDZ/pz

cc: Steve Seglin