




LOWER PLATTE SOUTH natural resources district

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Memorandum

Date: August 20, 2021
To: Each Director
From: Paul D. Zillig, General Manager 
Subject: Executive Subcommittee Meeting Minutes

The Executive Subcommittee met at noon on Thursday, August 19, 2021 via video/teleconference. Directors participating were Deborah Eagan, Chelsea Johnson, David Landis, Bob Andersen, Larry Ruth, and Luke Peterson. Others participating included Corey Vondrak and Bo Pullman of Ameritas, Kris Polly and Tyler Young of Water Strategies LLC, Steve Seglin, Corey Wasserburger, Kristin Buntmeyer, Nathan Kuhlman, David Potter and myself.

Chair Eagan called the meeting to order, welcomed those in attendance and moved to the agenda item concerning the request from Ameritas to film a commercial on the MoPac Trail east of Lincoln. Corey Vondrak works in the local Ameritas office and he reported that Ameritas is looking to produce a commercial to be shown late this fall during a nationally televised basketball game and their preference would be to shoot it outdoors along a trail in a rural area. They are requesting permission to use the MoPac Trail east of Lincoln.

The Subcommittee discussed the request and their support for the idea. It was moved by Landis, seconded by Andersen, and unanimously approved by the Subcommittee (Ruth lost connection to the meeting and did not vote) **recommend the Board of Directors authorize the General Manager to approve the request from Ameritas to film a commercial on the MoPac Trail and approve any required contracts, pending legal counsel review.**

The next item on the agenda was to consider a new agreement with Lower Platte North NRD and Papio-Missouri River NRD to hire Water Strategies to provide assistance with federal advocacy, bill tracking, communications, and reporting on federal activities in Washington, D.C.. I reported that this would be our third agreement for continuing these services and we've been pleased with the work done by Water Strategies. Kris Polly and Tyler Young then discussed the work done for the Lower Platte NRDs and their approach.

NRD Legal counsel pointed out that we will need to work with the other NRDs on adding an anti-discrimination clause and the subcommittee discussed with Polly and Young how any conflicts in interest would be handled. The Subcommittee requested that staff work this out with our partners and plan to bring it back next month.

It was moved by Andersen, seconded by Johnson, and unanimously approved by the Subcommittee to Table this issue until an updated agreement can be prepared.

The Subcommittee then heard several reports. Wasserburger reported that the response was sent to the AG concerning the complaint on voting procedures, no additional information is available. I reported that the latest census data indicates the LPSNRD population will increase approximately 36,000 people since 2010, for a total population of around 350,000. The ten subdistricts will then need to increase in population to approximately 35,000. We plan to have the final census numbers in October so the Board can make any subdistrict changes in late 2021.

Andersen reported that he'd like for the Board to discuss Board structure and determine if "we can do better"? Considering the number of new Directors, he felt that this would be a good time to review and discuss. Chair Eagan will consider setting up an Ad-Hoc Subcommittee to review and consider Board structure. I reported that we will continue to watch the Covid situation and follow local guidelines and directives. Wasserburger then reported that there will be a hearing tomorrow on the lawsuit concerning the damage to the Deadmans Run channel near 70th & O (Tommy's Car Wash).

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 1:10 pm.

PDZ/pz

pc: Steve Seglin
Corey Wasserburger