




LOWER PLATTE SOUTH natural resources district

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Memorandum

Date: September 10, 2019
To: Each Director
From: Paul D. Zillig, General Manager 
Subject: Executive Subcommittee Meeting Minutes

The Executive Subcommittee met at 7:00 pm on Monday, September 9, 2019 at the NRD Office in Lincoln. Subcommittee members present included Larry Ruth, Deborah Eagan, and Ray Stevens. Others present included Gary Aldridge, Steve Seglin, Corey Wasserburger, David Potter and myself. There was not a Quorum so all motions will need a second at the Board Meeting.

Chair Ruth called the meeting to order. The first item on the agenda was to consider a request by the Upper Big Blue NRD to approve a new Interlocal Cooperative Agreement (attached) relative to shared personnel services in the Seward County USDA/NRCS Office. I reported that the UBBNRD is in the process of revising all of their agreements with neighboring NRDs to not include technical assistance. The Subcommittee discussed the request and reviewed a copy of the existing agreement showing the proposed changes.

It was moved by Eagan, seconded by Stevens, and unanimously approved by the Subcommittee members present to recommend the Board of Directors approve the Interlocal Cooperative Agreement with the Upper Big Blue NRD for shared personnel services.

The next item on the agenda was a request by Director Gary Aldridge to discuss NARD Lobbying. Gary shared his observations as he spent a considerable amount of time at the Capital this past session educating the Senators about LB 552 (Nebraska Tree Recovery Program modifications). Aldridge noted several opportunities where he would have thought NARD staff or lobbyists could have presented information on NARD's position on LB 552. Aldridge was not asking the Subcommittee to do anything nor was he insinuating or saying NARD wasn't doing anything. The Subcommittee will pass this information onto LPSNRD's NARD Representative, Milt Schmidt.

The next item was discussion on LR (Legislative Resolution) 211 and it's purpose to examine alternatives for funding the Nebraska Tree Recovery Program (LB 552). I reported that the examination will identify the availability of and eligibility requirements for funds through the federal Emergency Management Agencies Resilience



Administration and strategies to leverage additional financial resources for the Tree Recovery Program.

I reported that Sen. Stinner's staff inquired if LPSNRD, as an NRD from the east end of the State, would be interested in being asked to provide testimony on LR 211. Ruth reported that he felt the LPSNRD, as a supporter of LB 552, is supportive of funding for the Tree Recovery Program and offers programs that assist landowners and communities with tree planting. Ruth reported that, if asked by Sen. Stinner, he's asked staff to prepare testimony for LR 211 and he's asked Vice-Chair Eagan to present the testimony.

The final agenda item was to determine Subcommittee interest in holding a future 2019 Board of Directors Meeting outside of Lincoln. Ruth reported that the Board's Operating Policies state it is the intent of the District to hold at least one Board Meeting, per year, outside of Lincoln. The Subcommittee discussed locations and felt that we should look into holding the October Board Meeting in Hickman, and include a short tour of NRD projects in the area. It was moved by Stevens, seconded by Eagan, and unanimously approved by the Subcommittee members present to recommend the Board of Directors approve holding the 2019 October Board of Directors Meeting at the Hickman Community Center in Hickman, NE on Wednesday, October 16th beginning at 7:00 pm.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm.

PDZ/pz

pc: Steve Seglin
Corey Wasserburger