Memorandum

Date: May 1, 2019
To: Board of Directors
From: David Potter, Assistant General Manager
RE: Land Resources Subcommittee Meeting Minutes.

The Land Resources Subcommittee met Tuesday, April 30, 2019 in the LPSNRD Large Conference Room to discuss and/or take action on three items. Subcommittee members present included Gary Hellerich, Mark Spangler, Vern Barrett, Mike DeKalb, Karen Amen, Dave Landis, and Gary Aldridge. Members absent included Bruce Johnson. Others present included Deb Eagan, Paul Zillig, David Potter, Donna Reid, Shaula Ross and Cory Schmidt. Gary Hellerich called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM. It is noted that the meeting was scheduled for 6:30 but started late due to the RF&W subcommittee meeting going long and having a director serving on both.

a. The first item was to review the FY19 Accomplishments. Potter, Reid and Ross went through the FY19 actions and accomplishments and answered questions regarding the three program areas. Cory Schmidt offered information on the status of conservation work in the district and on the current cover crop program. There was much discussion on the current cover crop program, in particular what has been done last year to promote the program and what more can be done to possibly improve it. The subcommittee then reviewed the cover crop survey responses that were received. Staff recently mailed out surveys to 33 landowners throughout the district in order to get feedback on the cover crop program. Directors Amen and Barrett discussed a documentary entitled “Dreaming of a Vetter World”. The new cover crop program and land treatment brochures were also presented and discussed at this time. The land treatment brochure was developed based on a FY19 action item regarding the cost-share application process.

b. The second item was to review the Master Plan Vision & Objectives and identify which visions the proposed actions would coordinate with. The LRIP & Budget Status Codes were also identified and explained.

c. The third item was a review of and possible action on the FY2020 Actions and Budget Requests and the FY21-24 Actions for each program area. Potter highlighted the proposed actions and budget requests and any notable changes. Two major changes were removal of the CRP Booster Program action from the district-wide program area and a revised action item and monies in the targeted program area for water quality management plan 319 projects. The subcommittee discussed possible modifications, additions, and deletions. Recommended changes included removal of the 319 Water Quality Management Plan Project in the district-wide program area out years and a statement added to the FY20 targeted program area that would consider modifications to the Cover Crop Program.

It was moved by Landis, seconded by DeKalb, and unanimously approved by the Subcommittee to submit the Final FY20 and FY21-24 Actions and Expenditures as modified to the Finance and Planning Subcommittee for inclusion in the first draft of the FY2020 budget and LRIP.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.