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Agenda Item #8

Memorandum

Date: June 12, 2020
To: Board of Directors
From: Paul D. Zillig, General Manager 
Subject: Executive Subcommittee Meeting Minutes

The Executive Subcommittee met at 4:00 pm on Thursday, June 11, 2020 via video/teleconference. Directors participating were Larry Ruth, Deborah Eagan, Milt Schmidt, Bruce Johnson, Ray Stevens, and Dan Steinkruger. Others participating included Steve Seglin, Corey Wasserburger, Kathy Spence, David Potter, and myself.

Chair Ruth called the meeting to order and welcomed those participating. Ruth reported that we have several action items that we need to consider and then several updates that we need to discuss. Ruth asked myself to report on the agenda items.

I reported that the first item is to follow up on last month's Board action to authorize Chair Ruth to determine locations, dates, and times for Board Meetings thru September. I emailed the Subcommittee the email listed below explaining the status.

At tomorrow's Executive Subcommittee Meeting Chair Ruth will present his plan for the July Board Meeting assuming the Governor doesn't extend the Executive Order. We do plan to submit a letter requesting an extension of the Executive Order but should that not be extended Larry has determined that we should hold the July Board Meeting on July 22 (one week later, as proposed by the F&P Subcommittee) starting at 7:00pm, located at the Lancaster County Extension Office. This will be an "in person" meeting for the Board with only those Directors in attendance voting. Staff will be present to assist with the meeting, other staff can attend via video/teleconferencing. The public can attend the meeting or participate virtually. We did receive 13 responses from Directors asking for their input on the July Board Meeting, there was a preference to extend the Executive Order and continue virtual meetings but if not extended most can make a meeting at a larger venue with safety/health precautions. An open air meeting was acceptable but considering weather, bugs, bathrooms and technology the "larger venue" is the logical solution.

Since that time we did receive two additional responses with similar responses as listed above. The Subcommittee discussed the options and rational of the option selected by Ruth. It was moved by Eagan, seconded by Stevens, and unanimously approved by the Subcommittee to **recommend the**

Board of Directors concur with Chair Ruth's decision, dependent upon the expiration of the Governor's Executive Order to allow the Board to meet via video/teleconferencing, to hold the July Board Meeting on Wednesday, July 22, 2020, starting at 7:00 pm at the Lancaster County Extension Office in Lincoln.

The next two action items on the agenda are proposed extensions of Board action related to the COVID-19/pandemic from the March Emergency Board Meeting. At the March Emergency Board Meeting the Board authorized myself to change office hours at any time, for any reason, thru May 31, 2020. The need for the authority to change office hours due to the pandemic situation continues to exist and it is recommended that the Board extend that authority. It was moved by Stevens, seconded by Schmidt, and unanimously approved by the Subcommittee to **recommend the Board of Directors extend the authorization for the General Manager to change office hours at any time for any reason, to September 30, 2020.**

The second March Emergency Board Meeting action item was to authorize myself to grant temporary leave to employees, with pay and benefits, thru May 31, 2020. While not utilized, the need still exists due to the COVID-19/pandemic situation. It was moved by Stevens, seconded by Bruce Johnson, and unanimously approved by the Subcommittee to **recommend the Board of Directors extend the authorization for the General Manager to grant temporary leave from job assignments as necessary to respond to emergency conditions, with pay and benefits, to September 30, 2020.**

The Subcommittee then further discussed additional Director reimbursable expenses that are virtual meeting and technology related and are not easily quantified or documented. It was also pointed out that the current per diem rate is below the state limit that is utilized by many other NRDs. The Subcommittee was updated on the effort to consider updating the NRD's anti-discrimination policies. Legal counsel, staff and the Subcommittee will need to review and discuss updates at the next meeting. Legal counsel reported on their communication with the landowners and developers of the car wash along Deadmans Run near 70th & O Street, discussions concerning the streambank stabilization issues will continue.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 5:10 pm.

PDZ/pz

pc: Steve Seglin
Corey Wasserburger