




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

INTERLOCAL COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT

BETWEEN THE
LOWER PLATTE SOUTH NATURAL RESOURCES
DISTRICT
AND THE
UPPER BIG BLUE NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT

RELATIVE TO: SHARED PERSONNEL SERVICES

AUTHORITY: NEBRASKA REVISED STATUTES SECTION 2-3235 (I) & 13-804

THIS AGREEMENT is made and entered into this ____ day of _____, 2019 by and between the **Lower Platte South Natural Resources District of Lincoln, Nebraska**, (hereinafter referred to as the "**Lower Platte South NRD**"), and the **Upper Big Blue Natural Resources District of York, Nebraska**, (hereinafter referred to as the "**Upper Big Blue NRD**"). Jointly, these two entities shall hereinafter be referred to as the "**DISTRICTS**".

PURPOSE:

The Lower Platte South NRD and the Upper Big Blue NRD have a common objective of helping to bring about the conservation, development and wise use of land, water and related resources; and a mutual interest in the furtherance of programs and projects administered by our Conservation Partners.

The Lower Platte South NRD and Upper Big Blue NRD have, in the past, provided secretarial and technical assistance to the Natural Resources Conservation Service field offices within the boundaries of the respective DISTRICTS. Costs for such employees have been shared between the DISTRICTS.

Therefore, both Districts deem it mutually advantageous to spell out the terms and conditions of such a cooperative undertaking, as follows:

IT IS MUTUALLY AGREED:

A. That the Lower Platte South NRD and Upper Big Blue NRD will be provided secretarial assistance to each of the Natural Resources Conservation Service county field offices within the boundaries of the respective DISTRICT as determined appropriate by the Board of Directors of those DISTRICTS. The Upper Big Blue NRD shall have the staffing responsibility for Seward County.

B. Each DISTRICT shall be administratively responsible for their own employees including: development of job descriptions and range of duties, employment, separation, fixing of hours of work, rate of pay and benefits, paying the employee and other similar items associated with an employer-employee relationship.

C. The costs for such employees, including: wages, Social Security, insurance and retirement benefits, shall be shared between the DISTRICTS on a prorated basis according to the percent of the county's land area served by the respective DISTRICTS and as shown below:

<u>County Office</u>	<u>Lower Platte South NRD</u>	<u>Upper Big Blue NRD</u>
SEWARD COUNTY	19.8%	80.2%

Billings for employee costs incurred from the immediate past fiscal year shall be billed to the respective DISTRICT within 30 days of close of the fiscal year on June 30th. Reimbursement shall be made to the billing DISTRICT within 30 days of receipt of the billing statement.

D. This agreement shall be effective on the date hereof and remain in effect for an indefinite period time. It may be terminated at any time by either party giving the other party 30 days notice in writing.

LOWER PLATTE SOUTH
NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT

UPPER BIG BLUE
NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT

By: _____

By:  _____

Title: _____

Title: CHAIR PERSON _____