

Executive Committtee Meeting
Friday, March 4, 2016 9:30 AM
Lower Platte North NRD Office
P.O. Box 126
Wahoo, NE 68066

1. MEETINGS

1.A. Pending

1.A.1. UNL Water Tour

June 14-16 are the dates for this year's Water and Natural Resources Tour to Colorado's South Platte River basin.

The tour will key on many South Platte basin and Denver metro area issues that effect not only Colorado water use, but downstream water availability and use in Nebraska.

Registration will begin May 1st and will fill up fast. Please let Breunig know if you are interested.

1.A.2. Water For Food Conference

The UNL Water for Food Conference is scheduled for April 24-26 in Lincoln. The conference site is at the new UNL Innovation Campus (former state fair grounds) with detailed information attached. Early registration that is made prior to March 18 will save us \$100. Please let Jill know if you are interested in attending.

1.B. March Board Meeting

Just a reminder that our Board Meeting for March has been moved to Thursday, March 10 beginning at 6:00 p.m.

2. MANAGEMENT ITEMS

2.A. Directors Absence

Attached find Director Pollard, Saalfed and Meduna's excuse of absence from the February Board Meeting.

2.B. Bob Weaver

2.B.1. Monthly Conference Call and Update

The monthly Weaver Conference Call was held on March 7. See Weavers attached report.

2.B.2. Monthly Bill

2.C. Monthly Education Program

Dr. Richard Ferguson and his UNL staff will give an update on the Project Sense Program. This is the Nitrogen application program that Joe Birkel and Matt Bailey participated in last summer and are committed to again for the next two summers. LPNNRD along with four other NRDs are helping to sponsor this program.

2.D. LB 876 Passed by Legislature

LB 876 was approved by the Nebraska Legislature last week. This is the bill that will allow all units of government to vote electronically. This idea came from our board, was endorsed and forwarded by NARD, sponsored by Senator Jerry Johnson, was expanded by the Government Committee to include all units of government, passed by the legislature and now awaits signature from Governor Ricketts.

2.E. Nominating Committee Policy

Last month a proposed policy for operation of the LPNNRD Officer Nominating Committee was prepared and sent to the full board for their comments. Discussion occurred and the Executive Committee amended the proposed policy by changing membership from "...all past board chairpersons..." to "...the immediate past five (5) board chairpersons ...".

2.F. Discussion with Steve Oltmans

At board retreat it was asked to place on the next Executive Committee a discussion on inviting Steve Oltmans to a board meeting to discuss our manager succession plan. Visiting with Steve he is willing to share his thoughts with the board if you so wish. He would lean more toward hiring a search firm.

The Executive Committee asked that Steve be invited to the April Board Meeting.

2.G. March Board Meetings

Another item from our Director's Retreat was to have discussion on permanently changing the starting time of our March Board meeting from it's current 6:00 p.m. start to 1:30 p.m. If this change is made it could not go into effect until 2017.

By motion the committee is recommending that the March meeting begin at 1:30 and asked that Mark Seier be contacted about beginning the November meeting at an earlier time.

2.H. Game and Parks Letter

Attached find a letter from Game and Parks with their concern on the placement of the car on ice at Lake Wanahoo. Their concern is the precedence this sets, safety and communication.

This item was discussed at our annual Lake Wanahoo SRA Meeting on February 19. G & P would rather see some type of constructed item used that would remain in the lake after sinking and serve as permanent fish habitat.

2.I. Addendum to Agreement - Wahoo Sign

We previously approved an agreement with the City of Wahoo for placement of Sign on LPNNRD property, the Wahoo Arrow on Lake Wahaooo Property. The City/Chamber of Commerce is asking that we let them tie electricity from our shed to light the sign. The City will reimburse the NRD for the electricity uses. The LED lights pull 8 watts maximum total usage.

2.J. 2016 Election

Attached find a list of candidates that have filed for a position on our Board.

2.K. Lickteig Property

Cindy Ourada asked that she and her attorney be given time on the agenda to address the board.

3. EQUIPMENT

4. PERSONNEL

4.A. Platte County NRCS Clerk

Lower Loup NRD has filled the Platte County NRCS Clerk position with Jerri Rosno who began in early February.

4.B. Mitch O'Reilly Leave Time

Last month the board allowed staff to donate up to 20 hour each to assist O & M Technician Mitch O'Reilly during his recovery time. This time is to be paid out to Mitch at 60% of his normal salary. 205 hours were donated that will carry Mitch until March 9. Our Long Term Disability insurance kicks in on March 27.

Mitch has received doctor clearance to return to work up to 4 hours per day with restrictions. The restrictions are that he not be on his feet more than one to two hours per day, that there be no lifting, pushing, pulling or carrying in excess of 10 pounds. With these restrictions he cannot preform the duties we hire him for. Even getting on and off of machinery would be dangerous for him in his current condition. We will continue to work with him on a week to week basis. He fully intends to return to work full time as soon as possible and be ready for tree planting season.

A few staff members would like to donate additional leave time to get Mitch closer to the March 26 date. Discussion can occur.

5. FINANCE

5.A. Approval of Financial Reports

Attached are the December and January Financial Statements.

5.B. Approval of Managers Time and Expense Sheets

5.C. Accounts over 90 Days