

Executive Committtee Meeting
Thursday, February 2, 2017 9:30 AM
Lower Platte North NRD Office
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1. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1.A. Off Site Off Table Concerns Near Sand Creek

No new information has been received since last month.

2. MEETINGS

2.A. Pending

2.A.1. Water For Food Conference

The 2017 Water For Food Conference is scheduled for April 10-12 in Lincoln. This year poses some difficulty as April 10 is board meeting day for us. Our board meeting is scheduled to begin at 6:00 pm that day so conference participants can adjust their schedule accordingly.

A copy of the conference announcement is attached with the agenda and program details to follow when available.

2.B. Reports

Attached find Mountford's report from the NRD/NARD Employee Benefits Committee and Intergovernmental Risk Management Pool Association Loss Control Committee Meetings held January 23rd.

3. MANAGEMENT ITEMS

3.A. Directors Absence

3.B. Monthly Education Program

The Education Program for our February board meeting is two presentations by Joe Birkel on his experience in the Water Leaders Academy and an update on Project Sense.

Phoenix Group has informed us that several board members have requested that they give an update on work completed on our Master Database and what is planned for the second contract (of three planned) at our March 13 board meeting.

3.C. Director Retreat

Our Director's Retreat is scheduled for February 15 beginning at 9:00 a.m. at the Benedictine Center north of Schuyler. Topics for the day include:

1. Manager Selection Process

2. Groundwater Rules and Regulations
3. Update on Phoenix Software
4. Sand Creek Site 15 - Ourada Complaint
5. Sand Creek Site 15 - Disposition of Farm
6. Lower Platte River Corridor Alliance - Primer for 2-24-17 Meeting
7. Basin Water Supply Discussion
8. HBE 360 Accounting
9. Costco Discussion

Are there other topics we wish to add or delete from this list?

Which topics do we want to have Lausterer present for discussion?

3.D. Sand Creek Site 15

3.D.1. Rental of Crop Ground and CRP

The NRD Farm on Sand Creek Site 15 will be discussed at Board Retreat on February 15. We do not currently have a tenant on the ground and it appears that we will not be selling the farm in the near term. The tenant for the past three years Harvey Brabec is willing to farm the 40 acres of tillable land plus manage the two small tracts of CRP that are in their final year.

3.D.2. Ourada Complaint

Lausterer has received a letter from the Ourada's attorney Thomas Thomsen that is attached. Discussion can occur at the Director's Retreat or in Executive Session.

3.E. Reports from Water Strategies

Four or five days a week we receive a report from Water Strategies. As you can see, the attached report from January 31 is 28 pages long. Do director's wish to have these reports forwarded to them? We could forward the reports for one week and then ask those who wish to continue receiving the report to contact us to remain on the list.

4. EQUIPMENT

5. PERSONNEL

5.A. Unemployment Payment

We received a billing from the state for unemployment reimbursement for \$1,568 that was paid.

As a Political Sub-Division of the State we do not pay unemployment insurance. However when a previous employee make a claim and the state determines that the claim is valid we are billed the amount that the state makes in payments.

5.B. Water Manager Position

Resumes for filling the Water Manager Position are due in our office by noon on February

1. As of Tuesday we have received five applications.

Our plan is to conduct interviews next week and hopefully have a recommendation to fill the position at board meeting on February 13.

6. FINANCE

6.A. Approval of Financial Reports

6.B. Approval of Managers Time and Expense Sheets

6.C. Accounting Update and Approval of Financial Reports

Cindy Love and Grant Nuttelmann from HBE were present at committee meeting to give an update on where we are with our accounting. They presented a draft of our July Financials for review and to make sure the format meets our expectations. Once we are in agreement for the content and format for the new financials HBE will prepare July, August and September financials for approval at our February 13 board meeting. HBE will attempt to complete these financials by Friday so they can be distributed to board members prior to our February 13 board meeting.

HBE will attend the February 13 board meeting to review the new financials.