

Executive Committtee Meeting
Thursday, November 2, 2017 9:30 AM
Lower Platte North NRD Office
P.O. Box 126
Wahoo, NE 68066

1. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1.A. Offsite Water Table Concerns Near Sand Creek

1.B. Ourada Lawsuit

Discussion on recent mediation and agreement pertaining to the Ourada issue. Jovan Lausterer will be present to explain and answer questions.

Ruzicka made the motion, seconded by Meduna, to go into Executive Session at 10:54 a.m., for the protection of public interest due to the potential for litigation and to authorize the following to stay: Legal Counsel Lausterer, Mountford, Gottschalk, Heimann and Breunig. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

Ruzicka made the motion, seconded by Meduna, to go out of Executive Session at 11:25 a.m. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

2. MEETINGS

2.A. Pending

2.A.1. GMDA Annual Meeting

The Groundwater Management Districts Association Winter Conference will be held in Baton Rouge, Louisiana January 17-19 with a copy of the agenda attached to the Executive Committee Agenda. In the past we have sent up to two Directors and two Staff the conference.

2.A.2. NACD Annual Meeting

The National Association of Conservation Districts Annual Meeting will be held in Nashville, TN January 27-31, 2018. We normally allow attendance of up to two directors and two staff for this conference.

2.B. Reports

3. MANAGEMENT ITEMS

3.A. Directors Absence

None

3.B. 457B Taxability issue

Pursuant to Kyle's (from auditing firm) finding and communication about the required taxability of the 457B employer contributions that occur in the beginning of each year, Cindy feels it is best if we move immediately and get those also included on the 2017 W-2's. To do this, we can do a fairly simple adjustment through payroll for those affected, on the 11/17 payroll, and be all set from there. The impact to the employees will be that they will have a small amount more taken out of that check for the necessary Social Security and Medicare taxes, so their net check will be a little smaller than usual, but the numbers should not be significant (basically, it's 7.65% of the total employer contributions they received at the beginning of the year).

The only issue this creates is for the two employees (Larry and John) that have retired this year. John has a payment yet to be paid to him this month which will allow for his check to be reduced by the proper amount. In Larry's case, it appears he will not have another payment made to him before the end of the year allowing for the reduction of \$ 10.33 from his payment.

3.C. WHS - CEO Program

We have been in contact with Wahoo High School regarding their CEO (Career Exploration Opportunities) program. This program allows high school seniors the opportunity to intern/job shadow local professional organizations for high school course credit. Gottschalk described the program and timetable for implementation.

3.D. Interlocal Agreement - Lower Platte Weed Management Area Association

The new Interlocal is necessary to the LPWMA as our current Nebraska non-profit and parent organization the Nebraska Great Plains Resource Conservation and Development is dissolving. This non-profit had also served as the financial custodian for the LPWMA. As spelled out in the new Inter-local, the Papio Missouri River NRD will now serve as the financial custodian for the WMA. The Interlocal will protect all members by not creating a separate entity while providing a structure for the Weed Management Area to continue to operate as it has since it was first organized in 2003.

The intention is to have the new interlocal adopted and in place for the December 19th LPWMA meeting.

3.E. Monthly Education Program

The Newman Grove Science Club will give an update on the status of Shell Creek just prior to our November Board Meeting in Newman Grove.

3.F. Director Vacancy Sub-Committee Report

Director Sabatka will give the Director Vacancy Report.

3.G. Murren Lawsuit

Jovan will be present to discuss the recent lawsuit.

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3.H. Policy Discussion - Board Approval of Contracts

The issue of contract approval as additional action item at board meetings has been brought up for discussion. We are requesting input of the committee to see if there is a need to create Board Policy for approving all contracts initially at the committee level.

3.I. Gifford Update

4. EQUIPMENT

5. PERSONNEL

6. FINANCE

6.A. Approval of Financial Reports

Grant Nuttelmann, HBE, discussed the August and September Financial Statements on a conference call.

6.B. Approval of Managers Time and Expense Sheets

6.C. Accounts over 90 Days

6.D. Renew Line of Credit - Union Bank

Each November we renew of \$400,000 "Line of Credit" with Union Bank. Attached find the renewal paperwork.

6.E. NRDF Payment

We are anticipating a payment from the Department of Natural Resources on our NRDF request.