



## LOWER PLATTE SOUTH natural resources district

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### Memorandum

**Date:** February 12, 2024

**To:** Executive Subcommittee members

**From:** Mike Sousek, General Manager

**RE:** Executive Subcommittee Meeting Minutes

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The Executive Subcommittee met at 12:00pm on Monday, February 12, 2024, at the NRD Office Large Conference room in Lincoln. Subcommittee members present included Dave Landis, Deb Eagan, Bob Andersen, and Lisa Lewis. Directors Tom Green and Chelsea Johnson were absent. Legal counsel for the district attended; Matt Schaefer was the only member of the public in attendance. NRD staff members included Mark Lindemann, Will Inselman and myself.

The first item on the agenda was a legislative overview with our lobbyist Matt Schaefer. Focus on legislative bills dealing with property tax limits and authorities consumed most of the discussion. Board members were able to ask questions to Matt Schaefer directly and he provided more insight into dealings at the State Capitol.

Second item on the agenda was consideration to recommend to the board the transfer of 2.289 Blue Heron Wetland bank credits to be used for the NRD Piening Water Quality Basin project. Please see attached Blue Heron Transfer memo. **It was motioned by Director Andersen, seconded by Director Eagan to recommend to the board to authorize the transfer of 2.289 acres of wetland mitigation credits from the Blue Heron Wetland Mitigation Bank to the Lower Platte South NRD for the District's Piening Water Quality Basin Project, pending legal counsel review. Motion passed unanimously.**

The third item dealt with retirement contributions and there will be more information coming forward once the NARD board meets in March to discuss increasing contributions. Lastly, a brief discussion was had in not moving the March board meeting due to conflicts dealing with travel schedules of a couple board members and the General Manger.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:40PM

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cc: Donna Reid, Will Inselman, Mark Lindemann

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**MEMORANDUM**

Date: February 7, 2024  
To: Executive Subcommittee  
From: Will Inselman, Resources Coordinator *WI*  
Subject: Blue Heron Wetland Bank Credit Transfer – Piening Water Quality Basin

The Piening Water Quality Basin is a project that the LPSNRD has been working on for nearly 20 years. The construction of the basin will have impacts to existing wetlands which requires the NRD to pursue mitigation to offset these impacts. On-site or off-site mitigation were not economically feasible for this project, as well as the 5-year monitoring requirement. Thus, the NRD decided the best option would be to pursue acquiring wetland bank credits.

Our NRD currently manages/owns the Blue Heron Wetland Mitigation Bank which has available credits that can be used for this project and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has approved the NRD to use credits from our Blue Heron Wetland Mitigation Bank. The NRD Board had acted in the past to allocate these credits to projects for sale to governmental agencies only. The procedure for allocating the credits requires the Board to approve the sale of these credits. Seeing as we own the wetland bank and the Piening WQB is an NRD project, we would recommend the transfer of these credits to be used for this project. The project would require 2.289 credits leaving 1.8827 still available for future projects. Note that the Piening project will also be required to obtain credits from the Bundy Mitigation Bank to mitigate stream impacts.

**Staff Recommended Motion:**

Recommend the Lower Platte South NRD Board of Directors authorize the transfer of 2.289 acres of wetland mitigation credits from the Blue Heron Wetland Mitigation Bank to the Lower Platte South NRD for the District's Piening Water Quality Basin Project, pending legal counsel review.