



LOWER PLATTE SOUTH natural resources district

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Memorandum

Date: February 11, 2025

To: Executive Subcommittee members

From: Mike Sousek, General Manager

RE: Executive Subcommittee Meeting Minutes

The Executive Subcommittee met at 1:30pm on Thursday, February 06, 2025, via the online platform Zoom. Subcommittee members in attendance included Chair Andersen, Dave Landis, Christie Lamberty, Tom Green, and John Yoakum. Subcommittee member Lisa Lewis was absent. NRD staff members in attendance include Dave Potter, Donna Reid and Mike Sousek. Kristen Hassebrook our lobbyist was in attendance.

The full list of bills that were identified during the NARD Legislative conference was the subject of discussion. Kristen Hassebrook, took the lead and covered bills LB59, LB86, LB145, LB180, LB260/261/264, LB317, LB344, LB590, LB628, LB673/674, LB695, and LR22CA. Chair Andersen opened the floor for discussion on any of the bills Kristen covered or any other bills from the NARD list that a committee member wanted to explore more.

LR22CA was brought up for further discussion. This constitutional amendment is to provide the right to a clean and healthy natural environment and that the state and political subdivisions serve as trustees of the natural resources of Nebraska. This constitutional amendment was opposed by the NARD. Opponents of the bill argue this will create an avenue for lawsuits against the districts. Proponents recognize this is our mission as a district, to oppose such a concept is not in our best interest. **It was recommended by Dave Landis, seconded by John Yoakum to change the districts position to monitor rather than oppose and accept all other positions decided at the NARD Legislative conference. The motion passed unanimously.**

Meeting adjourned shortly before 2:30PM.

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