

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

1.A. Off Site Table Concerns Near Sand Creek

No new updates.

2. MEETINGS

2.A. Pending

2.A.1. GMDA Summer Technical Conference

The GMDA Summer Technical Conference is May 24-26 in Albuquerque. The agenda has not been received, but the summer meeting is always more technical in the topics presented. Andersen has asked that additional staff be authorized to attend if there are not directors who wish to attend.

2.B. Reports

2.B.1. Washington D.C. Reports

Reports from Washington D.C.

Thursday, March 16 - Birkel and Miyoshi met with congressional staffers from the offices of Senator Fischer, Senator Sasse and Congressman Fortenberry. Topics were; Platte River Flood Plain, Fremont GI, Schuyler 205, NOP at Mead, USDA-NRCS, EPA 319 and local water management update.

Friday, March 17 - See attached report from Water Strageties.

Monday, March 20 - Wednesday March 23 - See attached report from NARD

3. MANAGEMENT ITEMS

3.A. Directors Absence

None

3.B. Monthly Education Program

Ideas for the April Education Program? At one time it was suggested to have a fisheries biologist address the board on the effects of varying the lake elevation of Lake Wanahoo. The Educational program for April will be a Washington D.C. report from; Birkel, Hilger, Miyoshi and Mountford.

3.C. LARM Files Suite

Last May Mark Gakle drove off the road at Lake Wanahoo SRA and damaged an electrical panel. Our insurance carrier LARM handled the claim due to lack of insurance by Gakle. Attached find a letter and petition to the court from LARM to seek restitution from Gakle.

The letter was sent to us as a courtesy and we do not need to take any action.

3.D. Lower Platte River Corridor Alliance

Discussion the Alliance is to occur at Projects Committee but should also be followed up during Executive Committee. Birkel was involved in much discussion concerning the Alliance while we in Washington D.C. Discussion involved Water Strategies, Delegation staffers, Corps Officials, LPSNRD, Papio NRD and other partners.

At Executive Committee Birkel gave an update. He stated that at agency and congressional meetings he asked about the effectiveness of the Alliance and asked if there is benefit to having the group. This was also discussed with Water Strategies. Universally the answer was yes, that there is value to the Alliance. Advantages were pointed out to be the strength of having three NRDs and six State Agencies in agreement on projects and programs plus the power of representing 3/4 of the state population and over 1/2 of Nebraska residents obtaining their drinking water from the Lower Platte. One of the largest advantages may be the Corps Lower Platte River and Tributaries Watershed Improvement Authority.

We met with representatives from the three Alliance NRDs. A new Interlocal Agreement is being drafted and the group asked that the new Alliance have a smaller footprint of programs and projects. Lower Platte North also requested that major projects have an upfront vote, individually by each of the three boards prior to the project moving forward.

3.E. Workers Compensation Audit

Our annual Workers Comp Audit occurred and is attached. The bottom line is that we owe LARM \$2,722.16.

3.F. Water Strategies - Monthly Bill

3.G. Ourada Complaint

Lausterer has received a letter from the Ourada's attorney Tom Thompson. An update can be given at board meeting.

3.H. Manager Selection Committee

Chair Birkel will appoint his Manager Selection Committee by the April 10 Board Meeting.

We also need to begin advertising of the General Manager Position the last week of April.

4. EQUIPMENT

5. PERSONNEL

5.A. Angle as Contract Employee

With Angle's retirement we lost over 30 years of experience. Larry is willing to be an on call employee if there are times when his services are needed. Discussion with him show that he is willing to help us and answer any telephone questions we may have at no charge to the district. If there are times we would ask him to attend a meeting or prepare documents he would assist us on a fee basis of \$30 per hour. When Larry retired his hourly rate was \$37.66 plus benefits.

The times when we may need Larry's expertise include; Mead NOP work, AEM Grant payments, AEM interpretation, Flow Meter Grant payments, data retrieval other water programs.

6. FINANCE

6.A. Approval of Financial Reports

A conference call was held with Grant Nuttelmann from HBE at 10:30 to review the December Financials. A copy is attached.

6.B. Approval of Managers Time and Expense Sheets

7. Comments from Directors and Guests

Director Hilger suggested that more public relations need to take place within Wahoo Creek Watershed.