

Memo to: Personnel, Legislative & Public Affairs Subcommittee
Subject: Nebraska Association of Resources Districts 2019 Resolutions
Date: September 3, 2019
From: John Winkler



The following resolutions are to be voted on at the Nebraska Association of Resources District's 2019 Meeting:

NARD Resolution 2019-1: Nebraska Natural Resource Commission Membership Requirements. Submitted by Upper Niobrara-White NRD. Recommendation that the Nebraska Association of Resources Districts seek changes in the Nebraska statutes to ensure all serving Nebraska Natural Resources Commission members be residents of the State of Nebraska.

NARD Resolution 2019-2: Enhance Bonding Authorities. Submitted by Lower Elkhorn NRD. Recommendation that the Nebraska Association of Resources Districts seek changes to amend Nebraska statutes to enhance the financial authorities of all natural resources districts to issue general obligation bonds to finance projects related to flood control, water quality projects and water quantity projects for the public benefit of all Nebraskans.

Recommendation that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board of Directors that the NARD Voting Delegate and/or Alternate be authorized to vote to Support Resolution 2019-1 Nebraska Natural Resource Commission Membership Requirements and vote to Support Resolution 2019-2 Enhance Bonding Authorities at the 2019 NARD Annual Conference.



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August 16, 2019

TO: NARD Board and NRD Managers

FROM: Dean E. Edson, Executive Director

RE: 2019 ANNUAL CONFERENCE RESOLUTIONS

Attached are two resolutions that have been submitted to NARD for consideration at the 2019 Annual Conference as of end of business on August 16, 2019, which is the deadline for resolutions.

Additional resolutions submitted, if any, will require 2/3rds vote of the delegates to be considered at the annual meeting.

The 2018 voting delegate list is on page 2. This is the list from last year's meeting. Please check the delegate list and provide any changes to our office September 13, 2019. The voting procedures to be used at the conference are on page 3.

Resolutions submitted by the August 16, 2019 deadline

1. ***NARD Resolution 2019-1 – Nebraska Natural Resources Commission Membership Requirements. Submitted by Upper Niobrara-White NRD***
2. ***NARD Resolution 2019-2 – Enhance Bonding Authorities. Submitted by the Lower Elkhorn Natural Resources District***

**Voting Delegate and Alternate
For
2019 Annual Conference**

	DELEGATE	ALTERNATE
Central Platte NRD	Jim Bendfeldt	Jay Richeson
Lewis & Clark NRD	Marcel Kramer	Jeff Steffen
Little Blue NRD	Lyle Heinrichs	Chuck Rainforth
Lower Big Blue NRD	Doug Stokebrand	Steve Kelley
Lower Elkhorn NRD	Kurt Janke	Bob Huntley
Lower Loup NRD	Dean Rasmussen	Virgil Gellermann
Lower Niobrara NRD	Diana Wendt	Jack Engelhaupt
Lower Platte North NRD	Bob Hilger	John Hannah
Lower Platte South NRD	Larry Ruth	Milt Schmidt
Lower Republican NRD	Roger Nelson	Nelson Trambly
Middle Niobrara NRD	Dean Jochem	Marty Graff
Middle Republican NRD	Shane Rippen	Joe Anderjaska
Nemaha NRD	Orval Gigstad	Duane Sugden
North Platte NRD	Jerry Dillman	Dave Ostdiek
Papio-Missouri River NRD	Rich Tesar	Tim Fowler
South Platte NRD	Larry L. Rutt	Bill Halligan
Tri-Basin NRD	Dave Raffety	Larry Reynolds
Twin Platte NRD	Robert Petersen	Dennis Schilz
Upper Big Blue NRD	Larry Moore	Ronda Rich
Upper Elkhorn NRD	Dale Wiles	Ted Hughes
Upper Loup NRD	Judy Ridenour	Bobbie Jo Christensen
Upper Niobrara White NRD	Tod Dorshorst	Scott Berndt
Upper Republican NRD	Tom Gaschler	Terry Martin

RESOLUTION & VOTING PROCEDURES

1. **Each NARD member district that is in good standing shall be able to submit resolutions for consideration by the Association membership on policy issues pertinent to the mission and goals of the Association. A majority of the 23 districts shall constitute a quorum.**
2. **The voting delegate for the member district, or the alternate in the case of the delegate's absence, shall be the only individual to make the motion on behalf of their respective district. Any district representative may speak on the merits of a motion or issue during the discussion period once recognized by the chair.**
3. **We encourage more information on the issues. However, a non-voting participant may only speak on an issue and/or provide additional information at the request of a voting delegate of a district in good standing or at the request of the chair.**
4. **A copy of all resolutions submitted to the NARD Office prior to the Annual Meeting is included in the Resolutions Packet. Resolutions received by the deadline require a majority of the members voting for consideration. Resolutions received after the deadline must follow 5.b. below.**
5. **Additional resolutions may be submitted for consideration at the first Business Session at the Annual Conference for discussion provided that:**
 - a) **The member district is responsible for providing enough copies so members may read the resolution before discussion begins.**
 - b) **If 2/3 of the members voting approve the Motion to place the resolution before the body, the resolution shall be added to the agenda for consideration (example: 2/3rds of 115 = 77).**
6. **Resolutions shall be discussed, and motions shall be made at the 1st Business Session. No final voting for approval of resolutions shall be taken on the first day. This provides discussion time at caucus before final approval.**
7. **Motions/resolutions shall be voted on at the 2nd Business Session.**
8. **Amendments may be made on either the first or second day during the Business Session. A written copy of the amendment(s) must be provided to the Chairman of the Legislative Committee.**
9. **Each member district shall have five votes.**
10. **To help avoid any distractions during the Business Session, all cell phones must be silenced during the session. Anyone whose cell phone rings during the Business Session will be fined \$5 for each occurrence and proceeds will be contributed to the NARD Foundation Account. Contributions to the NARD Foundation are tax deductible.**

NARD Resolution 2019-1

**Nebraska Natural Resources Commission Membership Requirements
Submitted by Upper Niobrara-White NRD**

WHEREAS, §2-1504 established the Nebraska Natural Resources Commission and;

WHEREAS, the Nebraska Natural Resources Commission (Commission) is charged with advising the Department of Natural Resources as requested by the director and shall perform such other functions as are specifically conferred on the commission by law, and

WHEREAS, the Natural Resources Commission is responsible for reviewing and distributing several state funds including the Water Sustainability Fund, the Resources Development Fund and others, and

WHEREAS, the Nebraska Natural Resources Commission consists of twenty-seven members, and

WHEREAS, members of the commission all of whom have attained the age of majority shall include one resident of each of the following river basins, with delineations being those on the Nebraska river basin map officially adopted by the commission and on file with the department: (i) The Niobrara River, White River, and Hat Creek basin, (ii) the North Platte River basin, (iii) the South Platte River basin, (iv) the middle Platte River basin, (v) the lower Platte River basin, (vi) the Loup River basin, (vii) the Elkhorn River basin, (viii) the Missouri tributaries basin, (ix) the Republican River basin, (x) the Little Blue River basin, (xi) the Big Blue River basin, and (xii) the Nemaha River basin; and; One additional resident of each river basin which encompasses one or more cities of the metropolitan class; and

WHEREAS, fourteen members appointed by the Governor, subject to confirmation by the Legislature. Of the members appointed by the Governor, one shall represent each of the following categories: Agribusiness interests; agricultural interests; ground water irrigators; irrigation districts; manufacturing interests; metropolitan utilities districts; municipal users of water from a city of the primary class; municipal users of water from a city of the first or second class or a village; outdoor recreation users; public power districts; public power and irrigation districts; range livestock owners; surface water irrigators; and wildlife conservation interests, and

WHEREAS, there is no current statutory requirement for the fourteen appointed commission members to be residents of the State of Nebraska.

NOW THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED, that the Nebraska Association of Resources Districts seek changes in the Nebraska statutes to ensure all serving Nebraska Natural Resources Commission members be residents of the State of Nebraska.

Monday Business Session: Motion _____ **Second:** _____

Other: _____

Amendment No. 1: _____

Amendment No. 2: _____

Tuesday Business Session: _____

Amendment No. 1: _____

Amendment No. 2: _____

NARD Resolution 2019-2

**Enhance Bonding Authorities
Submitted by the Lower Elkhorn Natural Resources District**

WHEREAS, Nebraska Revised Statutes § 2-3226.10 *et seq.*, creates and authorizes the issuance of general obligation bonds for flood control projects encompassing a city of the metropolitan class under certain conditions;

WHEREAS, the use of bonding authorities can provide an effective means to finance a wide spectrum of public projects associated with natural resources across Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, many areas within Nebraska, outside cities of the metropolitan class, are in need of bonding to finance projects related to NRD responsibilities;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Nebraska Association of Resources Districts seeks to amend Nebraska statutes to enhance the financial authorities of all natural resources districts to issue general obligation bonds to finance projects related to flood control, water quality projects, and water quantity projects for the public benefit of all Nebraskans.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that such amendment to Nebraska statutes should not be limited or constrained by any sunset provision.

Motion _____ *Second:* _____

Other _____

Amendment No. 1: _____

Amendment No. 2: _____

Tuesday Business Session: _____

Amendment No. 1: _____

Amendment No. 2: _____