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August 22, 2022

TO: NARD Board and NRD Managers

FROM: Dean E. Edson, Executive Director

RE: 2022 ANNUAL CONFERENCE RESOLUTIONS

Attached is the resolution that has been submitted to NARD for consideration at the 2022 Annual Conference as of end of business on August 19, 2022, 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 2022 voting delegate list is on page 2. If your district is not listed, we have not received the information as of August 22nd.

The voting procedures to be used at the conference are on page 3.

Resolutions submitted by the August 19, 2022 deadline

1. ***NARD Resolution 2022-1 – Sustainable Farming Practices
Submitted by the Tri-Basin NRD***

**Voting Delegate and Alternate
For the
2022 Annual Conference**

	DELEGATE	ALTERNATE
Central Platte NRD		
Lewis & Clark NRD		
Little Blue NRD	Mason Hoffman	Lyle Heinrichs
Lower Big Blue NRD		
Lower Elkhorn NRD		
Lower Loup NRD		
Lower Niobrara NRD	Marvin Liewer	Jack Engelhaupt
Lower Platte North NRD		
Lower Platte South NRD	Luke Peterson	Tom Green
Lower Republican NRD		
Middle Niobrara NRD	Martin Graff	Tim Nollette
Middle Republican NRD	Shane Rippen	Joe Anderjaska
Nemaha NRD		
North Platte NRD		
Papio-Missouri River NRD		
South Platte NRD	Jim Johnson	Larry Rutt
Tri-Basin NRD	Dave Raffety	Larry Reynolds
Twin Platte NRD		
Upper Big Blue NRD		
Upper Elkhorn NRD		
Upper Loup NRD		
Upper Niobrara White NRD	Scott Berndt	Tod Dorshorst
Upper Republican NRD		

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 Chair 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 2022-1

Sustainable Farming Practices
Submitted by the Tri-Basin NRD
NARD Annual Meeting – Kearney, NE
September 26-27, 2022

WHEREAS; Sustainability can be defined as having the skill and talent to keep in existence, maintain, or prolong; and

WHEREAS; many agri-businesses and food processing companies want to advertise their products and inputs as grown using sustainable farming practices; and

WHEREAS; Nebraska farmers and ranchers already use many sustainable farming and range management practices to protect the value of their land and ensure that it will remain productive for future generations; and

WHEREAS; Nebraska’s natural resources districts are recognized nationally as leaders in locally-led conservation of our land and water resources;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Nebraska’s natural resources districts will work with all interested parties to inform and educate businesses, industry and the general public about the wide variety and extensive scope of sustainable farming and ranching practices utilized by our constituents, as well as the role that natural resources districts play in sustaining the productivity of our farmland and rangeland while producing food and fiber needed by our nation and the world.

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

Amendment No. 1: _____
Amendment No. 2: _____

Tuesday Business Session: _____
Amendment No. 1: _____
Amendment No. 2: _____