

**PERSONNEL, LEGISLATIVE AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS
SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING**

**July 7, 2009
6:30 p.m.**

AGENDA

Personnel, Legislative and Public Affairs Subcommittee:

Dave Klug, Chairperson
John Schwope, Vice Chairperson
Fred Conley
Tim Fowler
Scott Japp

Alternate Members: Dorothy Lanphier
Jim Thompson

Staff Liaison: Emmett Egr
Christine Jacobsen

1. Meeting Called to Order –Chairperson Klug
2. Notification of Open Meetings Act Posting and Announcement of Meeting Procedure –
Chairperson Klug
3. Quorum Call
4. Adoption of Agenda
5. Proof of Publication of Meeting Notice
6. Review and Recommendation on Extension of Government Relations Contract with Husch
Blackwell Sanders - John Winkler
7. Adjourn

Memorandum

To: Finance, Expenditure & Legal

Re: Legislative Representative Contract Renewal

Date: July 7, 2007

From: John Winkler, General Manager

The current one year contract between the Papio Missouri River NRD and Husch Blackwell Sanders expired on June 30, 2009. Husch Blackwell Sanders proposes to enter into a new one year contract with the District beginning July 1, 2009 thru June 30, 2010 for a proposed retainer fee of \$60,000, with equal monthly payments of \$5,000.00.

Per the attached Extension of Terms of Engagement letter Husch Blackwell Sanders would continue furnishing intergovernmental representation and professional lobbying services to the District with respect to legislative matters of interest before the Nebraska Unicameral and the Executive Branch for the period of the proposed contract.

Per the Client Scope and Representation of the proposed engagement proposal the District will be faced with a myriad of legislative challenges this next legislative session. Therefore, it is imperative that the District retain a professional presence in Lincoln to interface with the legislature and the executive branch on a consistent and professional basis.

Management recommends that the subcommittee recommend to the Board of Directors that the General Manager be authorized to execute the proposed contract with Husch Blackwell Sanders, LLP, for the provision of intergovernmental and professional lobbying services per the terms and conditions outlined in the attached agreement.