

**Personnel, Legislative And Public Affairs
Subcommittee Meeting
June 8, 2010
7:30 p.m.
(Or immediately following the FEL Subcommittee Meeting)**

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

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 Legislative Representative Contract Renewal with Husch
Blackwell Sanders – John Winkler and Hal Daub, Steve Grasz and Ronald Sedlacek, Husch
Blackwell Sanders
7. Adjourn

Memorandum

To: Personnel, Legislative and Public Affairs Subcommittee

Re: Legislative Representative Contract Renewal

Date: June 1, 2010

From: John Winkler, General Manager

The current one year contract between the Papio Missouri River NRD and Husch Blackwell Sanders expires on June 30, 2010. 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 Terms of Engagement-Renewal 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 July 1, 2010 to June 30th of 2011.

Per the Client Scope and Representation of the proposed engagement proposal the District will once again be faced with a myriad of legislative challenges for not only the next legislative session but well into the foreseeable future. The District will once again be challenged on the issues of eminent domain, bonding authority; the filling of vacancies on the Board of Directors, and possibly the very existence of NRD's themselves. Therefore, it is imperative that the District retain a professional presence not only in Lincoln but throughout the District to interface with the legislature, local elected and appointed officials 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.