

**PERSONNEL, LEGISLATIVE AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS  
SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING  
June 7, 2011  
7:30 p.m.  
(Or immediately following the FEL Subcommittee Meeting)**

**AGENDA**

**Personnel, Legislative and Public Affairs Subcommittee:**

Dave Klug, Chairperson  
Tim Fowler, Vice Chairperson  
Fred Conley  
Gus Erickson  
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

## Agenda Item 6

# Memorandum

**To:** Personnel, Legislative and Public Affairs Subcommittee

**Re:** Legislative Representative Contract Renewal

**Date:** June 1, 2011

**From:** John Winkler, General Manager

The current one year contract between the Papio Missouri River NRD and Husch Blackwell Sanders expires on June 30, 2011. Husch Blackwell Sanders proposes to enter into a new one year contract with the District beginning July 1, 2011 thru June 30, 2012 for a proposed retainer fee of \$72,000, with equal monthly payments of \$6,000.00. In addition, there exists an option in the contract to retain Husch Blackwell Sanders to provide professional services in regards to the additional one cent of bonding authority election process; if the District so chooses to seek the additional authority from the electorate. These services would constitute an additional \$2,000 a month for a twelve month period.

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, 2011 to June 30<sup>th</sup> of 2012.

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, construction and financing of recreational projects 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.**