

Agenda Item 11. Report of Legislative Committee and Recommendations

The Legislative Committee met via phone to discuss upcoming legislation regarding the Trust on Wednesday, October 21, 2020. No action items were recommended, minutes are enclosed.

Possible Action: No action is required

Board Authority:

To establish committees:

Neb Rev Stat 81-15.173 Board: powers and duties. The board shall have and may exercise the following powers and duties: (5)
Establish ad hoc advisory boards and subcommittees.

Bylaws, Article IV, Committees, Section 1C. Legislative Committee. Membership: One citizen board member from each Congressional District and two agency directors. One such agency director shall be designated as committee liaison to the Governor. Duties: The Legislative Committee develops policy guidelines for Board approval to direct staff action on legislation that addresses the operation of the Trust and carries out any responsibility, duty or authority delegated to it by the board.

MINUTES

Nebraska Environmental Trust
Legislative Committee Meeting
October 21, 2020
Via Conference Call

The Legislative Committee of the Nebraska Environmental Trust met via conference call on Wednesday, October 21, 2020. Committee Chair, Mr. Dunn called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m. and requested roll call. Roll call was conducted and a quorum was present.

Members present (via phone): Mr. Paul Dunn, Chair; Mr. John Orr; Mr. Rod Christen; Dr. Gary Anthonie; and Mr. Jim Douglas.

Staff present: Mr. Mark Brohman and Ms. Pam Deines.

Mr. Dunn referred to Mr. Brohman to discuss legislation. Mr. Brohman noted no pending legislation is known at this time. He had spoken with the legal counsel of the Natural Resources Committee and the Fiscal Office. Mr. Douglas mentioned the possibility of the change in the chairperson on the Natural Resource Committee and other committees in the Legislature. Mr. Brohman said determination of the Speaker of the Legislature will impact some changes. Mr. Brohman mentioned the Legislative Committee will meet next year after the 10th day of the Legislature (after all bills are introduced). The prediction is that COVID will also affect the ability to talk to members of the legislatures so communication may be challenging.

Good of the order continued discussion on COVID-19 with Dr. Anthonie giving updates on the recent surge.

The meeting adjourned at 9:12 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Mark Brohman, Executive Director