Legislative Conference

2019

January 29 & 30
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**Continuing Education Credits**
Thank you to the Nebraska Natural Resource Districts for your continued support!
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### Legislative Recess Days Federal & State Holidays

- **February 15, 25**
- **March 8, 11, 22, 29**
- **April 1, 12, 19, 22**
- **May 3, 6, 17, 20**

*The Legislature will be in session on Friday, April 26, the Arbor Day holiday. Any Legislative employees who work that day will receive compensatory time for hours worked on the holiday.*
Senator Committee Assignments

**Speaker:** Senator Jim Scheer
**Executive Board Chair:** Senator Mike Hilgers

**AGRICULTURE**
Halloran (C), Brandt (VC), Blood, Chambers, Hansen, B., Lathrop, Moser, Slama
Tuesdays in Room 1524

**APPROPRIATIONS**
Stinner (C), Bolz (VC), Clements, Dorn, Erdman, Hilkemann, McDonnell, Vargas, Wishart
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, & Friday in Room 1003

**BANKING**
Williams (C), Lindstrom (VC), Gragert, Howard, Koltermann, La Grone, McCollister, Quick
Mondays and Tuesdays in Room 1507

**BUSINESS & LABOR**
Hansen, M. (C), Hansen, B. (VC), Chambers, Crawford, Halloran, Lathrop, Slama
Mondays in Room 1524

**EDUCATION**
Groene (C), Walz (VC), Brewer, Kolowski, Linehan, Morfeld, Murman, Pansing Brooks,
Mondays and Tuesdays in Room 1525

**GENERAL AFFAIRS**
Briese (C), Lowe (VC), Arch, Blood, Brandt, Hunt, Moser, Wayne
Mondays in Room 1510

**GOVERNMENT, MILITARY & VETERANS AFFAIRS**
Brewer (C), La Grone (VC), Blood, Hansen, M., Hilgers, Hunt, Kolowski, Lowe
Wed., Thur. & Fridays in Room 1507

**HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**
Howard (C), Arch (VC), Cavanaugh, Hansen, B., Murman, Walz, Williams
Wed., Thur. and Fri. in Room 1510

**JUDICIARY**
Lathrop (C), Pansing Brooks (VC), Brandt, Chambers, DeBoer, Morfeld, Slama, Wayne
Wed., Thur. and Fri. in Warner Chamber

**NATURAL RESOURCES**
Hughes (C), Bostelman (VC), Albrecht, Geist, Gragert, Halloran, Moser, Quick
Wed., Thur. and Fri. in Room 1525

**NEBRASKA RETIREMENT SYSTEMS**
Koltermann (C), Lindstrom (VC), Bolz, Groene, Kolowski, Stinner
Meets at call of chairperson in Room 1525

**REVENUE**
Linehan (C), Friesen (VC), Briese, Crawford, Groene, Koltermann, Lindstrom, McCollister
Wed., Thur. and Fri. in Room 1524

**TRANSPORTATION**
Friesen (C), Geist (VC), Albrecht, Bostelman, Cavanaugh, DeBoer, Hilgers, Hughes
Mondays and Tuesdays in Warner Chamber

**URBAN AFFAIRS**
Wayne (C), Hunt (VC), Arch, Briese, Crawford, Hansen, M., Lowe
Tuesdays in Room 1510
NRD MANAGERS

Lyndon Vogt........................ Central Platte NRD
Annette Sudbeck ..................Lewis & Clark NRD
Donnie Engelhardt (Acting) ....Little Blue NRD
David Clabaugh .................. Lower Big Blue NRD
Mike Sousek ...................... Lower Elkhorn NRD
Russell Callan .................... Lower Loup NRD
Terry Julesgard .............. Lower Niobrara NRD
Eric Gottschalk ............ Lower Platte North NRD
Paul Zillig ..................... Lower Platte South NRD
Todd Siel ....................... Lower Republican NRD
Mike Murphy .................. Middle Niobrara NRD
Jack Russell ................... Middle Republican NRD
Robert Hilske .................... Nemaha NRD
John Berge ..................... North Platte NRD
John Winkler ............... Papio-Missouri River NRD
Rod Horn ......................... South Platte NRD
John Thorburn .............. Tri-Basin NRD
Kent Miller ...................... Twin Platte NRD
Dave Eigenberg .......... Upper Big Blue NRD
Dennis Schueth ............ Upper Elkhorn NRD
Anna Baum ..................... Upper Loup NRD
Pat O’Brien ............. Upper Niobrara-White NRD
Jasper Fanning ............ Upper Republican NRD
NARD Board Members

NARD Committee Assignments

NRD 2018-19 Managers Committee
Chair – John Berge, North Platte NRD
Vice Chair – Dave Eigenberg, Upper Big Blue NRD

NARD & NARD Risk Pool Executive Committee
President – Larry Reynolds
Vice-President – Jim Eschliman
Secretary/Treasurer – Milt Schmidt
Legislative & Government Affairs Chair – Jim Meismer
Information & Education Chair – Jim Johnson
Past President – Jim Bendfeldt

NARD Foundation Committee
Past President – Jim Bendfeldt
Secretary/Treasurer – Milt Schmidt
Current Chair of Managers Committee - John Berge

Information & Education Committee
Region 1 – Ted Hughes
Region 2 – Orval Gigstad
Region 3 – Lyle Heinrichs
Region 4 – Roger Nelson
Region 5 – Jim Johnson, Chair
Region 6 – Diana Wendt

NARD/NRD Employee Benefits Committee
Larry Reynolds – President
Jim Eschliman – Vice President
Milt Schmidt – Secretary/Treasurer
Jim Meismer – Legislative Committee Chair
Jim Johnson – Information & Education Committee Chair
Jim Bendfeldt – Past President
Region 1: Marilyn Schumacher – Lewis & Clark NRD
(2020) Mike Sousek – Lower Elkhorn NRD
Region 2: Tom Mountford – Lower Platte North NRD
(2022) Kathy Spence – Lower Platte South NRD
John Winkler – Papio-Missouri River NBD
Region 3: Lyndon Vogt – Central Platte NRD
(2020) Nancy Brisk – Upper Big Blue NRD
Region 4: Carie Lynch – Tri-Basin NRD
(2022) Jasper Fanning – Upper Republican NRD
Region 5: Rod Horn – South Platte NRD
(2020) Kent Miller – Twin Platte NRD
Region 6: Mike Murphy – Middle Niobrara NRD
(2022) Russell Callan – Lower Loup NRD

NARD and NARD Risk Pool Fiscal Planning & Budget Committee
Region 1 – Ted Hughes
Region 2 – Milt Schmidt, Chair
Region 3 – Steven Kelley
Region 4 – Shane Rippen
Region 5 – Ryan Reuter
Region 6 – Judy Ridenour

Legislative & Government Affairs Committee
Region 1 – Gary Loftis
Region 2 – Rich Tesar
Region 3 – Paul Bethune
Region 4 – Terry Martin
Region 5 – Jim Meismer, Chair
Region 6 – Martin Graff

Program/Planning Committee:
Region 1 – Marcel Kramer
Region 2 – Robert Hilger
Region 3 – Jim Bendfeldt
Region 4 – Larry Reynolds
Region 5 – Tod Dorshorst
Region 6 – Jim Eschliman, Chair

Native Vegetation & Forestry Subcommittee
Board Member - Orval Gigstad, Nemaha NRD
Board Member - Martin Graff, Middle Niobrara NRD
Board Member - Judy Ridenour, Upper Loup NRD, Chair
NRD Manager - Dennis Schueth, Upper Elkhorn NRD
NRD Manager - Mike Murphy, Middle Niobrara NRD
NRD Manager - Russell Callan, Lower Loup NRD
Our Mission:
We will perform at a level that consistently rises above "good" and pursues excellence. Our detailed attention to prompt, courteous, accurate, and professional service will transform every customer into an enthusiastic client.

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## Tuesday
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<td>*Nebraska Water Center: Water Quality Research in Nebraska</td>
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11:10 - 11:45
Technology solutions for Nebraska’s NRD’s............................. Regents DE

Update on 2018 Farm Bill .................................................. Regents F

7 days at Oroville................................................................. Chancellor 2/3

12:00
Luncheon............................................................................. Regents AB

1:30 - 5:00 pm
NARD Board of Directors Meeting ....................................... Regents DE

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**Nebraska Chapter SWCS**

Join SWCS at these upcoming 2019 events:
- SWCS Legislative Breakfast, Lincoln, Jan. 29
- Farming Evolution, Holyoke, CO – Feb. 20 & 21
- SWCS Annual Meeting, Lincoln, June TBA
- 23rd Annual Dave Langemeier Memorial Golf Tournament, Lincoln, September TBA

Nebraska Chapter: nebraskaswcs.org (Events Listed)

Robin Foulk, President 308-432-4616
(robin.foulk@ne.usda.gov)

National SWCS: www.swcs.org
**Tuesday**

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  Speaker, Senator Dan Hughes - Natural Resources Committee Chair. Larry Reynolds, NARD President (TBNRD) |
| 1:00 - 5:00 | Visit the five Trade Shows after lunch and grab your dessert. Break service, with different goodies will be in each of the trade shows during the 2:45 break. Visit each room and enter to win one of several drawings, including gift cards valued at $100! Don’t forget to sign in for CEUs at each of the tradeshows. |
| 1:30 | Caucus |
| 1:30 - 3:45 | NARD Information & Education Committee Breakfast Meeting  
  Orval Gigstad, NARD Director (NNRD) |
| 3:00 | Regents AB  
  Action on Proposed Legislation  
  Jim Meismer, Legislative & Gov't Affairs Chair, TPNRD |
| 3:45 - 4:30 | Embassy Bar & Grille  
  2018 Market Recap and a 2019 Market Outlook  
  Mark Geist, Senior Vice President - UBS Financial Services, Inc.  
  *Mark will provide a summary of 2018 markets and share an outlook for 2019.* |
| 4:30 - 4:45 | Embassy Bar & Grille  
  Focusing in on 2020 Envirothon  
  NARD staff will provide an overview of the process leading to the 2020 Envirothon and how you can get involved and volunteer for this National Competition. |

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  NARD Native Vegetation and Forestry Sub-Committee Breakfast Meeting  
  Judy Ridenour, NARD Native Veg. & Forestry Chair, (ULNRD) |
| 8:00 | Pre-Convene Area  
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| 8:30 - 9:15 | Regents C  
  Remote Data Acquisition Using LoRa and the SmallData Tech Network  
  Neil Johnson and Matt Bergmeyer  
  Numerous Internet of Things (IoT) devices are being introduced to streamline compliance monitoring and improve general way of life. One challenge is being able to transmit data readings effectively and affordably from remote locations. Learn more about the use of radio telemetry and the LoRa transmission protocol through the SmallData Tech Network.  
  Milt Schmidt, NARD Secretary/Treasure (LPSNRD) |
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Regents F
Accountability and Disclosure
Frank Daley, Executive Dir., Accountability and Disclosure Commission
This session will provide an overview of Nebraska’s ethics laws applicable to directors of natural resources districts.
Tod Dorshorst, NARD Director (UNWNRD)

Chancellor 2/3
The Burning Issues - Nebraska Forest Service
John Erixson, State Forester - Nebraska Forest Service
From the aerial applicators to the single engine air tanker (SEAT program) and beyond. A look at the wildland fire issues, where we came from and where we are going. This presentation will take a look at the wildland fire program within the Nebraska Forest Service, the history of wildfire in Nebraska and a look into the future of where we would like to go with fire suppression for our state.
Judy Ridenour, NARD Native Veg & Forestry Chair (ULNRD)

9:20 - 10:05
Regents C
Enhancing Recreation Opportunities at Davis Creek Reservoir and From Planning to Practice – Building Resilience to Natural Hazards
Jake Miriovsky, PE – Project Engineer, Mary Baker – Hazard Mitigation Planner & Jeff Henson, AICP – Senior Hazard Mitigation Planner, JEO and Tylr Naprstek – Assistant General Manager, LLNRD
In this two-part presentation JEO will begin by highlighting efforts between the Lower Loup NRD, JEO and several state and federal partners to make various improvements at LLNRD’s Davis Creek Reservoir Recreation Area. In a second portion of the presentation JEO will highlight how recent changes in national legislation and prioritization have impacted hazard mitigation plans and how districts can focus on strategies to secure funding assistance and build projects.
Jim Eschilman, NARD Vice President (LLNRD)

Regents DE
*What happens when a State Agency Wins a Farming Competition? Economic, Production, and Water Quality Implications
Sam Radford, DEQ
Farming, livestock and economics should be mutually beneficial with water quality, environment and quality of life. As water quality professionals, we examine the world from the lens of how our actions on the land impact water quality and how the quality of water impacts our health and way of life.

This session will discuss how a state agency winning the most profitable farm in the Testing Ag Performance Solutions (TAPS) competition and placing second place in the most efficient category – all while reducing inputs – changed the way they see nonpoint source issues and how they plan to engage producers and water quality professionals. Water quality issues and successes across the state and the voluntary approaches being used to prevent runoff pollution and protect drinking water sources across the state will be highlighted.
Diana Wendt, NARD Director (LNNRD)

9:20 - 10:05
Regents F
Director Responsibilities
Don Blankenau, Blankenau Wilmoth Jarecke
Discussion on the duties and responsibilities of Natural Resources Directors.
Shane Rippen, NARD Director (MRNRD)

Chancellor 2/3
NRD Education Programs Expand Beyond Expectations
McKenzie Barry, LPSNRD, Austen Hill, Papio NRD, Dave Wolf, NPNRD, Desirae TePoel, LPNNRD
Come learn about new and successful education programs NRDs are developing that take youth learning to another level as we work to increase interest and engagement for all students and adults in natural resources.

10:05 - 10:20
Pre-Convene Area
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10:20 - 11:05
Regents C
Update on Soil Health Demo Farms
Aaron Hird, State Soil Health Specialist
NRCS Soil Health Specialist will present on timely soil health topics and highlight the recent updated data and results collected from the ongoing NRCS Nebraska Soil Health Initiative EQIP Demonstration Farm projects.
Orval Gigstad, NARD Director (NNRD)

Regents DE
*A New Tool in the Toolbox for Wellhead Protection
Karen Griffin, Olsson
NDEQ has a new tool in their toolbox to help delineate wellhead protection areas. This talk will describe how the NDEQ is planning to use statewide groundwater models and Olsson’s Groundwater Evaluation Toolbox to help protect drinking water for communities across Nebraska.
Terry Martin, NARD Director (URNRD)

Regents F
Understanding Nebraska’s Open Meetings Act
Leslie Donley, Assistant Attorney General
In this session, you’ll have your questions answered regarding Nebraska Open Meetings Act legislation form one of our state’s most knowledgeable legal professionals.
Steven Kelley, NARD Director (LBBNRD)

Wednesday
January 30, 2019 Embassy Suites
Silence All Cell Phones During Sessions
11:10 - 11:55
Regents C
*Nevada Water Center: Water Quality Research in Nebraska
Shannon Bartelt-Hunt & Humberto Blanco, UNL
Groundwater in Nebraska: Citizen Science and Climate Effects; in this presentation, we will present work showing the influence of future climate on nitrate concentrations in groundwater in Nebraska as well as results from a citizen science campaign to measure groundwater and surface water quality in Eastern Nebraska.

Ted Hughes, NARD Director (UENRD)

1:30 - 5:00 pm
Regents DE
NARD Board of Directors Meeting

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Future Events 2019

2019

March 4  NRD Groundwater Certification Training,
         Holiday Inn and Convention Center, Kearney
March 5  NRD Water Programs Conference,
         Holiday Inn and Convention Center, Kearney
March 6  NRD Managers Meeting and lunch with the
         Senators, Embassy Suites – Lincoln
March 10-11 NARD Board of Directors Meeting,
              Embassy Suites – Lincoln
March 30-April 3 NARD Annual Washington D.C. Meeting,
                   Embassy Suites
April 24  State Envirothon,
         Pibel Recreation Area/Bible Camp, Ericson
May  TBA  NRDs Foundation 5K and 1 Mile Fun Run
          and Kids Dash, Nemaha NRD
June 5   Managers Meeting
June 9-10 NARD Board Meeting, Ord
         (in conjunction with NRD Basin Tour)
June 10-11 NRD Basin Tour – Lower Loup NRD
            and Upper Loup NRD
June 16-19 ACE Camp, Halsey
July 28-Aug 2 NCF Envirothon,
               North Carolina State University, Raleigh
Aug 23-Sept 2 State Fair
Aug 26-28 NRD Managers Retreat,
            location to be announced
Sept 10-12 Husker Harvest Days, Grand Island
Sept 22-24 NARD Annual Conference,
            Younes Conference Center, Kearney
October 30 Managers Meeting, location to be announced
Nov 3-4   NARD Board of Directors Meeting,
           location to be announced

2020

Jan 27   NRD Managers Meeting,
         Embassy Suites, Lincoln
Jan 28-29 NARD Legislative Conference,
           Embassy Suites, Lincoln
Jan 29   NARD Board of Directors Meeting,
         Embassy Suites, Lincoln
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