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Government Affairs Committee Minutes

Wednesday, June 8, 2022

2:30pm MDT – Rough Rider’s Hotel Conference Room, Medora

Vice Chair Kristin Oban called the meeting to order at 2:30pm. Introductions were made.

A motion was made to approve the minutes from February 9, 2022. **M/S/C**

Bill Dean read the committee purpose aloud.

Kristin Oban then pointed committee members to their Public Policy Statement, and asked for any changes or updates from the committee.

After discussion, a motion was made to recommend these changes to the Board of Directors: Update Section 1.1 on page 4 to say “each person” rather than “the individual”; update Section 3.5 on page 9 to say “continues to oppose” rather than “oppose”; update Section 8.1 on page 12 to add commas so the sentence reads “...orientation, or gender identity, or...”; and update Section 11.2 on page 14 to say “members” rather than “member.” **M/S/C**

A second motion was made to send the fair housing language in Section 8.1, page 12, to NAR for them to review. **M/S/C**

Lobbyist Lisa Feldner then gave the NDAR Legislative Update. She shared that redistricting has just occurred following the 2020 census, and pointed committee members to the maps provided in the packet of these district changes. She also walked the committee members through the list of candidates that are running in each district for the Primary Election which will occur on June 14.

She shared that there are current lawsuits from some tribes on the redistricting in District 9, which is a federal lawsuit since they are from native American nations. Greg shared that part of the lawsuit includes the federal government’s ability to redistrict the entire state.

Lisa pointed out her list of the primary races that are worth following. She shared that the only ballot measure expected to come up at this time is marijuana related.

Jill Beck shared information on wholesaling. A wholesaler sells a property on behalf of the owner for a profit. The wholesaler and seller enter into a contract, which the wholesaler ultimately sells to another buyer prior to closing. Nebraska passed legislation that in order to do wholesaling you must have a real estate license. The committee discussed whether or not they would like to address it during this session.

Shawn suggested that a taskforce be established to investigate wholesaling more in depth and determine if NDAR should pursue legislation for it this session. The committee created a Wholesaling Task Force, to be chaired by Greg Larson, and include Mike Swartz, Bill Dean, Gloria Palm Connor, Neal Messer, and Phil Vanyo.

Jill Beck gave an update on administrative rules. She shared that the Real Estate Commission held a public hearing on the rules changes, and then the rules went before North Dakota’s Legislative Administrative Rules Committee. The Administrative Rules Committee approved the rules, and the REC will ratify the changes in

their meeting tomorrow, June 8. Jill shared that the only inquiry from the legislators was concerning the cost of the changes.

Jill Beck then gave an update on digital land titles. A ND state senator contacted Jill Beck and Kevin Fisher concerning land titles going digital. Greg Larson suggested that we talk to the Land Title Association to determine their opinion on the topic, and offer support if they make a decision. Jill Beck said she would talk to Land Title and discuss. NDAR will remain neutral for the time being.

Shawn gave an update on the Appraisal Task Force. He shared that we originally wanted to form an Appraisal Task Force to work with the Appraisal Association on educating and licensing more appraisers in ND. After working on establishing a program in ND, it was determined that the Appraisal Association is already creating a similar program with NDSU. Shawn shared that it is his hope that going forward we can have a committee formed with the appraisers to work with them on this, possibly starting next year.

Jill suggested we charge the task force with working with the appraisers, forming relationships, and ensuring this program continues to grow.

A motion was made to recommend to the Board of Directors that the Appraisal Task Force continue with their objective. **M/S/C**

Shawn gave a Teams Task Force update. He shared that we have reached out to the previous members to see who would be interested in serving on the committee, and have received five responses confirming participation, as well as interest from other members who were not on the previous task force. This task force will begin work soon, as the REC is scheduled to approve their Administrative Rule changes tomorrow, June 9.

Jill Beck gave an initiated ballot measure update. The committee and Board of Directors had moved to support the Protect ND's Constitution initiated ballot measure and supported with \$10,000 from Issues Mobilization. The ballot measure had too many fraudulent signatures and it was rejected by the secretary of state.

Kristin Oban pointed out to members that there was an NAR Federal Update written by NAR Senior Political Representative Zach Rubin-McCarry for the committee to review.

Greg pointed out that in May, Rep. Kelly Armstrong received a letter of thanks from the president of NAR for sponsoring legislation to move forward with electronic notary. Charlie Oppler also contacted Sen. Kevin Cramer to thank him for his support of land lord rights.

Jill added that the Housing Finance Agency brought forward a program concerning affordable housing that will be coming forward to the Government Affairs Committee at a later date, and there will be a zoom call scheduled with the committee to discuss.

Mary Splichal reminded committee members that there is grant money available through NAR, and urged committee members to take advantage of it.

Lisa shared that there will be a minimum of 27 new legislators this fall, and they may reach out to committee members to see who has existing relationships with any of the new legislators as we work on building relationships with them.

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:20pm.

Respectfully submitted: Sarah Caldwell, Communications Director