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Government Affairs Committee Minutes

Wednesday, February 15, 2023

3:00pm CST – First International Bank & Trust, Bismarck, ND

Chair Jamie McLean called the meeting to order at 3:00pm. He welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending the meeting. Introductions were made and he had each person to share one word that describes them.

A motion was made to approve the minutes from October 27, 2022; November 21, 2022; December 28, 2022.

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Shawn Ostlie read the committee purpose for the Government Affairs Committee.

Chair Jamie shared that each attendee should have a copy of the Public Policy Statement, which should have been reviewed prior to the meeting. CEO Jill Beck shared that this Public Policy Statement guides the committee's decisions and their approach to legislation.

The 2023 Annual Plan was then reviewed by the committee. Chair Jamie pointed out that the goals included in this annual plan were set at the NDAR Planning Retreat in December 2022.

Chair Jamie then asked committee members to reference the Jurisdiction Map provided to them. Jill Beck clarified that this version of the jurisdiction map is the most current version and reflects the most recent redistricting that passed in North Dakota. She encouraged committee members to review the map and determine what districts fall into their local board jurisdiction.

Lobbyist Lisa Feldner then gave a legislative update and read through her Bill Summaries document, which was included in the meeting packet. She highlighted that HB 1188, NDAR's bill on 40-Year Listings, passed through the House IBL Committee with a do-pass recommendation and passed unanimously on the House Floor. She also shared that HB 1190, NDAR's bill on Wholesaling, passed through the House IBL Committee with a do-pass recommendation and passed on the House Floor. Lisa shared that this session has been extremely busy and there has been extra time devoted to educating newly elected members of the legislature. She also emphasized that there is a surplus of property tax bills being seen in the legislature this year.

Jill Beck and Lisa Feldner then gave an update on HB 1107, an appraisal bill that NDAR has been following. HB 1107 is a housekeeping bill, which has now passed through committee and on the House Floor. The bill will now move to the Senate side for review and the Appraisal Association intends to bring amendments forward on the Senate side.

Chair Jamie then pointed out NAR's Federal Update, which includes the 2022 Advocacy Agenda and 2022 Advocacy Wins. He urged attendees to read through these updates independently if they have not already.

Sarah Caldwell then handed out the Legislative Talking Points for the Legislative Social. There are five bills listed, HB 1188, HB 1190, HB 1310, HB 1234, and HB 1107, with information and notes for Legislative Social attendees. Jill Beck encouraged Legislative Social attendees to be educated on these bills when speaking with legislators and to be ready to share information on their local market trends.

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Jill Beck then shared that there is a lawsuit being filed by NAR in North Dakota, which has to do with water systems. NAR has contacted Casey Chapman regarding the case and plans to look to NDAR leadership for input as they move forward.

Neal Messer then took a moment to thank NDAR for the hard work they do in the session. He shared personal stories about his experiences with legislative session, and emphasized the respect that legislators have for Jill Beck and Lisa Feldner.

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:22pm.

Respectfully submitted: Sarah Caldwell, Communications Director