

# NEBRASKA NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION

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## POLICY STATEMENT II

## ADMINISTRATION

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### COMMISSION-DEPARTMENT RELATIONSHIP

#### I. Legislative Authority

Section 2-1504 establishes the Nebraska Natural Resources Commission. This enabling statute and other statutes relevant to the Commission's authority and its funds in Article 2, Chapter 15 of Nebraska Revised Statutes were amended in 2000 by LB 900 to reflect the merger of the Commission with the Department of Water Resources to form the Department of Natural Resources. The Commission's authority and duties thereafter were to "advise the department as requested by the director and...perform other such functions as are specifically conferred on the Commission by law."

#### II. Assignment of Specific Responsibilities

##### A. Policy Matters:

1. All policy determinations for the Commission shall be made by the Commission. Such policy should be properly recorded in the minutes of the proceedings of any regularly scheduled meeting of the Commission.
2. DNR:
  - Provides sufficient staff resources for carrying out the Commission's statutory roles and duties.
  - Carries out the policies of the Commission.
  - Is responsible for all official records of the Commission and committee meetings.
3. The Director of DNR does the following:
  - Is the responsible state officer accountable for administration of Commission funds.
  - Prepares the Commission's budget request for funding of the Commission's activities and programs.
  - Approves all the Commission's expenditures, including Commissioners' expenditures for travel.
  - Executes and signs all agreements and contracts as approved and authorized by the Commission.
  - Executes or authorizes all land sale or rental agreements for leases through the Small Watersheds Flood Control Fund.
  - Delegates assigned authorities to other DNR staff members as needed.

- Expresses the policy of the Commission in the absence of the Chairperson.
- Administers all programs assigned to the Commission consistent with established Commission policy, rule and regulation, recommended State of Nebraska accounting procedures, and sound management practices.

Adoption of Policy Statement:

This Policy Statement was adopted by the Nebraska Natural Resources Commission on the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of September, 2014, and supersedes all prior actions of the Commission regarding this policy.

*Bev Donaldson*

Chairperson, Nebraska Natural Resources Commission

ATTEST:

*Brian P. Dunnigan, P.E.*

Director, Department of Natural Resources