



Special Board Meeting

Wednesday, November 18, 2020 • 7:00 p.m. via Zoom

Attendees: President Rich Brueckner, Vice President Ken Cumber, Past President Duaine Ash, Treasurer Jeff Herman, Secretary Marie Hoerner; Board Members, Ed Dosch, Rick Eagleson, Rick Mohan and Keith Witt; At-Large Board Member Keith Seidlinger ; Lance Gaebe (lobbyist; Zoom host).

President Rich Brueckner called the meeting to order and participants were acknowledged via Zoom.

The purpose of the meeting was to determine the level of lobbying services the NDSFC would like to hire the Dwyer Gaebe Group for the 2021 ND legislative session (proposal attached).

Lance Gaebe said that there is some concern that the Legislature may start and stop during the session due to COVID, but the contract could be adjusted accordingly by mutual consent. Rick Mohan said that although there is no legislative issues of concern at this time, he feels the Congress should stay engaged and have the option to change to a higher lobbying level if issues arise. Gaebe said that starting with the \$1,500 tracking level would be agreeable with him.

Following further discussion, a motion was made by Rick Mohan, seconded by Keith Witt and passed unanimously to engage Lance Gaebe and his group to monitor legislation at the “Legislative Tracking” level of \$1,500 per month, while the Legislature are in session (knowing that there may be delays due to COVID and the month may need to be pro-rated accordingly). This level would not involve lobbying or working with legislative to promote or push back legislation that wouldn’t be desirable for the Congress.

If it is necessary to advance to the “Lobbying” \$2,500 per month level, another special Board meeting will be held to vote on the change.

Gaebe mentioned that the Legislature has an organization session on December 1-3 where they select their chairman and the Governor will give his budget address on December 3rd.

There being no further items to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.

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Mr. Brueckner,

Dwyer Gaebe Group (DG Group) was pleased to work closely with the North Dakota Sportfishing Congress (NDSFC) to advance your issues during the 2019 Legislative Session. We appreciated our partnership to advance aquatic nuisance species awareness and the successful legislative adoption of the aquatic nuisance species program and funding.

DG Group submits a proposal to provide legislative tracking and government relations service for the NDSFC again in 2021. We are pleased by the prospect of again working with you and your members.

As you know, DG Group provides government relations, communication, and association management services to several statewide organizations, associations, and coalitions. The firm's professional staff have a strong track record of delivering results for clients and the combination of our expertise in government affairs and knowledge of state policy processes will ensure high-quality government relations support for your organization.

At your request, we propose several rate options for NDSFC state government relations services. Proposals are based on a six-month contract of December 2020 through May 2021.

Legislative Tracking – \$1,500 per month

Before and during the 2021 Legislative Session, DG Group will identify and monitor relevant bills, amendments, and committee action related to NDSFC issues. We will monitor relevant committee hearings and prepare weekly updates on legislative action for your association.

Lobbying – \$2,500 per month

In addition to legislative tracking, DG Group can provide professional assistance as registered lobbyists for the NDSFC to attend hearings, testify as needed, and represent the association in support of its priorities or to help defeat objectionable proposals. Legislative tracking is included in this service level.

Initiative Advocacy – \$3,500 per month

If the NDSFC again has key proposals that it seeks to initiate, DG Group will work with the group to develop those legislative objectives, identify key legislator and coalition support needed to advance priorities, recruit bill sponsors, produce lobbying materials, assist in testimony preparation and delivery by board members, and work to influence legislative support. Legislative tracking and general lobbying representation are included in this proposal.

DG Group provides a team approach to meet the government relations and communication needs of clients. Our staff has extensive experience in government affairs, direct knowledge of state policies, and experience in natural resource issues. We are prepared to meet with you and your board any time to discuss options for renewing our productive partnership.

The above fees are negotiable based on the level of services required.

I look forward to discussing the opportunity to work with NDSFC. Please contact me or Jack Dwyer Jack@ndwaterlaw.com for further information or to arrange a visit.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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