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Introduction:

Pro

Broad positions like this allow us to use national guidelines for particular local issues.

We need regional regulations for things like air quality-a broad general position would help us do that.

A consensus of support in the group is accompanied by reservations about how well we can know future needs. "Based on how well the current generation can know future needs" might be added.

Con

This reads like "mom and apple pie." How could we oppose it then?

Many policies might become issues (e.g. state investment policy) that is not now.

Questions raised

How do we know the needs of future generations?

Some answers offered in discussion; e.g., water questions always raise sustainability matters. And a search for a way to take positions that take national matters into account. Also, matters like moving energy out of state or across state, a position on sustainability would help League take a position on transmission lines.

Will land trust resources still be there for education 25 years in the future?

Would all matters addressed by the action committee be affected by this position?

Is there a way to rescind a vote if we approve this, then change our minds? (Explanation of procedures for rescinding were explained).

Governance

Pro

“of course”

This would fit into League’s mission to educate the citizenry. [Discussion of Action Committee ensued]

“An umbrella position has to be implemented in all three area, undoubtedly.

Con

No opposition as such was expressed.

Questions raised

Would this mean that League might recommend that a certain issue needs to be addressed more fully in public meetings? I.e., to advocate more meetings? (answer-yes, but we cannot as individuals represent our views as those of the League)

Natural Resources and Economic Development

Pro

General support is expressed

Con

No opposition

Questions raised

Would [state] investment policy fit in here? (Yes!)

Does “natural resources base” refer to the state, or to something larger?

(Response: several states have a larger position-a groundswell could make it national. But this statement refers primarily to the state’s economy; things here changed in last 25 years that haven’t been addressed. Also, different parts of state focus on different economic activities.)

*Second question consumed a good bit of discussion time.

Social Policies

Pro

Supporting views expressed in general, with idea that LWVNM would “support social policies that” etc.

Con

No opposition expressed.

Questions raised

Should position be worded in positive way rather than as a question?

(“LWLVNM supports social policies that” etc)