



## LOWER PLATTE SOUTH natural resources district

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### MEMORANDUM

Date: April 15, 2025

To: Lower Platte South Natural Resources District Board of Directors

From: Will Inselman, Resources Coordinator *WIC*

Subject: Minutes for Recreation, Forestry & Wildlife Subcommittee Meeting

On Monday, April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2025, at 5:31 p.m., the Recreation, Forestry, and Wildlife subcommittee met virtually via Zoom. Subcommittee members present were Seth Hawkins, Chair; Christine Lamberty, Suzanne Mealer, Mark Spangler, and Melissa Baker. NRD staff present were Mike Sousek, Eric Zach, and Will Inselman. Other attendees were Director Bob Andersen and representatives from Solidago Conservancy. One item was on the agenda for consideration.

The only item on the agenda was the consideration of an agreement with Solidago Conservancy. The LPSNRD and the City have previously entered into an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement establishing a mechanism for the cooperative planning, development, administration, implementation, management, operation and maintenance of the "Salt Valley Greenway and Prairie Corridor Master Plan," beginning with the Prairie Corridor on Haines Branch Implementation Project ("Project"). The Solidago Conservancy (Solidago) is also a partner in the Project and has been actively seeking properties and conservation easements to meet the Project's goals and objectives. The 98-acre Oxbow Property is located diagonally between two existing conservation areas and is a "missing puzzle piece" in our goal of long-term connectivity. The Oxbow Property features natural waterways and stunning views, making it beneficial for urban flood prevention and desirable for recreation. This agreement provides consent to Solidago to acquire property/trial easements within the Prairie Corridor and obligates the NRD to provide \$425,000 to the effort. If Solidago is successful in its negotiations, this contribution would help further the mission of the Prairie Corridor on the Haines Branch project. The agreement outlines the responsibilities of the three parties involved in the partnership. The City of Lincoln would be the owner of the property if it is secured. NRD and Solidago staff fielded questions regarding budgets, funding commitments, and property ownership

**It was moved by Baker, seconded by Lamberty, and unanimously approved to recommend that the Lower Platte South NRD Board of Directors authorize the General Manager to execute the Agreement Regarding Property Acquisition Project with the Solidago Conservancy and to disburse up to \$425,000 to the Solidago Conservancy under the terms of the Agreement.**

**Motion Passed: 5-0**



Meeting adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

PC: RF&W subcommittee file