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MEMORANDUM

Date: April 8, 2025

To: Lower Platte South NRD Board of Directors

From: Eric Zach, Resources Conservationist 

Subject: Minutes for Recreation, Forestry & Wildlife Subcommittee Meeting

On Monday, April 7, 2025, at 6:09 p.m., the Recreation, Forestry, and Wildlife Subcommittee met in the NRD large conference room. Subcommittee members present: Seth Hawkins- Chair, Anthony Schutz, Melissa Baker, Don Jacobson, and Stephanie Matejka. Directors Bob Anderson and John Yoakum were also present. Other attendees were Mike Sousek, Will Inselman, and Eric Zach. There was one item on the agenda for consideration.

The first item on the agenda was the consideration of a license agreement for an agricultural crossing on the MoPac East Trail. The property is bordered by the MoPac East Trail on the east and Weeping Water Creek on the west making it inaccessible for larger agricultural equipment. W&S Nicholson Trust (Trust) is requesting that the NRD sign a license agreement for the new crossing so they can again farm the 8-acre parcel. The parcel had been in grass for approximately 20 years, but the Trust would like to have a tenant farm the property. Any costs to develop the new crossing would be at the landowner's expense. NRD staff met with a representative of the Trust and have found a location that meets both parties' needs. Staff answered questions about the frequency of use of the crossing by the landowner, regulations regarding farming in proximity to a creek, and general questions about license agreements.

It was moved by Matejka, seconded by Hawkins, and unanimously approved to recommend the Lower Platte South NRD Board of Directors authorize the General Manager to sign a license agreement for private crossing for agricultural purposes on the MoPac East Trail with W&S Nicholson Trust.

Motion Passed: 5-0

Staff also provided updates on several trail projects scheduled for winter/spring 2025. Projects are progressing and many have been completed. Lastly, staff updated the subcommittee regarding ongoing



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discussions with partners on the Haines Branch Prairie Corridor project about potential future easement/fee title acquisition opportunities.

Meeting adjourned at 6:37 p.m.

Attachments

PC: RF&W subcommittee file
Bob Andersen

