



LOWER PLATTE SOUTH natural resources district

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MEMORANDUM

Date: September 13, 2024

To: Lower Platte South Natural Resources District Board of Directors

From: Will Inselman, Resources Coordinator *WI*

Subject: Minutes for Recreation, Forestry & Wildlife Subcommittee Meeting

On Thursday, September 12th, 2024, at 5:01 p.m., the Recreation, Forestry and Wildlife subcommittee met in the Large Conference Room. Subcommittee members present: Christine Lamberty- Chair, Anthony Schutz, John Yoakum, Seth Hawkins, and Ray Stevens. Other attendees were Mike Sousek, David Potter, Aaron Clare, and Will Inselman. Director Bob Andersen was also in attendance, as well as a member of the public representing The Preserve Owners Association.

The first item on the agenda was the consideration of a temporary construction easement for the construction of a water main on the MoPac Trail at 202nd Street, with the Sanitary and Improvement District No. 12 of Cass County. The Sanitary and Improvement District (SID) No. 12 of Cass County has requested a temporary construction easement for the construction of a water main under the MoPac Trail. The water main would be installed perpendicular to the MoPac trail immediately west of the intersection of 202nd Street and MoPac trail. The NRD has multiple locations along the MoPac Trail where utilities intersect or parallel the trail. Staff have relayed to the SID that they would need to communicate with the NRD when construction would begin so that the NRD may notify the public of any trail disturbance or closure. Staff indicated that they do not expect the trail to be closed during the installation.

It was moved by Stevens, seconded by Hawkins and unanimously approved to recommend the Lower Platte South NRD Board of Directors authorize the General Manager to sign a temporary construction easement on the MoPac Trail near 202nd Street for the construction of a water main with the Sanitary and Improvement District No.12 of Cass County.

Motion Passed: 5-0

The second item on the agenda was the consideration of a permanent easement with the Village of Eagle and Sanitary and Improvement District No. 12 of Cass County for the water main mentioned in item one. The permanent easement would be for the use, construction, repair, maintenance, replacement and renewal of a water main. The water main would be installed at least 60 inches below ground level. The existence of the water main would not have any impact on trail use. At the completion of the construction of the project by SID No. 12, the Village of Eagle will be the owner/operator of the water main. Staff do not have any concerns about the permanent easement. The NRD has granted multiple utility easements in the past along the MoPac Trail

corridor. It was noted that the Village of Eagle owns the parcel on the north side of the proposed easement where their water tower is situated.

It was moved by Stevens, seconded by Yoakum and unanimously approved to recommend the Lower Platte South NRD Board of Directors authorize the General Manager to sign a permanent easement on the MoPac Trail near 202nd Street for the construction, maintenance, replacement, and renewal of a water main with the Village of Eagle and the Sanitary and Improvement District No.12 of Cass County.

Motion Passed: 5-0

The third item on the agenda was the consideration of a Community Forestry Application from The Preserve Owners Association. The Preserve HOA proposes planting 21 conifer and 5 deciduous trees in their neighborhood to replace those that have died from EAB, pine wilt, or tip blight. The project will cost \$13,085.00 (\$10,485 for trees, \$2,600 for planting). The Preserve HOA is requesting \$6,542.50 from the LPSNRD which is 50% of the total project cost. Per the program guidelines, HOA's are allowed to request up to 50% cost share of the total project cost from the NRD. Staff answered trees about the locations of the planted trees. It was acknowledged that the trees would be planted in "commons" areas. Staff also indicated that the NRD had accepted two previous applications from The Preserve through the Community Forestry program.

It was moved by Yoakum, seconded by Stevens and approved to recommend the Lower Platte South NRD Board of Directors approve the Community Forestry application from The Preserve Owners Association with a total project cost of \$13,085.00, with the NRD share not to exceed \$6,542.50

Motion Passed: 4-1 (Hawkins voting NO)

The last item on the agenda was the consideration of the Recreation, Forestry, and Wildlife FY25 LRIP measurable goals. Staff presented the updated 12-month review of FY24 measurable goals to the subcommittee and provided the updated goals. Staff provided updated goals for a couple sections to reflect projects to be completed in FY25. There were no questions from the subcommittee.

It was moved by Yoakum, seconded by Stevens and unanimously approved to submit the Recreation, Forestry, and Wildlife FY25 LRIP measurable goals to the Finance and Planning Subcommittee to be included in the FY25 LRIP.

Motion Passed: 5-0

Last on the agenda were staff updates. Reports/updates: Staff provided an update on the closing of the Next To Nine Mile Prairie, LLC conservation easement.

Meeting adjourned at 5:22 p.m.

PC: RF&W subcommittee file