



LOWER PLATTE SOUTH natural resources district

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MEMORANDUM

Date: September 8, 2022

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 8, 2022, at 6:01 p.m., the Recreation, Forestry and Wildlife subcommittee met in the Large Conference Room. Subcommittee members present; Anthony Schutz – Chair, Tom Green, Mark Spangler, Ray Stevens, John Yoakum, and Don Jacobson. Other attendees were Paul Zillig, Deborah Eagan, David Potter, Ariana Kennedy, and Will Inselman.

First item on the agenda was the review of a proposal from EA Engineering, Science, and Technology, Inc., to conduct a survey on the sediment basin on the north end of Wildwood Lake. This area was created to trap sediment entering Wildwood Lake to avoid buildup of sediment in the main lake basin. This structure has not received any maintenance in 20-plus years. The sediment trap has worked well but we have noticed a large buildup of sediment in the area, and we now need to understand how much useful life this area still has. The EA Engineering, Science, and Technology, Inc. Scope of Work proposal includes a bathymetric survey of the basin to give us an idea of how much sediment is in the area and provide an idea of useful life of the sediment trap. It would also help give us an idea of interim improvements we may be able to make to extend the life of the basin. The timeline for completion is December 2022 and would be completed at a cost not to exceed \$13,975.00.

It was moved by Stevens and seconded by Green and approved to recommend the Lower Platte South NRD Board of Directors approve the consulting services agreement from EA Engineering, Science, and Technology, Inc. for the Wildwood Lake sediment basin survey, with a total cost not to exceed \$13,975, subject to legal counsel review.

Motion passed 5-1 (with Spangler voting no)

Second on the agenda, was approval of the low bid received for the Cottontail WMA Grassland Restoration Project. Three bids were received for the Cottontail WMA grassland restoration project. Midwest Tree Cutters was the low bidder at \$20,000 and staff recommends that they be awarded the bid for the tree removal project. Because this bid came in lower than the estimated project cost, we requested that the agreement allow more acres to be cut, up to \$35,000, to take advantage of all cost share money provided by NGPC for this project. This flexibility would allow us to remove additional acres of tree encroached areas that would have otherwise been done by our own staff.

It was moved by Stevens and seconded by Yoakum and unanimously approved to recommend the Lower Platte South NRD Board of Directors approve the low bid from Midwest Tree Cutters, Inc. in the amount of \$20,000.00 for the Cottontail WMA Grassland Restoration Project and further authorize additional work to be done at Cottontail by Midwest Tree Cutters, Inc. at the unit cost, not to exceed a total of \$35,000.

Motion passed 6-0

Last on the agenda, were staff updates and reports on various projects. Reports/updates: Future Prairie Corridor property acquisitions and the Wabash trailhead vault toilet installation update.

Meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

PC: RF&W subcommittee file