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Memorandum

Date: December 11, 2024
To: Urban Subcommittee
From: Drew Ratkovec, Projects Coordinator
Subject: Urban Subcommittee Meeting Minutes – December 2024

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The Urban Subcommittee met on December 10, 2024, at the NRD Office, at 5:00 pm. Subcommittee members participating included John Yoakum- committee chair, Gary Aldridge, Deborah Eagan, Luke Peterson, Anthony Schutz, and Ray Stevens. Others participating included NRD staff Mike Sousek, Bryce Jensen, and Drew Ratkovec. Ross Lawrence from JEO Consulting Group was also in attendance. Director Yoakum called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm. There were two (2) items the Subcommittee took action on. A quorum was present for the meeting.

A. Consideration of a Right-of-Entry Access Agreement with the City of Lincoln at Antelope Park North [ACTION]-

Drew Ratkovec, Projects Coordinator provided background information on the upcoming project. Every three years the NRD removes sediment material from the Antelope Valley Project between N and J Streets, which includes the weir structure. Additional access will be needed to operate machinery and stockpile sediment material on city property outside of current easements and agreements with the City of Lincoln. A contractor will then be hired to remove the stockpiled material. It is planned to start this project in the upcoming months. We have completed this several times in the past with minimal issues. Jensen answered questions about current and future access needs for this area as well as disposal of the excavated material. It was noted that legal counsel reviewed the agreement prior to the meeting.

- Work Type: Agreement for Access and Staging
- Funding: N/A
- Payers, Players, & Partners: NRD, City of Lincoln
- Legal Counsel Review: Yes
- Start: Upon Board Approval
- Completion: April 15, 2025

It was moved by Stevens, seconded by Eagan, and approved 5-0 (Peterson not present to vote) by the Subcommittee to recommend that the Board of Directors approve the Right-of-Entry Access Agreement with the City of Lincoln for the Sediment Removal Project in Antelope Park North, Pending Legal Counsel Review.

B. Consideration of an Agreement for Professional Services for the 2025 Biennial Salt Creek Levee SWIF Update [ACTION]

Bryce Jensen, Land & Flood Control Operations Coordinator presented background information on the proposed Professional Agreement from JEO. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) performs routine inspections along the Salt Creek Levee and provides findings to the LPSNRD. As a local sponsor for the Salt Creek Flood Risk Reduction Project, the district is responsible for resolving any operation and maintenance deficiencies identified during the USACE inspection. In 2016, the LPSNRD developed and submitted a System-Wide Improvement Framework (SWIF) Plan to the USACE to rectify multiple deficiencies while maintaining conditional eligibility in the P.L. 84-99 Rehabilitation Program. LPSNRD actively executes the SWIF plan and every two years is required to submit the request for an additional two years of eligibility in the P.L. 84-99 Rehabilitation Program and update the SWIF plan. In addition, an annual progress report is submitted to the USACE Omaha District that demonstrates system-wide improvement accomplishments.

The proposed scope of work is intended to update the SWIF plan and coordinate submission to the USACE. In more detail, JEO would provide the update to the SWIF plan, an update on current progress, changes in schedule, changes to critical USACE inspection items, changes in funding, permitting process, and interim risk reduction measures. Upon completion, the proposed projects/actions will be reviewed and a select few will be moved from planning to implementation/resolution. This Agreement is based on the hourly rate not-to-exceed fee of \$24,980.00. It was noted that legal counsel reviewed the agreement prior to the meeting.

- Work Type: Professional Services
- Funding: NRD
- Payers, Players, & Partners: NRD, JEO
- Agreement/NRD costs: \$24,980.00
- Legal Counsel Review: Yes
- Deliverables: Reports, Summaries, Updated SWIF Plan and Progress Report, O&M Manual Addendum
- Start: Upon Board Approval
- Completion: May 31, 2025

It was moved by Eagan, seconded by Stevens, and approved 5-1 (Aldridge voting no) by the Subcommittee to recommend the Board of Directors approve the Agreement for Professional Services with JEO for the 2025 Biennial Salt Creek Levee SWIF Update, not to exceed \$24,980.00, Pending Legal Counsel Review.

The meeting adjourned at 5:16 pm.

cc: Dave Landis
Corey Wasserburger