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Memorandum

Date: February 13, 2026
To: Urban Subcommittee 
From: Drew Bullett, Projects Coordinator
Subject: Urban Subcommittee Meeting Minutes – February 2026

The Urban Subcommittee met on February 12, 2026, at the NRD Office, at 5:30 pm. Subcommittee members participating included committee chair David Landis, Gary Aldridge, Melissa Baker, Chuck Hassebrook, Stephanie Matejka, and Larry Ruth. Others participating included NRD staff David Potter, Bryce Jensen, Craig Matulka, and Drew Bullett. Justin Cermak from the Flatwater Group and Eric Suing from Houston Engineering were also in attendance. Subcommittee members Susan Seacrest and Christine Lamberty were absent. Director Landis called the meeting to order at 5:31 pm. The Subcommittee took action on two items. A quorum was present for the meeting.

A. Consideration of Bids for the Middle Creek #5 Stabilization Project [ACTION]–

Drew Bullett, Projects Coordinator, gave background information on the above-identified project. The Flatwater Group was hired in February of 2025 for engineering and design to stabilize areas identified on Middle Creek east of SW 40th Street. With the design complete, the project was put out to bid and received six bids. The low bid from Van Dorn Valley Construction was \$354,252.50. It was recommended by the Flatwater group as well as the NRD staff to accept the bid. This project is part of the Master Plan projects identified by the City of Lincoln and NRD. The cost will be shared 50/50 between the agencies. Further discussion and questions were answered by staff regarding the bidding process, and suggestions were made to advertise in more places.

- Work Type: Construction- Streambank Stabilization
- Budget: Included in FY26 Budget
- Funding: 50% NRD/50% City of Lincoln
- Amount: \$354,252.50
- Start: Upon Board Approval/February 2026
- Completion: July 2026
- Bid Using Unit Prices
- Delays: Weather
- Permits: USACE 404
- Access: No Concerns/Easements in place
- Payers, Players, & Partners: NRD, City of Lincoln, The Flatwater Group, Van Dorn Valley Construction
- Deliverables: Stabilized Streambank

It was moved by Hassebrook, seconded by Matejka, and approved (5 yes and 1 present) by the Urban Subcommittee to consider a motion to recommend that the Board of Directors approve the low bid from Van Dorn Valley Construction for the Middle Creek #5 Stabilization Project for the amount of \$354,252.50.

B. Consideration of a Scope of Professional Services for Salt Creek and Oak Creek Culvert Inspections [ACTION]–

Drew Bullett, Projects Coordinator, gave background information on the above-identified project. In the fall, routine inspections were conducted, identifying deficiencies in two Salt Creek drainage structures and one Oak Creek drainage structure. NRD staff proposed a professional agreement from Houston Engineering that contains a scope and fee for inspecting and providing recommendations for rehabilitation. These inspections will provide up-to-date statuses of each drainage structure, allowing staff to prioritize the risk-based urgency for repairs as well as a budgeting timeline. Further questions and discussion followed between staff and the directors on the scope fee, fall inspections, and the 2022 inspections completed by FYRA (now Houston). It was noted that this followed the G-3 Operating Policy procedure for hiring consultants for professional services, which allowed staff to hire Houston Engineering upon Board approval. See the attached memorandum from Bryce Jensen for more detailed information on the three drainage structures.

- Work Type: Professional Services
- Budget: Included in FY26 Budget
- Funding: NRD
- Amount: \$30,868.00
- Start: Upon Board Approval/February 2026
- Completion: June 30, 2026
- Bid Using Task/Fees/Hourly Rates
- Delays: Weather
- Permits: n/a
- Access: No Concerns
- Payers, Players, & Partners: NRD, Houston
- Deliverables: 3 Culvert Inspections/Recommendations

It was moved by Hassebrook, seconded by Matejka, and approved (6 yes and 0 no) by the Urban Subcommittee to consider a motion to recommend that the Board of Directors approve the Professional Services Agreement from Houston Engineering for Salt Creek and Oak Creek Culvert Inspection and Rehabilitation Recommendation for the amount of \$30,868.00.

Update:

An update was given by Bullett and Potter on the completion of the Deadmans Run NRD Basin Tree removal project. Drone footage was shown along with a discussion on the future plans of the area.

Adjourn: 6:22

Enclosures.

cc: Bob Andersen, Corey Wasserburger