



## LOWER PLATTE SOUTH natural resources district

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### Memorandum

**Date:** March 14, 2025  
**To:** Urban Subcommittee  
**From:** Drew Ratkovec, Projects Coordinator *DR*  
**Subject:** Urban Subcommittee Meeting Minutes – March 2025

The Urban Subcommittee met on March 12, 2025, at the NRD Office, at 5:00 pm. Subcommittee members participating included Dave Landis- committee chair, Gary Aldridge, Chuck Hassebrook, Stephanie Matejka, Susan Seacrest, and John Yoakum. Others participating included Director Bob Andersen, NRD staff Mike Sousek, David Potter, Bryce Jensen, Alex Lautenschlager, and Drew Ratkovec. Lindy Rogers from Houston Engineering was also in attendance. Director Landis 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 an Agreement for Professional Services with Houston Engineering for Oak Creek Drainage Structure Rehabilitation [ACTION]–**

Ratkovec presented background information on a failing drainage structure that penetrates the Oak Creek Berm located at the Interstate Lands Addition near 3301 NW 12<sup>th</sup> Street. Bryce Jensen, Land & Flood Control Operations Coordinator, met with Houston Engineering on-site to investigate the structure and discuss a scope of services. Since then, Houston provided a scope of services for engineering and design but does not include bidding and construction services. If approved, Houston will begin survey and analysis to determine the extent of the rehabilitation and provide alternatives to repair the structure. Lindy Rogers discussed what likely caused this drainage structure to fail with the best-case scenario of only having to replace a section of pipe versus the entire structure. 404 permitting will be needed for a full replacement if identified. It was noted that Legal Counsel reviewed the agreement. Questions and discussion followed about the proposal process.

- Work Type: Professional Services – Drainage Structure Rehabilitation
- Budget: Included in FY25 Budget
- Funding: NRD
- Proposal: \$29,569.00– Houston Engineering Inc.
- Start: Upon Board Approval/March 2025
- Completion: FY25/June 2025
- Bid Using Budget/List of Consultant's Hourly Rates & Tasks
- Delays: Weather, Permitting
- Permits: USACE 404 & City of Lincoln Floodplain Permit
- Access: No Concerns
- Payers, Players, & Partners: NRD, Houston
- Legal Counsel Review: Yes
- Deliverables: Project Management, Site Investigation, Final Design, and Permitting

**It was moved by Yoakum, seconded by Seacrest, and approved 5-1 (Aldridge voting no) by the Urban Subcommittee to recommend that the Board of Directors approve the Agreement for Professional Services with Houston Engineering for Oak Creek Drainage Structure Rehabilitation for \$29,569.00, Pending Legal Counsel Review.**

**B. Consideration of Bids for Antelope Valley Sediment Pile Removal [ACTION]–**

Every three years the NRD removes sediment material from the Antelope Valley Project between N and J Streets, which includes the weir structure. Alex Lautenschlager, along with other NRD staff, recently completed the project to remove the sediment from the channel and stockpiled it in two locations. A contractor will then be hired to haul the stockpiled material from the sites. District staff received two bids with Brandt Excavating being the low bid at \$27,693.00. Brandt Excavating has performed satisfactory work on similar projects for the District in the past. A video was provided to show the sediment piles as well as the crews working in the channel. Questions and discussion followed about the location of where the sediment will be hauled, the proposal process, and the equipment capabilities the NRD has for hauling sediment.

- Work Type: Construction – Sediment Removal
- Budget: Included in FY25 Budget
- Funding: NRD
- Proposal: \$27,693.00- Brandt Excavating
- Start: Upon Board Approval/March 2025
- Completion: End of FY25/June 2025
- Bid Using Lump Sum
- Delays: Weather
- Permits: N/A.
- Access: No Concerns- Easements/Agreements in place between NRD, City of Lincoln, and Speedway Properties.
- Payers, Players, & Partners: NRD, Brandt Excavating, City of Lincoln (for access), Speedway Properties (for access)
- Deliverables: Sediment Piles Removed/Hauled off. Cleaned out Channel Project

**It was moved by Seacrest, seconded by Hassebrook, and approved 6-0 by the Urban Subcommittee to recommend that the Board of Directors approve the low bid from Brandt Excavating for \$27,693.00 for Antelope Valley Sediment Pile Removal.**

The meeting adjourned at 5:14 pm.

cc: Bob Andersen  
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