



LOWER PLATTE SOUTH natural resources district

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Memorandum

Date: July 9, 2025
To: Urban Subcommittee
From: Drew Ratkovec, Projects Coordinator
Subject: Urban Subcommittee Meeting Minutes – July 2025

The Urban Subcommittee met on July 8, 2025, at the NRD Office, at 5:30 pm. Subcommittee members participating included Dave Landis, committee chair, Gary Aldridge, Chuck Hassebrook, Stephanie Matejka, Larry Ruth, Susan Seacrest, and John Yoakum. Others participating included Board Chair Bob Andersen, NRD staff Craig Matulka, David Potter, and Drew Ratkovec. Matt McConville from HDR was also in attendance. Director Landis called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm. The Subcommittee took action on one item and discussed another. A quorum was present for the meeting.

A. Consideration of an Agreement for Professional Services with HDR for Beal Slough Streambank Stabilization Design at 27th and Nebraska Highway [ACTION]–

District staff complete annual inspections of Beal Slough. One area in particular is experiencing severe erosion and should be addressed. The district sought qualifications for professional engineering and design services for stream stability projects within the district's watersheds. This was advertised on March 3rd, 10th, and 17th. HDR, EA Engineering, Benesch, and E&A were the four firms that submitted qualification proposals, and all four were selected for an interview on April 4th. As a result of those interviews, HDR was chosen as the preferred firm for the Beal Slough bank stabilization project near 27th and Nebraska Highway. After discussions on the scope and fee, HDR developed an agreement for \$171,965.00. Discussion followed on the district's RFQ process, how it was advertised, and the timeline of the design and construction.

- Work Type: Professional Services – Streambank Stabilization
- Budget: Included in FY26 Budget
- Funding: NRD
- Proposal: \$171,965.00 –HDR
- Start: Upon Board Approval/July 2025
- Completion: March 2026, with Construction starting in FY27
- Bid Using Budget/List of Consultant's Hourly Rates & Tasks
- Delays: Weather, Permitting
- Permits: USACE 404, City of Lincoln Floodplain Permit, & General Stormwater Permit
- Access: No Concerns
- Payers, Players, & Partners: NRD, HDR, City of Lincoln (for access)
- Legal Counsel Review: Ongoing
- Deliverables: Project management, Site Analysis, Conceptual Design, Permitting, Final Design, and Bid Assistance

It was moved by Yoakum, seconded by Seacrest, and approved (6 yes and 1 Present) by the Urban Subcommittee to recommend that the Board of Directors approve the Agreement for Professional Services with HDR for Beal Slough Streambank Stabilization Design at 27th and Nebraska Highway for \$171,965.00.

B. Discussion on Revising the Community Assistance Program Policy [Discussion]–

In recent discussions, staff have been asked to consider possible policy changes to the Community Assistance Program. The original policy was approved in November 2023 and has been working effectively. Staff has brought potential additions to the policy regarding SID's to be considered as part of the applicants, a set funding limit, and a limit on how often the applicant can reapply. Staff and directors went through each item to discuss the reasoning and have decided to continue researching the items. Further discussion will be brought to the next subcommittee meeting with possible action to change the policy in the future.

Adjourn 6:27

cc: Bob Andersen, Corey Wasserburger