




LOWER PLATTE SOUTH natural resources district

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Agenda Item #10

Memorandum

Date: September 16, 2025
To: Urban Subcommittee
From: Drew Ratkovec, Projects Coordinator 
Subject: Urban Subcommittee Meeting Minutes – September 2025

The Urban Subcommittee met on September 15, 2025, at the NRD Office, at 5:30 pm. Subcommittee members participating included Dave Landis, committee chair, Stephanie Matejka, Luke Peterson, Larry Ruth, and John Yoakum. Others participating included Board Chair Bob Andersen, NRD staff David Potter, Bryce Jensen, and Drew Ratkovec. Travis Figard and Gus Shy from E&A Consulting Group, Chris Furman from Houston Engineering, and Mike Barrett, Mayor of Weeping Water, were also in attendance. Subcommittee members Gary Aldridge, Chuck Hassebrook, and Susan Seacrest were absent. Director Landis called the meeting to order at 5:33 pm. The Subcommittee took action on three items. A quorum was present for the meeting.

A. Consideration of Community Assistance Program Application for the Weeping Water Creek Bank Stabilization Project [ACTION]–

Director Landis provided background information on the Community Assistance Program (CAP) application from the City of Weeping Water. The City of Weeping Water submitted a Community Assistance Program request for the construction phase of their bank stabilization project. The district is currently assisting in the design phase of this project. Weeping Water is requesting a 50% cost-share from the district, which amounts to \$50,217.50. Questions and discussion followed about the history of the creek channel and information during flood events.

- Work Type: Construction – Streambank Stabilization
- Budget: Included in FY26 Budget
- Funding: NRD, Weeping Water
- Cost-share Amount: \$50,217.50
- Start: Upon Board Approval/September 2025
- Completion: June 2026
- Bid Using Unit Prices
- Delays: Weather
- Permits: Completed-USACE 404
- Access: No Concerns
- Payers, Players, & Partners: NRD, Weeping Water, E&A Consulting Group
- Deliverables: Stabilized Bank, Erosion Protection

It was moved by Ruth, seconded by Yoakum, and approved (5 yes and 0 no) by the Urban Subcommittee to recommend that the Board of Directors approve the Community Assistance Program request for the Construction Phase of Weeping Water Creek Bank Stabilization Project at a cost-share amount of 50% of the total eligible costs, not to exceed \$50,217.50.

B. Consideration for Professional Services Agreement with E&A Consulting Group for the Beal Slough Bank Stabilization near 52nd and Nebraska Parkway [ACTION]–

Ratkovec provided background information on an area along Beal Slough where staff identified erosion to the bank channel that should be addressed. Within the last couple of years, a portion of this area near 52nd and Nebraska Parkway was stabilized with E&A Consulting Group being the engineer of record on the project. Staff reached out to E&A Consulting Group to meet on-site and discuss a proposal to continue stabilizing the bank. E&A Consulting Group submitted a proposal for project management, environmental services, bank stabilization design, bidding services, and construction services for the amount of \$25,800.00.

- Work Type: Professional Services – Bank Stabilization
- Budget: Included in FY26 Budget
- Funding: NRD
- Proposal: \$25,800.00 – E&A Consulting Group
- Start: Upon Board Approval/September 2025
- Completion: Fall 2026
- Bid Using Budget/List of Consultant's Hourly Rates & Tasks
- Delays: Permitting
- Permits: USACE 404
- Access: E&A Consulting Group/NRD will work on access through the design phase
- Payers, Players, & Partners: NRD, E&A Consulting Group
- Legal Counsel Review: Ongoing
- Deliverables: Project Management, Environmental Services, Bank Stabilization Design, Bidding Services, and Construction Services

It was moved by Yoakum, seconded by Matejka, and approved (5 yes and 0 no) by the Urban Subcommittee to recommend that the Board of Directors approve the Professional Services Agreement with E&A Consulting Group for the 52nd and Nebraska Parkway Beal Slough Bank Stabilization Project for \$25,800.00, pending Legal Counsel Review.

C. Consideration of Bids for the Oak Creek Drainage Structure Project [ACTION]–

Ratkovec and Jensen provided background information on the Oak Creek berm located at the Interstate Lands Addition near 3301 NW 12th Street that has a failing drainage structure. In March 2025, the Board approved a Professional Agreement with Houston Engineering for Oak Creek Drainage Structure Rehabilitation. Since then, the design has been completed, and the project was let out for bid on September 10th at the district office. There were two bids, with the low bid from MC Wells for \$147,239.00. MC Wells has performed satisfactory work in the past for the district, and it was recommended by Houston to award the project to them. Houston's recommendation letter is attached. Questions and discussion followed on the history of the pipe structure.

- Work Type: Construction – Drainage Structure Rehabilitation
- Budget: Included in FY26 Budget
- Funding: NRD
- Proposal: \$147,239.00 – MC Wells
- Start: Upon Board Approval/September 2025
- Completion: November 2025
- Bid Using Unit Prices
- Delays: Weather
- Permits: In progress- City of Lincoln Floodplain Permit
- Access: No Concerns
- Payers, Players, & Partners: NRD, Houston, MC Wells
- Legal Counsel Review: Yes
- Deliverables: Repaired Drainage Structure

It was moved by Yoakum, seconded by Matejka, and approved (5 yes and 0 no) by the Urban Subcommittee to recommend that the Board of Directors approve the low bid from MC Wells for the Oak Creek Drainage Structure Rehabilitation in the amount of \$147,239.00.

Adjourn 6:04

cc: Bob Andersen, Corey Wasserburger

