



LOWER PLATTE SOUTH natural resources district

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Memorandum

Date: August 24, 2021
To: Each Director
From: Adam Sutton, Environmental Educator
Subject: I&E Subcommittee Meeting Minutes

The Information and Education Subcommittee met at 4:30pm Monday, August 23rd, 2021, via Zoom. Subcommittee members present were Dave Landis (Chair), Susan Seacrest, Vern Barrett, Christine Lamberty, John Yoakum, Ray Stevens and Ken Vogel. Others present McKenzie Barry, Adam Sutton, Mike Mascoe, David Potter and Deborah Eagan.

Chair Landis called the meeting to order at 4:30. The first agenda item was consideration of the Prairie Immersion Program and School Tour Program Agreement with Pioneers Park Nature Center (PPNC).

The Prairie Immersion Program is for 4th graders from our District to go on a 3.5-hour field trip at PPNC to learn about prairies and Nebraska history. Pioneers Park Nature Center is requesting the NRD provide \$6.50/student not to exceed \$15,000/year for the Prairie Immersion Program for field trips. This includes a virtual Zoom option in cases of inclement weather or pandemic. The rate for a Zoom field trip is \$75/class not to exceed \$3000/year. Also included in this MOU is the School Tour Program that is offered to students from all grades in our NRD. For the School Tour Program, the NRD will provide \$3/student not to exceed \$25,000/year also with the option of doing Zoom field trips in cases of inclement weather or pandemic. The cost for Zoom field trips is \$50/class not to exceed \$3000/year. The total for both the Prairie Immersion Program and School Tour Program is not to exceed \$40,000 per year.

It was moved by Director Stevens, seconded by Director Barrett, and unanimously approved that the Subcommittee recommend the Board of Directors accept the annual agreement with the City of Lincoln Parks and Recreation Department for services in compensation for the Pioneers Park Nature Center's Prairie Immersion and School Tour Programs and authorize the General Manager to sign.

Next on the agenda was subcommittee consideration from Spring Creek Prairie to financially support the Prairie Immersion Program, either in-person or via Zoom.

Schools participating in the Prairie Immersion Program go to either Pioneers Park Nature Center or Spring Creek Prairie. Spring Creek Prairie is also requesting financial support of \$6.50/student for

the 3.5-hour field trips, with the option for virtual Zoom field trips in cases of inclement weather or a pandemic. Virtual field trip costs would be \$75/class, not to exceed \$3000/year. For the Prairie Immersion Program at Spring Creek Prairie, the total reimbursement is not to exceed \$10,000 per fiscal year.

It was moved by Director Barrett, seconded by Director Seacrest and unanimously approved that the Subcommittee recommend the Board of Directors authorize financial support to Spring Creek Prairie Audubon Center for assistance to provide in-person Field Trips or Zoom for the Prairie Immersion Program.

The last item on the agenda was the subcommittee review of I&E Goals completed in FY21 and Proposed FY 2022 Goals.

It was moved by Director Stevens, seconded by Director Yoakum and unanimously approved that the subcommittee recommend the Board of Directors to accept the FY 2022 measurable goals for the Information & Education Subcommittee and to submit the goals to the Finance & Planning Subcommittee for inclusion in the FY 2022 Long Range Implementation Plan.

Director Yoakum suggested it would be great for the NRD to provide outreach and education at cultural events to reach a part of the District's population that might not be aware of the NRD.

Directors would like to discuss this more at the Director's Retreat.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Chair Landis at 5:00PM.

AS/as

It was noticed at the Board meeting, the third motion written in the I&E Subcommittee Minutes was written wrong. The corrected motion is below.

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