




LOWER PLATTE SOUTH natural resources district

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Memorandum

Date: October 16, 2018
To: Board of Directors
From: David Potter, Assistant General Manager 
RE: Land Resources Subcommittee Meeting Minutes

The Land Resources Subcommittee met at 5:30 pm on Monday, October 15, 2018 in the LPSNRD large conference room to discuss and take action on six agenda items. Subcommittee members present included Vern Barrett, Dick Bolte, Mike DeKalb, Gary Hellerich, Dave Landis, Larry Ruth and Gary Aldridge. Members absent included Mark Spangler. Others present included Ray Stevens, Ron Svoboda, David Potter, Donna Reid, Shaula Ross, and Cory Schmidt. Mike DeKalb called the meeting to order and reviewed the agenda.

a. Consideration of Surface Water Quality BMP Cost-Share Applications.

Reid informed the subcommittee that the District has received one additional cost-share application for Fall work. The application is for conservation work (terraces) located in the Western portion of District. Potter explained that according to the July 1, 2018 Surface Water Quality BMP Cost-Share Program budget (which consists of FY'19 budgeted amounts, the allocated funds, obligated dollars, and available funds), the western portion is not over obligated and there is still available funds for conservation work. A map of the location was provided. The application is for Arvid T. Bejvancesky, NE ¼ 11-13-4 Butler Co., for terraces in the amount of \$8,991.02.

It was moved by Landis, seconded by Hellerich, and unanimously approved by the Subcommittee to recommend the Board of Directors approve the cost-share application for Arvid T. Bejvancesky in the amount \$8,991.02.

b. Digital Map Products Agreement with Pictometry International Corp for the LPSNRD portions of Butler, Otoe, and Seward Counties.

Potter and Ross explained that this item is one of four that that was identified in LRIP and the budget under Land Resources – GIS Aerial Imagery Updates (budget item 419304). Background information on all four proposed agreements was given. The agreement with Pictometry is new, since we've not had an agreement with them directly. The agreement will provide the District with aerial imagery for those portions of Butler, Otoe, and Seward Counties that are within Lower Platte South NRD. Agreements with the City of Lincoln (for Lancaster County), Saunders County, and Cass County will complete the aerial imagery for the entire District.

The total cost of the project for those portions of Butler, Otoe and Seward counties is \$41,358 for two flights, payable in equal installments of \$6,893 per year for six years with a provision to “opt-out” of the second (2022) flight. The item was discussed further with the subcommittee and Ross provided examples of the aerial imagery. Additional information and the agreement were provided.

It was moved by Landis, seconded by Hellerich, and unanimously approved by the Subcommittee to recommend the Board of Directors approve the Digital Map Products Agreement with Pictometry International Corp for the LPSNRD portions of Butler, Otoe and Seward Counties, subject to legal counsel review.

c. Digital Map Products Agreement with the City of Lincoln for Lancaster County.

Ross informed the subcommittee that in the past the District had entered into an agreement with the City of Lincoln that provides the District’s the right to use the Digital Aerial Mapping of Lancaster County for District purposes. The last agreement was approved in 2016 and was occurring every three years. There has been a slight change and imagery is being acquired more frequently (every two years). This agreement provides for joint use of the digital orthophotos (imagery) and other information or data rather than having them done separately for an additional cost. The proposed agreement would extend through 2023. The total cost of the project to the District is \$30,000 for three flights, payable in equal installments of \$5,000 per year for six years. Additional information and the agreement were provided.

It was moved by Bolte, seconded by Barrett, and unanimously approved by the Subcommittee to recommend the Board of Directors approve the Agreement with the City of Lincoln for Lancaster County Digital Mapping, subject to legal counsel review.

d. Digital Map Products Agreement with Cass County.

Ross informed the subcommittee members that the District has also been entering into an agreement with Cass County every three years that provides the District the right to use the Digital Aerial Mapping of the County for District purposes. This proposed agreement extends until June 30, 2021 and provides for joint use of the digital orthophotos (imagery) and other information or data rather than having them done twice for an additional cost. The total cost to the District for the project is \$12,000 for one flight, payable in equal installments of \$4,000 per year for three years. Additional information and the agreement were provided.

It was moved by Barrett, seconded by Bolte, and unanimously approved by the Subcommittee to recommend the Board of Directors approve the Digital Map Products Agreement with Cass County, subject to legal counsel review.

e. Digital Map Products Agreement with Saunders County.

Just as with Cass County, the District has been entering into an agreement with Saunders County for several years that provides the District’s right to use the Digital Aerial Mapping of the County for District purposes. This agreement extends until 2024 and provides for joint use of the digital orthophotos (imagery) and other information or data rather than having them done separately for an additional cost. Ross and Potter explained

that the total cost to the District for the project is \$7,200 for two flights, payable in in equal installments of \$1,200 per year for six years. Additional information and the agreement were provided.

It was moved by Landis, seconded by DeKalb, and unanimously approved by the Subcommittee to recommend the Board of Directors approve the Digital Map Products Agreement with Saunders County, subject to legal counsel review.

f. Conservation Easement for agricultural land protection from the Minerva D. Anson Estate near Manley, NE.

Ron Svoboda explained that in the Last Will and Testament of the Minerva D. Anson it provided for her representatives to enter into an agricultural easement (conservation easement) for the purposes of maintaining her farm in production agriculture and prohibit development on the land. As the Estate's representative, Svoboda approached the Lower Platte South NRD and discussed with the General Manager whether the District might be willing to accept a Conservation Easement over this property. The Proposed Anson Estate Conservation Easement for 31.7 acres is located in the NW ¼ of the NW ¼, Except highway ROW and Except homestead, Section 15, Township 11 North, Range 11 East of the 6th P.M., Cass County, Nebraska, just northwest of Manley, NE. The purpose of this Conservation Easement is to enable the property to remain in productive agriculture uses by preventing uses of the property that will impair or interfere with the Property's agricultural productive capacity, its soils and its agricultural character, values ad utility. Furthermore, to the extent that the preservation of this open space character and [scenic, habitat, natural or historic, etc.] values of this Property are consistent with such use, it is within the Purpose of this Easement to protect those values. In short, the conservation easement would preserve the area for cropland/pasture/horticulture uses and prohibit development for commercial or residential purposes. The cost to the District for the easement is \$10. The property is located within the zoning jurisdiction of the Village of Manley and required village board approval. The Manley planning commission recommended approval and the village board approved the conservation easement in September. The subcommittee discussed the purpose and benefit of the easement to the District and the community. The proposed conservation easement agreement was provided.

It was moved by Barrett, seconded by Landis, and approved by a vote of 5-2 by the Subcommittee (with Aldridge and Hellerich voting no) to recommend the Board of Directors approve the conservation easement for agricultural land protection from Minerva D. Anson Estate near Manley, NE, subject to legal counsel review.

Prior to adjournment, there was some discussion on the District's new Cover Crop Program. Schmidt, Potter and Reid informed the subcommittee that the District received three new cover crop cost-share applications and all three were approved. Schmidt and Potter stated that the program was advertised in newspaper articles, on the District website, and letters were mailed out directly to landowners in the Phase II and III areas. There were a lot of interest but land was found to be located outside the designated areas in most cases. Schmidt and Potter also discussed some questions raised by property owners and tenants, and that the two-week window of getting the word out was too short. The subcommittee discussed the need for more program awareness, opening it up district-wide, seed variety, and the application timeframe. Staff will review some alternatives and the subcommittee will re-visit it in the future.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 6:37 pm.