




## LOWER PLATTE SOUTH natural resources district

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### Memorandum

**Date:** September 10, 2019  
**To:** Board of Directors  
**From:** David Potter, Assistant General Manager   
**Subject:** Minutes from the September 9<sup>th</sup> Platte River Subcommittee meeting

The LPSNRD Platte River Subcommittee met on Monday, September 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. at the Lower Platte South NRD office. Members present included Don Jacobson, Gary Hellerich, Anthony Schutz, Ray Stevens and Sarah Wilson. Members absent were Karen Amen, Chelsea Johnson and Dan Steinkruger. Others present included Larry Ruth, Greg Osborn, Deborah Eagan, Paul Zillig, David Potter, Al Langdale, Tom Ourada, and David Hanson. Chair Jacobson called the meeting to order and reviewed the agenda. The three agenda items included:

#### **Consideration of Omaha Fish & Wildlife Club's USACE PL84-99 Agreement for USACE Assistance restoring the damaged levee. (ACTION)**

As the official sponsor for the Cedar Creek Levee (since September 1987), the LPSNRD Board of Directors approved to submit a request for US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) assistance (Public Law/PL 84-99) at their April 17, 2019 Board meeting on behalf of the Omaha Fish & Wildlife Club to restore their levee that was damaged during the March flood. The request for assistance was with the understanding that Omaha Fish & Wildlife Club will be responsible for all landrights and costs of the sponsor. Zillig, Potter and Langdale commented that several erosion areas were approved by the USACE and that bids were opened on September 5, 2019. The USACE awarded the bid and had sent a cooperative agreement to LPSNRD and the Omaha Fish & Wildlife Club for approval and 20% of the construction cost. The total estimated cost of the project is \$1,560,00 and the estimated sponsor portion (20%) of the cost is \$312,000. An agreement letter had been drafted by LPSNRD and sent to the Omaha Fish and Wildlife Club pertaining to these terms and was also provided to the subcommittee. Tom Ourada and David Hanson with Omaha Fish and Wildlife Club were present to answer questions of the subcommittee. The agreement letter has been signed by the Omaha Fish and Wildlife Club and is attached. All funding has been secured by Omaha Fish and Wildlife Club as a requirement before construction can begin.

A copy of the cooperative agreement from the USACE, certification regarding lobbying, maps showing the location of the damaged levees, and a photo of the damaged levee were provided to the subcommittee and are attached. The agreement has already been signed by the Omaha Fish & Wildlife Club.

**It was moved by Stevens, seconded by Hellerich, and unanimously approved to recommend the LPSNRD Board of Directors, pending Omaha Fish & Wildlife Club agreeing to fulfill all project sponsor responsibilities, approve the Cooperative Agreement between the Department of the Army, Omaha Fish & Wildlife Club and the Lower Platte South Natural Resources District for the 2019 Levee Rehabilitation of the Omaha Fish & Wildlife Club Platte River Right Bank Cedar Creek Levee Project (PL84-99), subject to legal counsel review.**

**Consideration of USACE PL84-99 Cooperative Agreement for USACE Assistance restoring the damaged Western Sarpy Clear Creek Levee. (ACTION)**

The March storms and flooding created many issues and challenges for much of the state. The Western Sarpy Clear Creek Levee was also compromised during the flooding. Zillig explained there were about 25 areas identified by the USACE on the Clear Creek levee (west side of the Platte River) that need some sort of repair. The project sponsors for the USACE PL84-99 application includes PMRNRD, LPNNRD & LPSNRD with Lower Platte North NRD the lead on the project. The USACE will be initiating the repair process this fall with a projected advertising on 9/17 and the pre-bid site walk on 9/24. The cooperative agreement will be developed by the Department of the Army.

**It was moved by Hellerich, seconded by Stevens, and unanimously approved to recommend the LPSNRD Board of Directors authorize the General Manager to sign the Cooperative Agreement with the Department of the Army for the PL84-99 Flood Rehabilitation Clear Creek – Platte River Right Bank Levee System, subject to legal counsel review.**

**Update on the Western Sarpy Clear Creek Fuse Plug. (DISCUSSION)**

The final item was an update on the damaged fuse plug located near the National Guard Camp at Ashland. Zillig and Potter reported that Lower Platte North NRD had received two contractor bids for the fuse plug repair. LPNNRD is to hire the selected contractor and an engineering firm to oversee the work.

With no further business or discussion, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:40 p.m.

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