TO: Board of Directors

FROM: Dan Schulz, Resources Coordinator

DATE: January 15, 2019

SUBJECT: Minutes – Recreation, Forestry & Wildlife Subcommittee Meeting

On Monday, January 14, 2019, the Recreation, Forestry and Wildlife Subcommittee met in the District conference room at 5PM. Subcommittee members present were Chair-Sarah Wilson, Gary Aldridge, Tom Green, Don Jacobson, Bruce Johnson, Chelsea Johnson and Anthony Schutz. Others present were Robert Bartja & Nicole Fleck-Tooze –Lincoln Parks & Recreation, Ariana Kennedy, Jason Pickerel-Great Plains Appraisal, David Potter, Larry Ruth, Dan Schulz and Paul Zillig.

Chair Wilson opened the meeting at 5:07PM, reviewed the agenda and guest introductions were made.

The first agenda item was the review of the Cochran conservation easement for the Prairie Corridor on Haines Branch Project. Fleck-Tooze gave a brief overview of how the Cochran property fits into the corridor project and answered questions (see attached).

It was moved by Jacobson and seconded by B. Johnson to go into closed session to protect the public interest and develop strategy with respect to accepting the appraisal and negotiations related to the acquisition of a conservation easement over the Cochran property for the Prairie Corridor on Haines Branch Project.

Not voting-Aldridge.

It was moved by Jacobson, seconded by Schutz and unanimously approved to come out of closed session.

*It was moved by Jacobson, seconded by Schutz and unanimously approved to recommend that the Board of Directors approve the appraised value and authorize District staff to negotiate and acquire the conservation easement in accordance with the Jacobson’s guidance.*

The next item was a report by Bartja on the construction of the Stiefel Johnson Trailhead parking lot (see attached). He indicated the City had requested a second round of proposals due to the high initial costs to construct. The City’s revised design resulted in lower proposals which were within the City’s guidelines for the construction.

The third agenda item was consideration of the right-of-entry access agreement to construct the Stiefel Johnson Trailhead parking lot. Schulz reviewed the attached agreement and indicated the cost for construction would be split evenly between the District and the City of Lincoln. Schulz indicated the District’s share would be half of the $33,530 low proposal and that $15,000 is currently in the District’s budget for the construction.

*It was moved by Aldridge, seconded by Jacobson and unanimously approved to recommend that the Board of Directors authorize the General Manager to enter into the right-of-entry agreement with the City of Lincoln and Harlan and Judith Stiefel for the construction of the Stiefel Johnson Trailhead for the Prairie Corridor on Haines Branch Project.*

Chair Wilson gave the members an opportunity to bring up other business and make comments. She adjourned the meeting at 6:10PM.