

LOWER PLATTE SOUTH NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT



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TO: Board of Directors

FROM: Dan Schulz, Resources Coordinator *Da*

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SUBJECT: Minutes – Recreation, Forestry & Wildlife Subcommittee Meeting

On Wednesday, October 3, 2017, the Recreation, Forestry and Wildlife Subcommittee met in the District conference room at 5:30PM. Subcommittee members present were Chair – Milt Schmidt, Gary Aldridge, Don Jacobson, and Mark Spangler. Others present were Ariana Kennedy, David Potter, Dan Schulz, Ray Stevens and Paul Zillig.

The first agenda item was consideration of a professional services contract with The Flatwater Group to conduct the monitoring required by the US Army Corps of Engineers at Marsh Wren Community Wetland Management Area (see attached). Schulz reviewed the District's Nationwide #27, 404 Clean Water Act permit that was required for the Marsh Wren saline wetland restoration. He indicated the five years of monitoring is required in the special conditions of the permit and has been required for other saline wetland projects. The monitoring will be completed on a time and materials basis with the not-to-exceed limits of \$12,000 for the first year, \$7,500 for year 2 and \$6,000 for each subsequent year of the 5-year monitoring period (\$37,500 total). Schulz indicated District legal counsel reviewed and had revisions put into the contract and funding for the contract is in the FY'18 budget.

It was moved by Jacobson, seconded by Spangler and unanimously approved to recommend the Board of Directors approve the professional services agreement with The Flatwater Group, Inc. to conduct wetland monitoring at Marsh Wren for a cost not-to-exceed \$37,500.

The second agenda item was to review the Lincoln Trails Plan and the Crescent Green Trails Project. Zillig reviewed the attached condensed excerpt from the Lincoln plan and the attached map. He pointed out the south beltway, some of the proposed trails in the urbanizing areas on the east side of Lincoln and the Prairie Corridor on Haines Branch Project.



Kennedy reviewed the Crescent Green Project which follows Salt creek from Wilderness Park around to the north side of Lincoln. She also pointed out the completed trails from Wilderness Park up to 33rd & Superior Street. This project has been around since the 1960's.

The last agenda item was to discuss District forestry activities related to Emerald Ash Borer (EAB). Aldridge reviewed his attempts to amend the District budget and Long Range Implementation Plan to include funds to deal with EAB. In the FY'18 Long Range Implementation Plan there is an action item to monitor the EAB situation. He also reviewed his contacts dealing with LB 71 the Pansing-Brooks bill for \$3 million in funding to address EAB. During the discussion, he indicated he wanted additional funds to deal with EAB on District property and he will try to add funds to the District budget in the future.

Chair Schmidt adjourned the meeting at 6:17PM.