



LOWER PLATTE SOUTH natural resources district

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TO: Board of Directors

FROM: Dan Schulz, Resources Coordinator *Dan*

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SUBJECT: Minutes-Recreation, Forestry & Wildlife Subcommittee

On Thursday, November 2, 2017, the Recreation, Forestry and Wildlife Subcommittee met in the District conference room following the Directors tour of the Marsh Wren Saline Wetland Restoration Project. Subcommittee members present were Chair - Milt Schmidt, Gary Aldridge, Don Jacobson, Dan Steinkruger and Sarah Wilson. Others present were Ariana Kennedy, Dan Schulz and Paul Zillig.

The first agenda item was consideration of proposals received to replace two drainage culverts on the Oak Creek Trail. Kennedy reviewed the three proposals received from Yost Excavating, Inc., M. E. Collins Contracting Co., Inc., and Gana Trucking and Excavating, Inc. (see attached trail map and proposals). The subcommittee discussed the range of the three proposals \$62,000, \$30,514 and \$14,568.

Staff informed the subcommittee verification was needed for the low bid from Gana Trucking and Excavating Inc. that their proposal was for two culverts. (Post meeting - Gana informed staff via e-mail the proposal was for the two culverts. Devin Biesecker, District Engineer, reviewed and gave the okay for Gana's low bid of \$14,568.00).

It was moved by Steinkruger, seconded by Wilson and unanimously approved to recommend the Board of Directors approve the low bid from Gana Trucking and Excavating Inc., to replace two culverts on the Oak Creek Trail at a cost not to exceed \$14,568.00.

The next agenda item was the District's policy on fencing. Director Spangler had requested this to be put on the subcommittee's agenda after remarks made at last month's Board of Directors meeting in Waverly by Tom Kocian. Attached is a copy of the District's Fencing Policy and past District correspondence with the Kocian's related to fencing. The subcommittee reviewed the policy and discussed it.

The last agenda item was an update by Kennedy on the motocross cross track at the Abbot Sports Complex. Kennedy indicated the District holds two 20 year easements on the motocross properties. One easement is on land owned by the Ethel S. Abbott Charitable Foundation and the other easement is on land owned by the Lincoln Sports Foundation. The motocross track opened in 2011.

The Abbott Foundation holds the mortgage on the Abbott Sports Complex and was in the process of selling the complex this past summer. The sale fell through after the Lincoln Sports Foundation raised questions about the legality of the sale at which point the Abbott Foundation began foreclosure on the property.

In mid-October, Lincoln Sports Foundation filed a lawsuit stating it does not believe the Abbott Foundation has the legal right to foreclose on the property. Attorneys for both parties agreed to delay a foreclosure on the sale of Abbott Sports Complex. Lancaster County District Judge Susan Strong, set a hearing for November 28th intended to allow both parties to work out a deal (see two articles attached).

Staff also reviewed meetings/correspondence with Lancaster County and District legal counsel concerning the easements and that regardless of who ends up owning this land, the easements will remain in effect for the continued operation of the motocross track as required by the federal funding for the track.

Chair Schmidt adjourned the meeting at 6:16PM.