



**LOWER PLATTE SOUTH**  
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**MEMORANDUM**

Date: November 8, 2023  
 To: Lower Platte South Natural Resources District Board of Directors  
 From: Will Inselman, Resources Coordinator *WI*  
 Subject: Minutes for Recreation, Forestry & Wildlife Subcommittee Meeting

On Monday, November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023, at 5:35 p.m., the Recreation, Forestry and Wildlife subcommittee met in the Large Conference Room. Subcommittee members present; Anthony Schutz – Chair, Stacie Sinclair, Ray Stevens, Christine Lamberty, Gary Hellerich, and Don Jacobson. Other attendees were Brian Schuele (Olsson, Inc.), Mike Sousek, Ariana Kennedy, and Will Inselman.

The first item on the agenda was consideration of an amendment to The Flatwater Group for their work on the Little Salt Creek Watershed Flood Prevention Operations (WFPO) - Plan Environmental Assessment. In May, the LPSNRD Board of Directors approved an amendment to the existing Flatwater Group agreement to add additional funds requested from NRCS. That allocated an additional \$100,000 in funds to the agreement to pay The Flatwater Group for their work on the Little Salt Creek WFPO Plan EA. As the process for approval of this plan continues, staff would like to amend our current agreement with The Flatwater Group to include an additional \$33,000 in NRCS funds. This additional \$33,000 is the final amount remaining for this project and is anticipated to cover all services rendered to complete and submit the Plan-EA by April 2024. The funds for this phase of the WFPO process are 100% reimbursable from NRCS. Staff answered questions about the funds and the status of the project.

**It was moved by Jacobson and seconded by Stevens and unanimously approved to recommend the Lower Platte South NRD Board of Directors authorize the General Manager to approve the contract amendment with The Flatwater Group to add \$34,890.00 of NRCS funds for contractual services related to the the Little Salt Creek WFPO Plan-Environmental Assessment.**

**Motion Passed: 5-0 (Sinclair abstained)**

Second on the agenda was consideration of a construction services agreement from Olsson, Inc. for construction oversight on the MoPac Wood Box Culvert replacement project. In October, the Board of Directors approved the bid from Kenneth Drewes for the MoPac Trail Wood Box Culvert replacement project. Olsson is the engineer on the project and has prepared a construction engineering services agreement. These services are to include construction management, on-site construction inspection, and materials testing services during the construction of the project. The total amount of the agreement is \$15,463.75. Map of project area is attached

below. Kenneth Drewes, who was awarded the bid for this project, will begin work on MoPac this winter. Brian Schuele from Olsson was present and answered questions from the subcommittee.

**It was moved by Stevens and seconded by Jacobson and unanimously approved to recommend the Lower Platte South NRD Board of Directors approve the construction services agreement with Olsson in the amount of \$15,463.75 for the MoPac Trail Wood Box Culvert Replacement project.**

**Motion Passed: 6-0**

Last on the agenda were staff updates. Reports/updates: Potential conservation easement donation, completion of the Wildwood boat ramp project with Nebraska Game and Parks Commission, and update on year two of the Backyard Prairie Pollinator Program.

Meeting adjourned at 6:13 p.m.

PC: RF&W subcommittee file