



LOWER PLATTE SOUTH natural resources district

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MEMORANDUM

Date: December 12, 2023

To: Lower Platte South Natural Resources District Board of Directors

From: Ariana Kennedy, Resources Conservationist *AK*

Subject: Minutes for Recreation, Forestry & Wildlife Subcommittee Meeting

On Monday, December 11th, 2023, at 5:30 p.m., the Recreation, Forestry and Wildlife subcommittee met in the Large Conference Room. Subcommittee members present; Anthony Schutz – Chair, Gary Hellerich, Don Jacobson, Stacie Sinclair, and John Yoakum. Other attendees were Dave Potter, Chris Wayne (Midwest Right of Way Services, Inc.) and Ariana Kennedy.

The first item on the agenda was consideration of bids for fencing projects on Cottontail WMA, Little Salt Springs WMA, and Oak Creek Trail. Lower Platte South Natural Resources District (LPSNRD) staff reviewed the three public areas in need of fence work with the subcommittee. Staff informed the subcommittee a request to bid was sent to three contractors. Two contractors submitted bids for the project. Both contractors suggested replacing the fence at Little Salt Springs WMA instead of repairing the fence. Staff agreed with this suggestion. Morrissey Enterprises, LLC. had the low bid of \$24,573, bid includes installation of new fence rather than fence repair on Little Salt Springs WMA. Saline Wetland Conservation Partnership will provide 50/50 cost-share (\$8,415) with LPSNRD on Little Salt Springs WMA fencing projects. The subcommittee had several questions for staff regarding fencing.

It was moved by Jacobson and seconded by Sinclair to recommend the Lower Platte South NRD Board of Directors approve the bid from Morrissey Enterprises, LLC. to install a new fence on Cottontail; and remove existing fence and install new fence on Little Salt Springs WMA, and Oak Creek Trail in the amount not to exceed \$24,573.

Motion Passed: 5-0

Second on the agenda were the easements the City of Lincoln is seeking from LPSNRD on MoPac East Trail at 98th Street. These easements are related to the City of Lincoln expanding 98th Street. Permanent and temporary easements are necessary for installation of a new water main and relocation of the current drainage structure. The projected work would impact access to the trail however the contractor will provide temporary access to the trail during construction. Construction would begin in the spring of 2024, the City will notify LPSNRD 7-10

days prior to work starting in the area. Chris Wayne and staff answered several questions from the subcommittee.

It was moved by Yoakum and seconded by Sinclair to recommend the Lower Platte South NRD Board of Directors authorize the General Manager to approve the Right-of-Way Contract Easements with City of Lincoln for a permanent easement, temporary easement, replacing (3) metal signs, and replacing (3) steel bollards on MoPac East Trail at 98th Street in the amount of \$7,860.

Motion Passed: 5-0

Last on the agenda were staff updates regarding conservation easements.

Meeting adjourned at 6:01 p.m.

Attachments

PC: RF&W subcommittee file