



## LOWER PLATTE SOUTH natural resources district

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### MEMORANDUM

Date: December 13, 2022

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, December 12, 2022, at 5:32 p.m., the Recreation, Forestry and Wildlife subcommittee met virtually via Zoom. Subcommittee members present; Anthony Schutz – Chair, Luke Peterson, Christine Lamberty, Tom Green, Ray Stevens, and Mark Spangler. Other attendees were David Potter, Ariana Kennedy, and Will Inselman.

First and only item on the agenda was the approval of the low bid for the prescribed fire pumper unit. This summer, LPSNRD submitted a grant to the National Wild Turkey Federation (NWTF) to obtain funds to purchase a prescribed fire pumper unit. Staff explained that this pumper unit is a critical piece of equipment that would allow LPSNRD staff to be self-sufficient in conducting controlled burns on our properties for management purposes. Currently, LPSNRD owns one unit, and this second unit will allow us to have two large water sources on burns to operate two burn teams safely. LPSNRD submitted the grant with the intent of a 1:1 match with LPSNRD contributing \$10,000 and NWTF contributing \$10,000. Our grant was one of five grants selected for funding (NWTF received 8 total proposals), unfortunately NWTF was only able to award LPSNRD with \$2,500 of the original \$10,000 requested. Seeing as this piece of equipment is important for conducting management on our properties, we would request proceeding with the purchase. LPSNRD submitted bids to three manufactures (two in Nebraska and one in South Dakota) and received bids from two of them.

**It was moved by Green and seconded by Stevens and approved to recommend the Lower Platte South NRD Board of Directors approve the low bid from Danko Emergency Equipment Company in the amount of \$16,730.00 for the prescribed fire pumper unit and accept the \$2,500.00 grant award from the National Wild Turkey Federation to be used towards this purchase.**

Motion Passed: 5-1 (Spangler voting NO)

Meeting adjourned at 5:43 p.m.