TO:        Board of Directors
FROM:     Dan Schulz, Resources Coordinator
DATE:    December 7, 2017
SUBJECT:  Recreation, Forestry & Wildlife Subcommittee Meeting Minutes

The Recreation, Forestry and Wildlife Subcommittee met in the District conference room on Wednesday, December 6, 2017 at 7:00 PM. Subcommittee members present were Chair-Milt Schmidt, Gary Aldridge, Don Jacobson, Mark Spangler, Dan Steinkruger, Ron Svoboda and Sarah Wilson. Others present were Nicole Fleck-Tooze-Lincoln Parks & Recreation, Tom Kubert- Great Plains Appraisal, Inc., David Potter, Dan Schulz, Ray Stevens and Paul Zillig.

The first agenda item was consideration of the interlocal cooperation agreement with the City of Lincoln on the Prairie Corridor on Haines Branch Project (see attached). Fleck-Tooze gave a presentation on the project and reviewed previous discussions with the subcommittee on the annual agreements since 2014 and the reasoning for now proposing a 20 year agreement with the District. Zillig went over the changes from the original agreement (see attached). Fleck-Tooze indicated the project was going to the next level with the organization of the Prairie Corridor Cabinet and various off shoot committees with close to 75 individuals. She also indicated Mayor Beutler was able to persuade Michael Forsberg to chair the cabinet and she informed the Directors about the upcoming news conference on December 7, 2017.

It was moved by Steinkruger and seconded by Svoboda to recommend the Board of Directors enter into the 20 year interlocal cooperation agreement with the City of Lincoln for the Prairie Corridor on Haines Branch Project.
Aldridge moved to amend the motion to strike 20 years and replace it with 5 years. The amended motion died for lack of a second.

Voting in favor of the original motion was Jacobson, Schmidt, Spangler, Steinkruger, Svoboda and Wilson.

Voting no was Aldridge.

Motion passed.

The last agenda item was consideration of the Wilcox Property Appraisal.

It was moved by Aldridge, seconded by Svoboda and unanimously approved to go into closed session to protect the public interest and develop strategy with respect to negotiations related to the acquisition of the Wilcox property.

Kubert reviewed a summary of the appraisal and answered questions in closed session.

It was moved by Spangler, seconded by Svoboda and unanimously approved to come out of closed session.

**It was moved by Steinkruger, seconded by Jacobson and unanimously approved to recommend that the Board of Directors accept the Lower Platte South Natural Resources District’s appraisal of the Wilcox property and authorize staff to negotiate as directed by the Board of Directors and General Manager to acquire the Wilcox property located in sections 17 and 18, Township 8 North, Range 7 East, Lancaster County, Nebraska.**

Chair Schmidt adjourned the meeting at 8:22 PM.