TO: Board of Directors

FROM: Dan Schulz, Resources Coordinator

DATE: December 7, 2018

SUBJECT: Minutes-Recreation, Forestry & Wildlife Subcommittee Meeting

The Recreation, Forestry and Wildlife Subcommittee met in the District conference room on Thursday, December 6, 2018 at 5:30PM. Members present were Chair-Sarah Wilson, Gary Aldridge, Don Jacobson, Chelsea Johnson and Ron Svoboda. Others present were Ariana Kennedy, Rick Onnen-E&A Engineering, Dan Schulz, Jay Seaton, Ray Stevens, Caleb Swanson-Project Control, Pat Wenzl-Lincoln Police Department and Paul Zillig.

The first item was the proposal for earth borrow operations and wetland construction the Lincoln Saline Wetland Nature Center. Onnen gave a presentation on the proposal explaining the location of the fill and borrow sites, why the borrow site was selected, site investigations and expected outcomes of the project. Attached is the information he went over. Onnen, Swanson and District staff provided additional information to the subcommittee member’s questions.

It was moved by Jacobson, seconded by Johnson and unanimously approved to recommend that the Board of Directors approve the Lincoln Police Department’s proposal to remove fill material from the Lincoln Saline Wetland Nature Center and authorize the General Manager to enter into an agreement with the City of Lincoln subject to legal counsel review.
The second item was to review the Community Forestry Program. Wilson reviewed emails she had received from Directors Bruce Johnson and Anthony Schutz and recent comments made by the Directors. Staff provided a brief history of the program and how it evolved to the present. Seaton reviewed staff’s suggestions to the program guidelines, answered questions and provided clarification on the program’s mechanics. See attached Community Forestry Program – Exhibit “A” showing the suggested changes discussed. Also attached is the program’s application form and cooperator agreement with changes shown.

**It was moved by Svoboda, seconded by Johnson and approved to recommend that the Board of Directors adopt the changes to the program and program documents.**

Voting to approve the motion were Jacobson, Johnson, Svoboda and Wilson.

Aldridge not voting.

The last agenda item was comments about NRD lakes by Aldridge. He discussed the locations of the eight flood control, public use properties the District owns and that he is developing ideas to make these properties more attractive.

Wilson informed the subcommittee members she may not be able to travel back in time for the Board meeting and with her encouragement Svoboda agreed to make the subcommittee’s report to the Board if necessary.

Wilson adjourned the meeting at 6:44PM