



LOWER PLATTE SOUTH natural resources district

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MEMORANDUM

Date: December 7, 2021

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 6, 2021, at 5:30 p.m., the Recreation, Forestry and Wildlife subcommittee met via Zoom. Subcommittee members on the Zoom meeting; Anthony Schutz – Chair, Lisa Lewis, Christine Lamberty, Susan Seacrest, Ray Stevens and John Yoakum. Other attendees were Gary Aldridge, Brian Schuele (Olsson), Deb Eagan, Paul Zillig, David Potter, Dan Schulz, Jay Seaton and Ariana Kennedy.

First on the agenda was the Homestead Trail Location 9 concrete box culvert bids. This is the site on Homestead Trail where the bridge and trail were closed during the summer of 2021 due to significant erosion near and around the south abutment. Bids were opened on Monday, November 29. Five bids were received and Bauer Underground, Inc. was the low bidder at \$316,762.50. The Opinion of Probable Cost prepared by Olsson was \$311,275.00. Olsson provided a bid tabulation for all bids received.

Olsson discovered the amount of riprap quantity needed for the project had been overestimated in the bid documents. The riprap line item in the bids submitted by the five contractors were compared to one another. Bauer submitted the low bid on this line item and remained the low bidder for the project. Olsson has contacted Bauer Underground, Inc. about the reduction in riprap and as a result, Bauer has agreed to reduce the contract amount to \$274,835.00. Bauer is a good contractor and has experience in culvert work. Consequently, Olsson provided a letter of recommendation to award Bauer the project. Substantial completion of the project is to occur on or before April 30, 2022. Schuele answered questions from the subcommittee. Olsson recommendation letter, Olsson Opinion of Probable Cost, and Olsson bid tabulation are attached to this memorandum.

It was moved by Lewis and seconded by Lamberty and unanimously approved to recommend the Lower Platte South NRD Board of Directors award the Homestead Trail Location 9 Concrete Box Culvert project to Bauer Underground, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$274,835.00.

Next, on the agenda was the professional services contract with Olsson for construction oversight on the Homestead Trail Location 9 Concrete Box Culvert project. Letter Agreement Amendment #3 for Professional Services between LPSNRD and Olsson for construction phase services is attached to this memorandum. The scope of services for the construction phase on the box culvert project are for project management, construction management, on-site field management, and project close-out. The Agreement is based on time and materials, not to exceed \$27,680.00. Schuele answered questions from the subcommittee. Legal counsel has reviewed and approved the Agreement.

It was moved by Lewis and seconded by Seacrest and unanimously approved to recommend the Lower Platte South NRD Board of Directors approve Letter Agreement Amendment #3 between the Lower Platte South NRD and Olsson for construction phase services on the Homestead Trail Location 9 Concrete Box Culvert project in an amount not to exceed \$27,680.00.

A quorum was not present, a motion will need to be placed on the floor and seconded to allow Board action on this item.

Last, on the agenda was the Lower Platte South Natural Resources District Landscape Tree Cost-Share Program. Seaton stated this program's guidelines were based on the District Community Forestry Program. The cost-share program is 75% of the cost of a landscape tree up to \$115 with a maximum of 85 applicants per year. The District budgeted \$10,000 for this pilot program in fiscal year 2022. He mentioned the District landscape tree cost-share program spawned from the City of Lincoln tree voucher program. Residential or commercial properties located in the District are eligible for the District program. The guidelines for the program include; rules for the program, an applicant checklist, an application form, and a list of species eligible for the program are attached to this memorandum.

It was moved by Stevens and seconded by Yoakum and unanimously approved to recommend the Lower Platte South NRD Board of Directors adopt the Lower Platte South Natural Resources District Landscape Tree Cost-Share Program guidelines and authorize the General Manager to approve applications up to the budgeted amount.

Meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

PC: RF&W subcommittee file