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TO: Board of Directors

FROM: Dan Schulz, Resources Coordinator 

DATE: February, 15, 2018

SUBJECT: Minutes -Recreation, Forestry and Wildlife Subcommittee

The Recreation, Forestry and Wildlife Subcommittee met in the District Conference room on Tuesday, February 13, 2018 at 5:30PM.

Subcommittee members present were Chair- Sarah Wilson, Gary Aldridge, Don Jacobson, Chelsea Johnson, Jeremie Kerkman and Mark Spangler. Others present were Ariana Kennedy, Dan Schulz, Jay Seaton, Ray Stevens and Paul Zillig.

The first agenda item was Community Forestry Program applications. Seaton reviewed the three attached applications. The subcommittee discussed each application. Discussion on the Manske application was to take out seven of the nine trees which were going to be planted around and within a private residence. The remaining two trees are to be planted in the public street right of way.

It was moved by Kerkman and seconded by Johnson to recommend the Board of Directors approve the Community Forestry Program applications with the District's share not to exceed \$2,464.65 for The Preserve Home Owners Association to plant 15 trees; \$337.67 for Lou



Ann Manske to plant 2 trees; and \$7,435.00 for the Downtown Lincoln Association to plant 68 trees.

Voting in aye – Johnson, Kerkman, Spangler, Wilson.

Voting nay – Jacobson

Not voting – Aldridge

Motion passed.

The next item was the Foresters report. Seaton reviewed the attached memo dealing with ash trees on Lower Platte South NRD public use areas.

The third item was consideration of the Rosa Parks Way Trail Project Resolution. Kennedy reviewed the attached cover letter and resolution. Kennedy explained that JEO Consulting Group, Inc. completed 90% of the plans for the Rosa Parks Way Trail Project on October 31, 2017. These plans include the needed right-of-way (ROW) from Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad near 1st and J Street for the trail undercrossing. Nebraska Department of Transportation (NDOT) prepared a ROW cost estimate for the undercrossing. This amount is \$22,000 of which LPSNRD would be responsible for 20% of the cost which is \$4,400. Per the program agreement between NDOT and LPSNRD, the District is required to review the plans at 90% and approve the ROW cost estimate. District Engineer, Devin Biesecker has reviewed the 90% plans for the District.

It was moved by Jacobson and seconded by Kerkman to recommend the Board of Directors authorize the General Manager to sign the 90% Plans Right of Way Cost Estimate Approval Resolution and approve

the Lower Platte South NRD portion of the right of way costs not to exceed \$4,400 for the Lincoln Rosa Parks Way Trail project.

Voting aye – Jacobson, Johnson, Kerkman, Spangler, Wilson

Not voting – Aldridge

Motion passed.

The fourth agenda item was consideration of the Stevens Creek sanitary sewer line easement. Kennedy reviewed the attached easement and the location on the MoPac East Corridor near 120th & “A” Streets.

It was moved by Kerkman and seconded by Spangler to recommend the Board of Directors authorize the General Manager to sign the City of Lincoln’s Stevens Creek sanitary sewer easement across the MoPac East Trail Corridor on the west side of 120th & A Streets.

Voting aye – Jacobson, Johnson, Kerkman, Spangler, Wilson

Not voting – Aldridge

Motion passed.

The next agenda item was a report by Kennedy on the motor cross track. She indicated the annual meeting was held with representatives from Thomas Tracks, the Lincoln Sports Foundation, Nebraska Game & Parks Commission, Lancaster County and the District. She indicated due to the pending foreclosure and law suit, the facility was experiencing challenges with the recent newspaper articles as to maintaining memberships and continuation of the successful regional events. The uncertainty of what the future holds when the legal actions are completed were also discussed. At the meeting, County and District

staff informed the group that the track will remain operational for the remaining duration of the easements held by the County and the District. Kennedy indicated she was working on scheduling a follow up meeting with Lancaster County to discuss the operation of the track in the future.

The sixth agenda item was consideration of granting consent to the assignment of the sublease for the Oak Creek Trailhead Valparaiso sign. Schulz provide some history on the Oak Creek Valley Bank time & temperature sign and indicated this assignment of sublease would allow the sign to be repurposed to a community information sign owned and operated by American Legion Post #371 (see attached).

It was moved by Spangler and seconded by Johnson to recommend the Board of Directors give consent to the assignment of sublease between the Village of Valparaiso, Oak Creek Valley Bank and American Legion Post #371 and to authorize the General Manager to sign the assignment of sublease.

Voting aye – Jacobson, Johnson, Kerkman, Spangler, Wilson

Not voting – Aldridge

Motion passed.

The seventh agenda item was the Prairie Corridor on Haines Branch Project – Naming of the Stiefel Johnson Trailhead. Schulz reviewed the attached escrow agreement outlining the requirements for the donation of this approximately 11 acres to the District for a trailhead for the Prairie Corridor on Haines Branch Project. He indicated the first step was to name the trailhead Stiefel Johnson followed up by the notification to the donors and the escrow agent. The naming and notifications would then allow the District to take control of the

property to design and construct the trailhead and to seed the crop ground to native grasses and forbs.

It was moved by Aldridge and seconded by Johnson to recommend the Board of Directors initiate the transfer of the Stiefel property according to the terms of the escrow agreement by naming approximately 11 acres in the Northwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of section 11, Township-9-North, Range-5-East, Lancaster County, Nebraska the Stiefel Johnson Trailhead and authorizing staff to notify the escrow agent and Stiefels of the naming and that the District is beginning trail engineering, construction and seeding of the crop ground.

Voting aye – Jacobson, Johnson, Kerkman, Spangler, Wilson

Not voting – Aldridge

Motion passed.

The eighth item was consideration of the seeding proposal from Prairie Plains Resource Institute to seed crop ground on the proposed Stiefel Johnson Trailhead and the crop ground on the Stiefel conservation easement. Schulz reviewed the attached seeding proposal and indicated the District would be reimbursed for the cost of the seeding by the City of Lincoln with project funds.

It was moved by Spangler and seconded by Kerkman to recommend the Board of Directors approve the seeding proposal from Prairie Plains Resource Institute to seed two tracts totaling up to 18.6 acres of crop ground located in the Southwest Quarter of Section 11, Township 9-North, Range-5-East, Lancaster County, Nebraska at a cost not to exceed \$9,300.00.

Voting aye – Jacobson, Johnson, Kerkman, Spangler, Wilson

Not voting - Aldridge

As the last agenda item the subcommittee set the date for the March meeting for Tuesday, March 13, 2018 at 5:30PM.

Chair Wilson adjourned the meeting at 7:23PM.