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MEMORANDUM

Date: February 14, 2024

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, February 12th, 2024, at 5:36 p.m., the Recreation, Forestry and Wildlife subcommittee met in the Large Conference Room. Subcommittee members present; Christine Lamberty – Chair, Anthony Schutz, Mark Spangler, and Seth Hawkins. Other attendees were Julie Diegel, Stacie Sinclair (Director), Mike Sousek, Adam Sutton, and Will Inselman.

The first item on the agenda was the consideration for the renewal of the Saline Wetland Conservation Partnership Interlocal Cooperation Agreement. Staff provided information on the history of the partnership between the City of Lincoln, LPSNRD, and the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission. The partnership has been extremely success in securing nearly 2,000 acres of habitat since its inception in 2003. Staff reiterated the importance of this partnership for the preservation of saline wetlands. Staff indicated that the main changes in the agreement were increases to partner contributions and an increase in office space rent for the coordinator that the NRD charges to the City of Lincoln. Staff fully support the renewal of this agreement to continue this great partnership. Staff fielded questions on what the funds in the agreement are used for and how the increase would be accounted for in the budget.

It was moved by Schutz to recommend the Lower Platte South NRD Board of Directors authorize the General Manager to approve the Saline Wetland Conservation Partnership Interlocal Cooperation Agreement effective FY2025-2029, pending legal counsel review.

***A quorum was not present so a second will be required by the Board.**

Second on the agenda was a presentation and discussion led by Julie Diegel about the Miyawaki Forest Method and its potential uses and involvement from the NRD. She explains the benefits and uses within urban areas and the Miyawaki Forest's ability to combat climate change. Currently the City of Lincoln is looking to identify an area to test out this method in conjunction with the Nebraska Forest Service. It was suggested by the subcommittee that staff continue to stay engaged in conversation and provide technical support at this time.

No Action

Last on the agenda were staff updates. Reports/updates: Drone videos of recently completed projects, Backyard Prairie Pollinator Program kick-off, current tree seedling sales numbers.