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Memorandum

Date: March 11, 2020
To: Lower Platte South NRD Board of Directors
From: Ariana Kennedy, Resources Conservationist *AK*
Subject: Minutes for Recreation, Forestry & Wildlife Subcommittee Meeting

On Tuesday, March 10, 2020, the Recreation, Forestry and Wildlife subcommittee met in the large conference room at the Lower Platte South Natural Resources District (LPSNRD) office at 5:15 p.m. Subcommittee members present were; Anthony Schutz – Chair, Gary Aldridge, Deb Eagan, Don Jacobson, Luke Peterson, Mark Spangler and Sarah Wilson. Others present were Larry Ruth, Paul Zillig, Dan Schulz, Jay Seaton and Ariana Kennedy.

First on the agenda was Lincoln Rosa Parks Way Trail Resolution D. Kennedy reviewed the location and background of the project and updated the subcommittee on the recent approval of the Section 408 permit by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Kennedy informed the subcommittee in 2018, LPSNRD Board of Directors approved Resolution D for concurrence on 90% Plans and Right-of-Way (ROW) Cost Estimate. However, in December of 2019, Nebraska Department of Transportation (NDOT) revised the ROW cost estimate. ROW is needed from Burlington Northern Santa Fe for the trail undercrossing. This grant project is receiving funding from Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) while NDOT is administering the grant. LPSNRD is responsible for 20% of ROW costs while FHWA is responsible for the remaining 80% of the cost.

Per Program Agreement between NDOT and LPSNRD, LPSNRD is required to review the plans at 90% and approve the ROW cost estimate. Approval of Resolution D by LPSNRD Boards of Directors allows Paul Zillig, General Manager to sign the document signifying LPSNRD approves 90% plans and ROW cost estimate for the project. District Engineer, Jared Nelson, has reviewed the plans for LPSNRD. Seglin has reviewed and approved Resolution D. Resolution D and a map of the project is attached to this memo.

Next, on the agenda was Rosa Parks Way Trail Resolution G. Kennedy stated JEO Consulting Group, Inc. submitted Preliminary Plans, Consultant's Estimate of Construction Costs, Special Provisions, and Status of Utilities to NDOT's Plans, Specifications, & Estimates (PS&E) Section for final edits for a bid letting. FHWA will cover 80% of construction costs, while the remaining 20% will be covered by LPSNRD, Railroad Transportation Safety District (\$50,000), and Great Plains Trails Network (\$5,000).

According to Program Agreement between NDOT and LPSNRD, LPSNRD is required to review the Preliminary PS&E package. Approval of Resolution G by LPSNRD Board of Directors allows Paul Zillig, General Manager to sign the document signifying LPSNRD approves the Preliminary PS&E package for the project. District Engineer, Jared Nelson, is reviewing the Preliminary PS&E package for LPSNRD. Seglin has reviewed and approved Resolution G. Resolution G is attached to this memo.

Kennedy communicated to subcommittee, NDOT specified ROW estimate and construction costs are confidential.

It was moved by Schutz and seconded by Jacobson and unanimously approved that the Recreation, Forestry and Wildlife Subcommittee go into closed session to protect the public interest and develop a strategy with respect to negotiations related to acquisition of right-of-way for the Lincoln Rosa Parks Way Trail project.

Closed session began at 5:23 p.m. and concluded at 5:38 p.m.

It was moved by Jacobson, seconded by Wilson and unanimously approved to recommend the Board of Directors authorize the General Manager to sign RESOLUTION D for approval of 90% ROW Plans and ROW Cost Estimate for the Lincoln Rosa Parks Way Trail project.

It was moved by Schutz, seconded by Wilson and unanimously approved to recommend the Board of Directors authorize the General Manager to sign RESOLUTION G for approval of Preliminary Plans, Specifications, and Estimates for the Lincoln Rosa Parks Way Trail project.

Last action item was Interlocal Cooperation Agreement for Salt Creek Levee Trail. The City of Lincoln and LPSNRD have worked together to develop a recreational trail along Salt Creek Levee system. Once trails are constructed by LPSNRD, LPSNRD has historically transferred ownership of trail to City. From J Street to N. 27th Street, there are segments of trail that have not been turned over to the City. This one-year Agreement will allow for ongoing maintenance of the recreational trail until transfer occurs. Seglin has reviewed and approved Agreement. Agreement and Exhibit "A" (map) are attached to this memo.

It was moved by Jacobson, seconded by Schutz and unanimously approved to recommend the Board of Directors approve the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement for Salt Creek Levee Trail between the City of Lincoln and Lower Platte South Natural Resources District to maintain the levee trail for one year.

Staff provided an update on status of the Lied Platte River Bridge flood repairs. The debris was removed by National Concrete (contractor) in January. Next step is the bridge inspection by Schemmer Associates. Eric Williams, Papio-Missouri River NRD staff member who is managing the bridge repair project, met with Schemmer Associates two weeks ago and will be following up soon to see how the inspection is progressing.

Final item was a report on MoPac East Trail, Wabash to Lied Platte River Bridge interim trail route. Three organizations (Bike/Walk Nebraska, Nebraska Trails Foundation and Great Plains Trails Network) have formed the MoPac Alliance. MoPac Alliance mission is to support the MoPac trail system and those communities along the trail. MoPac Alliance is proposing additional signage on interim route and modifying the interim route. In February, MoPac Alliance attended Cass County Commissioners meeting to request these changes. Cass County Commissioners voted 3-2 in favor of additional signage and interim trail route change. Commissioners requested LPSNRD install kiosks at Wabash and Lied Platte River Bridge trailhead parking lot showing trail users interim route. LPSNRD staff is working with MoPac Alliance and Nebraska Game and Parks Commission to install the kiosks. Cass County will install additional signage. Brochure for "Proposal for MoPac Trail Signage Enhancements" and Map are attached to memo.

Meeting adjourned at 6:01 p.m.

PC: RF&W subcommittee file

Attachments