TO: Board of Directors

FROM: Dan Schulz, Resources Coordinator

DATE: 3-14-18

SUBJECT: Minutes-Recreation, Forestry & Wildlife Subcommittee Meeting

The Recreation, Forestry and Wildlife Subcommittee met in the District conference room on Tuesday, March 13, 2018, at 5:30PM. Subcommittee members present were Chair-Sarah Wilson, Gary Aldridge, Don Jacobson, Bruce Johnson, Chelsea Johnson, Jeremie Kerkman and Mark Spangler. Others present were Nicole Fleck-Tooze-Lincoln Parks and Recreation, David Potter, Jason Pickerel-Great Plains Appraisal, Inc., Dan Schulz, Ray Stevens and Paul Zillig.

The first agenda item was the Prairie Corridor on Haines Branch Project. Fleck-Tooze made a presentation highlighting progress on land holdings, trail construction, grassland restorations, research and public outreach (see attached). She then discussed the Becker and Cochran properties that are ready to have appraisals completed, and the Hunter and Samani 2 property acquisitions (see attached).

It was moved by Kerkman, seconded by Jacobson and unanimously approved to go into closed session at 6:19PM to have Pickerel review the Samani appraisal.

It was moved by B. Johnson, seconded by Jacobson and unanimously approved to come out of closed session at 6:49PM.

It was moved by Jacobson, seconded by Spangler and unanimously approved to direct staff to obtain appraisals for the Becker Conservation Easement located in the NW Quarter of Section 9,
Township 8N, Range 5E, Lancaster County, Nebraska and the Cochran conservation easement or fee title located in the SW Quarter of Section 26, Township 9N, Range 5E, Lancaster County, Nebraska.

It was moved by B. Johnson, seconded by Jacobson and unanimously approved to recommend the Board of Directors direct staff to hold a public hearing on the acquisition of the five acre Hunter tract located in the Northwest Quarter of Section 11, Township 9N, Range 5E, Lancaster County, Nebraska and authorize the General Manager to complete the transfer of the property to the District from the Lincoln Parks and Recreation Foundation in accordance with the Prairie Corridor on Haines Branch Agreement.

It was moved by Jacobson, and seconded by C. Johnson to recommend the Board of Directors direct staff to notify the Samani’s of the land acquisition on a willing buyer willing seller basis, hold a public hearing and authorize staff to begin negotiations offering the appraised amount to acquire 20.01 acres described as Lot 19 IT, located in the Northwest Quarter of Section 34, Township 9N, Range 5E, Lancaster County, Nebraska in accordance with the Prairie Corridor on Haines Branch Agreement.

It was moved by Aldridge to amend the motion by striking the word acquire and replace it with purchase. Wilson noted the amendment died due to the lack of a second to the motion.

The original motion passed unanimously.

The last agenda item was a presentation by Schulz on trail shoulder clearing within the District’s conservation corridors.

Wilson adjourned the meeting at 7:17PM.