



LOWER PLATTE SOUTH natural resources district

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TO: Board of Directors

FROM: Dan Schulz, Resources Coordinator *Dan*

DATE: March 10, 2017

SUBJECT: Minutes – Recreation, Forestry and Wildlife Subcommittee Meeting

The Recreation, Forestry and Wildlife Subcommittee met in the District conference room on Wednesday, March 8, 2017 at 5PM. Subcommittee members present were Chair-Milt Schmidt, Gary Aldridge, Chelsea Johnson, and Sarah Wilson. A quorum of the subcommittee was not present. Others present were David Potter, Dan Schulz, Jay Seaton, Ray Stevens and Paul Zillig.

The first agenda item was a report on the draft interlocal agreement for rural to urban trails with the City of Lincoln, transferring ownership of NRD trails to the city as urbanization occurs. Zillig reviewed the attached draft agreement indicating his intention to come back for consideration of approval in April. He went over the attached map and discussed the urbanization that is occurring on the MoPac East Trail east of 84th street. The city wanted him to give it to the Directors to review and identify any issues.

One comment was to get input from the trail donors who mortgaged their homes to purchase the corridor in the early 1990's and from the Nebraska Trails Foundation and the Great Plains Trail Network. Another comment was the concern the city may not maintain the trail as well as the District maintains the trail. Zillig asked the Directors get questions and comments to him.

The second agenda item was consideration of a Community Forestry Program application from the Aldersgate United Methodist Church. Seaton distributed and reviewed the attached application to plant 44 trees. He indicated the plan would address filling in areas where Scotch and Austrian pines have or are dying, and it will address the eventual need to replace the Green ash street trees likely to be killed by Emerald Ash Borer. Seaton was especially pleased with the diversity of the trees in the application.

It was moved by C. Johnson, seconded by Wilson and unanimously approved to recommend the Board of Directors approve the Aldersgate United Methodist Church Community Forestry Program application to plant 44 trees with the District's cost not to exceed \$4,602.00.

Schmidt adjourned the meeting at 5:40PM.

