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TO: Board of Directors

FROM: Dan Schulz, Resources Coordinator *Dan*

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SUBJECT: Minutes – Recreation, Forestry & Wildlife (RF&W) Subcommittee Meeting

The Recreation, Forestry and Wildlife Subcommittee met in the District conference room on Wednesday, April 12, 2017 at 5:30PM. Subcommittee members present were Milt Schmidt – Chair, Gary Aldridge, Don Jacobson, Ron Svoboda and Sarah Wilson. Others present were Dan Benes-Valparaiso American Legion, Ariana Kennedy, Ross Lawrence-JEO Consulting, Julie Ogden-JEO Consulting, David Potter, Dan Schulz, Ray Stevens, Don Suchy-Valparaiso American Legion, and Paul Zillig.

The first agenda item was the Rosa Parks Way Trail project. Julie Ogden, JEO Consulting Group, Inc., provided a brief history of the project and explained the need for additional engineering. Ogden informed the subcommittee when this project began, a Section 408 permit was not required. However since this project is on the Salt Creek Levee, Section 408 permits are now required. Additional engineering will include; submittal of a Section 408 permit to the US Army Corps of Engineers, modifications to the plans to meet current Section 408 permit preferences, likely an update to the Section 404 permit, and geotechnical borings for the Section 408 permit.

Supplemental Agreement No. 2 is between the Lower Platte South NRD and JEO Consulting Group, Inc. for additional engineering services. These services are estimated at \$49,856.88, the District would be responsible for 20% of this cost (\$9,971.38) while the remaining 80% (\$39,885.50) would be covered by Federal-Aid Highway funds through Federal Highway Administration. This Agreement contains a Resolution on the last page. Approval of the Resolution by the District Board of Directors gives the General Manger, Paul Zillig, authorization to sign the Agreement. District legal counsel has reviewed and approved the Supplemental Agreement. A copy of the agreement is attached to this memo.

It was moved by Jacobson, seconded by Svoboda and approved to recommend the Board of Directors approve the Resolution authorizing the General Manager to sign Supplemental Agreement No. 2 between the Lower Platte South Natural Resources District and JEO Consulting Group, Inc. for additional engineering



services for the Lincoln Rosa Parks Way Trail project with the District's share not to exceed \$9,971.38.

Voting yay was Jacobson, Schmidt, Svoboda and Wilson.

Voting nay was Aldridge.

The second agenda item was consideration of a request to place a community bulletin board sign on District property at the Oak Creek Trailhead in Valparaiso, Nebraska. Benes and Suchy gave a presentation about the Valparaiso Community Sign Committee working on the project (see attached letter). Benes and Suchy discussed with the Directors the type of sign (see sign mockup attached), its proposed location at the trailhead along Highway 79, the types of messages it would display, and coordination with the Village of Valparaiso and the Valparaiso Volunteer Fire Department. The Directors also indicated the NRD would be interested in potentially requesting Oak Creek Trail events or restrictions on the ticker tape type of messaging the sign would display.

Staff indicated, the District currently leases the trailhead property to the Village of Valparaiso and depending on which member of the community sign committee owns the sign, would determine the type of agreement or approval that would be necessary if the Board of Directors approve the request.

It was moved by Jacobson, seconded by Aldridge and unanimously approved to recommend the Board of Directors approve the request to place a community bulletin board sign on the Oak Creek Trailhead property in Valparaiso subject to legal counsel review and coordination with District staff on the location of the sign.

The next agenda item was the Rural to Urban Trails Interlocal Agreement with the City of Lincoln. Zillig reviewed discussions with the City and the Pedestrian/Bicycle Advisory Committee. He also reviewed a map of the MoPac East Trail Corridor east of the 84th Street trailhead to Walton where the first transfer would likely occur (see attached). Zillig also reported on utility and development activities currently underway along the trail corridor up to 98th & A Streets. Board Chair Stevens made some suggestions to wording in the agreement (shown in the attached draft).

It was moved by Wilson and seconded by Svoboda to recommend the Board of Directors approve the Rural to Urban Trails Interlocal Agreement with the City of Lincoln including Stevens changes to the agreement subject to legal counsel review.

Voting in favor of the motion was Jacobson, Schmidt, Svoboda and Wilson.

Not voting - Aldridge.

The fourth agenda item was the offer to sell Salt creek flood plain property to the District near Roca, Nebraska adjacent to the Homestead Trail Corridor. Schulz reviewed the solicitation of interest to purchase the Wilcox property and indicated the District and the City of Lincoln had both been contacted (see attached maps). The Directors discussed the potential uses, its proximity to the Homestead Trail, the Village of Roca and Wilderness Park.

It was moved by Jacobson, seconded by Svoboda and unanimously approved to direct staff to contact the owners and indicate the District's interest in acquiring the property and to include an action item in the Long Range Implementation Plan (LRIP) and the fiscal year 2019 RF&W Subcommittee budget proposal to have the property appraised and include a cost estimate for the acquisition.

The fifth agenda item was a report on negotiations to acquire a conservation easement on the Clement property as part of the Prairie Corridor on Haines Branch Project. Schulz reported the negotiations have ended with the Clements over the amount of compensation being offered.

The sixth agenda item was to discuss negotiations on the acquisition of the Honvlez conservation easement for the Prairie Corridor on Haines Branch Project.

It was moved by Jacobson, seconded by Svoboda and unanimously approved to go into closed session.

It was moved by Jacobson, seconded by Svoboda and unanimously approved to come out of closed session.

It was moved by Svoboda and seconded by Jacobson and approved to recommend the Board of Directors reject the Honvlez counter offer and direct staff to continue negotiations based on the subcommittee's direction.

Voting yea was Jacobson, Schmidt, Svoboda and Wilson.

Not voting - Aldridge.

The last agenda item was to discuss scheduling Monday, May 22, 2017 at 4:30PM for the LRIP and subcommittee budget meeting and staff reports on Salt creek levee trail project 14th Street to Cornhusker Hwy., prescribed burn at Meadowlark Wildlife Management Area, and tree seedling delivery and tree order packing.

Chair Schmidt adjourned the meeting at about 7:50PM.