



LOWER PLATTE SOUTH natural resources district

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MEMORANDUM

Date: April 13, 2022
To: Lower Platte South Natural Resources District Board of Directors
From: Ariana Kennedy, Resources Conservationist *AK*
Subject: Minutes for Recreation, Forestry & Wildlife Subcommittee Meeting

On Tuesday, April 12, 2022, at 5:30 p.m., the Recreation, Forestry and Wildlife subcommittee met via Zoom. Subcommittee members on the Zoom meeting; Anthony Schutz – Chair, Christine Lamberty, Luke Peterson, Mark Spangler, and John Yoakum. Other attendees were Deb Eagan, Paul Zillig, David Potter, Jay Seaton, and Ariana Kennedy. There were five agenda items to consider.

First, on the agenda was the Ridge Homeowners Association Community Forestry Program Application. The Association is wishing to replace trees effected by scotch pine wilt and Austrian pine tip blight with a variety of 33 evergreen trees. The evergreen trees will provide a buffer to traffic noise, increase aesthetics, and add to the density of trees along S. 27th Street in Lincoln. Total cost of project is \$10,435.43. Ridge Homeowners Association is requesting \$5,217.71 (50/50 cost share) of LPSNRD funds. A copy of the application, three proposals, landscape plan (3 pages), and an aerial map showing tree locations are attached to this memo.

It was moved by Peterson and seconded by Yoakum and unanimously approved to recommend the Lower Platte South NRD Board of Directors cost-share 50/50 with the Ridge Homeowners Association on their Community Forestry Application in an amount not to exceed \$5,217.71 of District funds.

Second, on the agenda was the Capitol Beach Community Association Community (CBCA) Forestry Program Application. CBCA would like to plant 91 smaller trees in their commons area located north of Capitol Beach Lake and south of Oak Creek. The plantings will serve as a windbreak, prevent soil erosion and provide wildlife habitat. Total cost of the project is \$5,160.33. CBCA is requesting \$2,730 of LPSNRD funds (50/50 cost share). A copy of the application, two proposals and a price list, and the landscape plan (2 pages) are attached to this memo.

It was moved by Lamberty and seconded by Yoakum and unanimously approved to recommend the Lower Platte South NRD Board of Directors cost-share 50/50 with the Capitol Beach Community Association on their Community Forestry Application in an amount not to exceed \$2,730.00 of District funds.

Third, on the agenda was the Loaned Services Agreement. Nebraska Forest Service (NFS) and LPSNRD have partnered on tree planting and forestry management throughout the years via a Loaned Services Agreement. The Agreement allows LPSNRD to utilize and pay for the services of a forester employed by NFS. Both parties wish to continue this partnership. Loaned Services Agreement would begin on July 1,

2022 and continue through June 30, 2027 and may be extended for two additional one year periods. A copy of the Agreement is attached to this memo. Legal counsel has reviewed and approved the Agreement.

It was moved by Peterson and seconded by Lamberty and approved to recommend the Lower Platte South NRD Board of Directors authorize the General Manager to sign the Loaned Services Agreement between the Board of Regents of the University of Nebraska, on Behalf of the Nebraska Forest Service and the Lower Platte South NRD for the loaning services of a forester from the Nebraska Forest Service to the Lower Platte South NRD.

Motion passed 4-0, Schutz abstained.

Fourth, on the agenda was Amendment No. 2 to Extend Interlocal Cooperation Agreement for Salt Creek Levee Trail. City of Lincoln and LPSNRD have worked together to develop a recreational trail along the Salt Creek Levee system. LPSNRD typically builds the trails and then transfers the trail portion over to the City. Segments of the trail from J Street to N. 27th Street have not been shifted to the City. LPSNRD had planned to transfer these segments along with the Rosa Parks Way Trail segment following the completion of Rosa Parks Way Trail. Due to the delay on the Rosa Parks Way Trail project, the transfers have not occurred.

Until the transfers can occur and to address the ongoing maintenance needed on Salt Creek Levee trail, the City and LPSNRD entered an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement in the spring of 2020. The Agreement was extended an additional year last spring via an Amendment. Rosa Parks Way Trail is nearly complete however the City and LPSNRD wish to extend the Agreement another year as the transfer of properties will not occur prior to the expiration of the Amendment. Amendment No. 2 would allow trail maintenance to continue through May 11, 2023. Legal counsel has reviewed and approved Amendment No. 2. Amendment No. 2 is attached. Amendment (2021), Interlocal Cooperation Agreement for Salt Creek Levee Trail (2020), and map are attached for reference.

It was moved by Schutz and seconded by Peterson and unanimously approved to recommend the Lower Platte South NRD Board of Directors approve Amendment No. 2 To Extend 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 through May 11, 2023.

Fifth, on the agenda was the Renewal and Amendments to Interlocal Agreement Wildwood Wildlife Management Area. In 1981, Nebraska Game and Parks Commission (NGPC) and LPSNRD entered into a management agreement for the Wildwood Wildlife Management Area. This Agreement has been renewed, amended and/or modified as needed over the years. The current Agreement is set to expire on May 16, 2022. Per this Renewal and Amendments to Interlocal Agreement, LPSNRD and NGPC would continue to jointly operate and maintain the 491-acre Wildwood property owned by LPSNRD. The Agreement lays out the responsibilities for each party. The duration of this Renewal and Amendment Interlocal Agreement is for a period of 10 years. LPSNRD legal counsel has reviewed and provided input on the document. A copy of the Renewal and Amendments to Interlocal Agreement Wildwood Wildlife Management Area are attached to this memo.

It was moved by Schutz and seconded by Yoakum and unanimously approved to recommend the Lower Platte South NRD Board of Directors authorize the General Manager to sign the Renewal and Amendments to Interlocal Agreement Wildwood Wildlife Management Area between Nebraska Game and Parks Commission and the Lower Platte South NRD.

Last on the agenda were updates and reports on various projects. Reports/updates: Rosa Parks Way Trail, Oak Creek Trail repairs, Homestead Trail Bridge #9, Wabash Trailhead, Lincoln Saline Wetland Nature Center – Waterfront Place, Executive Travel/NARD free trees to LPSNRD tree seedling cooperators, and kayak/canoe shore launch at Wildwood.

Meeting adjourned at 6:26 p.m.

PC: RF&W subcommittee file