



LOWER PLATTE SOUTH natural resources district

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TO: Board of Directors

FROM: Dan Schulz, Resources Coordinator *DS*

DATE: May 10, 2018

SUBJECT: Minutes-Recreation, Forestry & Wildlife Subcommittee

The Recreation, Forestry and Wildlife Subcommittee met in the District conference room on Wednesday, May 9, 2018 at 5:37PM. Members present were Chair-Sarah Wilson, Gary Aldridge and Don Jacobson. Others present were Nicole Fleck-Tooze, David Potter, Dan Schulz, Jay Seaton and Paul Zillig. Chair Wilson decided to change the agenda to begin with the eastern red cedar (ERC) briefing by Seaton to see if another member would show up for the meeting. There was not a quorum present.

The first agenda item, Seaton briefed the subcommittee on the ERC meeting recently held at the 4-H camp, Nebraska National Forest and Grasslands near the Bessey Nursery, Halsey, Nebraska (see attached briefing outline). He discussed LR 387 by Senator Hughes (see attached). He indicated the meeting was well attended by NRD's, Nebraska Forest Service, US Forest Service, prescribe burn associations, Board of Educational Lands & Funds staff, UNL, NET (Board members & staff), Nebraska Game and Parks Commission and several landowners (attached is the agenda for the meeting). The agenda progressed through presentations about ERC spread; effect on grasslands productivity and wildlife; how big of a problem it's become; alternatives to ERC for windbreaks and upon completion of the study by 2020, the intent to apply to NET for a grant to deal with ERC (see additional material from the meeting).

The second agenda item was a presentation by Fleck-Tooze, Special Projects Administrator - Lincoln Parks and Recreation Department for the District to accept ownership to the Petersen Tract as part of the Prairie Corridor on Haines Branch Project (see attached). She described the property and the City of Lincoln's option to purchase which expires at the end of September. She indicated the City was going to exercise the option to purchase using project funds and the City of Lincoln is requesting the District to consider holding title to the property as per the interlocal agreement.

It was moved by Jacobson, seconded by Aldridge and unanimously approved that the Recreation, Forestry and Wildlife Subcommittee recommend to the Board of Directors that the Lower Platte South Natural Resources District accept title to the Petersen Property for the Prairie Corridor on Haines Branch Project, described as Lot 1 Irregular Tracts, located in the Northeast Quarter, Section 34, Township 9 North, Range 5 East, Lancaster County, Nebraska and Lots 12 and 13, Irregular Tracts, located in the North Half, Section 35, Township 9 North, Range 5 East, Lancaster County, Nebraska, subject to legal counsel approval.

Due to the lack of a quorum, Chair Wilson will make the motion at the Board of Director's meeting which will require a second from the floor in order for the motion to be considered for action.

Chair Wilson adjourned the meeting at 6:37PM