



LOWER PLATTE SOUTH natural resources district

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TO: Board of Directors

FROM: Dan Schulz, Resources Coordinator *Dan*

DATE: June 12, 2019

SUBJECT: Recreation, Forestry & Wildlife Subcommittee Meeting Minutes

On Tuesday, June 11, 2019, the Recreation, Forestry and Wildlife Subcommittee met in the District conference room at 5:30PM. Subcommittee members present were Chair-Anthony Schutz, Gary Aldridge, Tom Green, Don Jacobson, Chelsea Johnson, Dan Steinkruger, Ray Stevens and Sarah Wilson. Others present were Ariana Kennedy, Dan Schulz and Paul Zillig.

The first agenda item was consideration of the proposal from Theisen Construction to complete bridge inspections on the MoPac East, Oak Creek and Homestead Trails conservation corridors. Kennedy provided background on the previous bridge work Theisen Construction completed for the District in 2013 and 2015. Kennedy referred to their certification to inspect and repair railroad bridges and reminded the Directors of the \$20,000 Theisen saved the District in 2013 on bridge repairs (see attached proposal).

It was moved by Stevens, seconded by Jacobson and unanimously approved to recommend that the Board of Directors accept the proposal from Theisen Construction Inc., to inspect and provide reports on 31 bridges located in the conservation corridors of the MoPac East, Oak Creek and Homestead trails at a cost not to exceed \$17,515.00.

The second agenda item was consideration of the Community Forestry Program application from the Raymond Rural Fire District. Schulz reviewed the application and the memo prepared by Jay Seaton, District Forster (see attached).

It was moved by Steinkruger, seconded by Stevens and unanimously approved to recommend that the Board of Directors approve the Community Forestry Program application from the Raymond Rural Fire District to plant 54 trees with the District's share not to exceed \$2,865.95.

The third agenda item was consideration of fencing proposals for a Prairie Corridor on Haines Branch project at Petersen/Bobcat II. Schulz indicated the District solicited proposals on behalf of the City of Lincoln to remove and replace 2,225 feet of fence. He indicated the District sent out proposals to five fencing contractors and received two proposals for consideration (see attached). Schulz indicated the City of Lincoln will reimburse the District for the full amount to complete the fencing project.

It was moved by Stevens, seconded by Wilson and unanimously approved to recommend that the Board of Directors accept the proposal from Dresen Contracting LLC to replace and build 2,225 feet of fence at Petersen/Bobcat II for a cost not to exceed \$7,033.75.

The next agenda item was a report on negotiations with the Samani's concerning the acquisition of their property for the Prairie Corridor on Haines Branch project. Schulz reported getting a phone call from Dr. Samani and he indicated the District's offer was two to three time lower than the amount they would consider. Schulz discussed a conservation easement with him and he was interested in getting an appraisal completed for a conservation easement.

The last agenda item was community forestry concerns. Aldridge went over several points pertaining to his personal outreach to promote the program; program funding in FY'19 & 20; questioned the need for a justification statement to apply; the \$10,000 funding cap in three years; and his inquiry into whether churches are eligible or not and his frustration in not getting an answer.

Kennedy reported on the Rosa Parks Undercrossing Project and that the District was anticipating a supplemental agreement for consideration in July 2019.

Schutz adjourned the meeting at 6:30PM.