



LOWER PLATTE SOUTH natural resources district

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MEMORANDUM

Date: June 13, 2022

To: Lower Platte South Natural Resources District Board of Directors

From: Will Inselman, Resources Coordinator *WI*

Subject: Minutes for Recreation, Forestry & Wildlife Subcommittee Meeting

On Monday, June 13, 2022, at 5:37 p.m., the Recreation, Forestry and Wildlife subcommittee met in the Large Conference Room. Subcommittee members present; Anthony Schutz – Chair, Tom Green, Christine Lamberty, Luke Peterson, Mark Spangler, Ray Stevens and John Yoakum. Other attendees were Dan Homes (Village of Valparaiso), Greg Bouc (Village of Valparaiso), Deb Eagan, Paul Zillig, David Potter, Ariana Kennedy, and Will Inselman.

The action item on the agenda was the request by the Village of Valparaiso for cost-share assistance to complete the construction of the Village Gazebo at the Oak Creek Trailhead. Kennedy reminded the subcommittee that the lease agreement with the Village of Valparaiso was amended in June of 2021 to permit them to construct this gazebo on the NRD trail corridor property. Kennedy also shared a map of the location of the gazebo and a picture showing the status of the gazebo construction. Dan Homes, Village of Valparaiso Chairmen, also spoke and stated that the initial \$30,000 they had raised through donations for the construction of the gazebo would not be enough to complete the project due to rising costs of materials and labor. The Village estimates that the total project cost would be \$45,000. He thanked the NRD for their support for this project and that the Village looks forward to having this gazebo for the public to use and to hold events, such as wedding ceremonies. The Village of Valparaiso has spent \$17,000 to date on the project, leaving \$28,000 left for completion. The NRD could provide 50/50 cost share on the remaining \$28,000 using the Community Assistance Program.

It was moved by Lamberty and seconded by Stevens and unanimously approved to recommend the Lower Platte South NRD Board of Directors approve a 50% cost-share with the Village of Valparaiso on the remaining amount to complete the gazebo, not to exceed \$14,000, through the Community Assistance Program.

Meeting adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

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