TO: Board of Directors

FROM: Dan Schulz, Resources Coordinator

DATE: June 21, 2017

SUBJECT: Recreation, Forestry & Wildlife Subcommittee Meeting Minutes

On Tuesday, June 20, 2017, the Recreation, Forestry and Wildlife Subcommittee met in the District conference room. Subcommittee members present were Chair-Milt Schmidt, Gary Aldridge, Don Jacobson, Mark Spangler, Dan Steinkruger, Ron Svoboda and Sarah Wilson. Others present were Pam Dingman—Lancaster County Engineer, Ariana Kennedy, David Potter, Dan Schulz, Ray Stevens and Paul Zillig.

The first agenda item was consideration to purchase from the NRD, a temporary easement for Lancaster County Project Co CP-C-91 (Little Salt Creek Bridge Project @ Raymond Road). Schulz introduced Dingman and gave a brief overview of the project and the right-of-way contract to replace the Raymond Road Bridge over Little Salt Creek adjacent to Little Salt Fork Marsh Preserve (see attached letter and contract).

Dingman indicated the existing 40 foot bridge will be replaced with a 150 foot bridge along with raising Raymond Road four feet to get the bridge out of the saline wetland habitat. She indicated storm water over tops the bridge several times a year and on a scale of 0-100 the bridge scores 28 making it a high priority for replacement. Lancaster County anticipates getting the project out for bid this fall upon the US Army Corps of Engineers final permit approval, with construction to begin this winter.

Schulz indicated legal counsel has reviewed the contract for a temporary construction easement in which the District will receive $1,903.50 in compensation for the use of District property, fence removal and fence replacement.

It was moved by Svoboda, seconded by Wilson and unanimously approved to recommend the Board of Directors approve the right-of-way contract for Project No. CP-C-91 with Lancaster County to replace the Little Salt Creek Bridge on Raymond Road.
The second agenda item was consideration of proposals to rock parking lots and roads at Meadowlark Wildlife Management Area. Kennedy indicated three of the five contractors solicited, submitted proposals. Brandt Excavating was the low bid at $17,600 with Gana Trucking and Excavating at $17,759.20 and Land Excavating and Demolition at $20,290 (see attached).

It was moved by Jacobson, seconded by Wilson and unanimously approved to recommend the Board of Directors accept the proposal from Brandt Excavating in the amount of $17,600 to rock the roads and parking lots at Meadowlark Wildlife Management Area.

The third agenda item was consideration of City of Lincoln request to transfer MoPac Property west of 96th Street to the City of Lincoln as per Agreement. Zilling reviewed the agreement recently entered into with the City of Lincoln and the attached letter from Lynn Johnson, Lincoln’s Parks and Recreation Director. The subcommittee discussed the status of current and future development occurring in the area and the City’s plans for infrastructure development.

It was moved by Steinkruger, seconded by Svoboda and unanimously approved to recommend the Board of Directors approve the transfer of the District’s MoPac East Trail corridor between 84th Street and 98th Street to the City of Lincoln and to authorize the General Manager to sign the documents pending legal counsel review.

The last agenda item was a report by Zilling on the status of the Highway 75 trail bridge project over the Platte River. Zilling indicated he’d been attending meetings with Plattsmouth, Bellevue, Nebraska Department of Transportation, Nebraska Game & Parks, and Cass County discussing the two phase of the four million dollar project. Zilling anticipates bringing an agreement to the subcommittee in August. The current draft agreement would commit the District to a total of $50,000 which is included in the draft fiscal year 2018 budget.

Chair Schmidt adjourned the meeting at 6:08PM.