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TO: Board of Directors

FROM: Dan Schulz, Resources Coordinator *Dan*

DATE: June 8, 2021

SUBJECT: Recreation, Forestry & Wildlife Subcommittee Minutes

On Monday, June 7, 2021, the Recreation, Forestry and Wildlife Subcommittee met virtually at 5PM. Subcommittee members present were Chair-Anthony Schutz, Christine Lamberty, Lisa Lewis, Mark Spangler, and Ray Stevens. Other zoomers were Ariana Kennedy, Dan Schulz, Nicole Fleck-Tooze, and Paul Zillig.

The first agenda item was the Solidago Conservancy Agreement. Fleck-Tooze, the Executive Director of the Solidago Conservancy, went through a power point presentation about Solidago including the organizational background last fall, why this Conservancy is needed, its purposes and roles, and that Stevens is a Board member of the Conservancy. She indicated the Conservancy is planning a formal public announcement about its formation the fall of 2021. She then reviewed the attached Solidago Conservancy agreement which commits the District to contributing \$20,000 per year to the Conservancy indefinitely, until the agreement is amended or terminated. She also indicated Paul Zillig has been named an ex-officio Solidago board member.

It was moved by Lewis and seconded by Lamberty that the Board of Directors authorize the General Manager to approve the final Agreement Between LPSNRD and the Solidago Conservancy for Cooperative Assistance, pending legal counsel review.

Voting in favor of the motion was Lamberty, Lewis, Schutz, and Spangler. Stevens abstained.

The second agenda item was the amendment to the interlocal agreement with the Railroad Transportation Safety District (RTSD) for the Rosa Parks Way Trail. Zillig indicated he met with the RTSD Board about extending the agreement to complete the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad undercrossing at First and “J” streets in Lincoln. Originally in 2016, RTSD had agreed to provide the District \$50,000 towards the required 20% local match for the project. At that time, it was approximately 50% of the required local 20% match of \$100,000. Since then, the project costs have increased to the point where the 20% local match is now estimated to be \$344,309.17. Zillig indicated the RTSD Board agreed to extend the 2016, five-year agreement; contribute up to a total of \$172,154.68, of which, \$50,000 to be paid to the District in June 2021; and directed its legal counsel to work with the District’s legal counsel to draft the amendment.

It was moved by Stevens, seconded by Lewis and unanimously approved to recommend that the Board of Directors authorize the General Manager to approve the amendment to the Interlocal Agreement with RTSD for the Rosa Parks Way Trail Project, amending the Interlocal Agreement to extend the term of the agreement approximately two years and revised the budget and finance provisions to increase the RTSD portion to 50%, not to exceed \$172,154.68, with \$50,000 paid this Fiscal Year (June) and the remainder to be paid upon the completion of the project, pending legal counsel review.

Directors then made comments regarding the poor condition of the Oak Creek Trail (vegetation) and the MoPac East Trail (ballast rocks on the trail surface).

Kennedy followed up Tuesday, June 8, 2021, about those comments and found out the Oak Creek Trail had been mowed two weeks ago and is scheduled to be mowed next week (it's been rainy, cool, and ideal for cool season grasses to grow quickly which they have). Regarding ballast rock on the MoPac East Trail surface, staff had previously noted the need and recommended in the first draft of the FY '22 budget, \$30,000 (trail surface repair) to address the ballast rock on the trail east of 262nd street in Cass County.

Schutz adjourned the meeting at 5:57PM.