



LOWER PLATTE SOUTH natural resources district

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MEMORANDUM

Date: June 9, 2023

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 Thursday, June 8, 2023, at 5:35 p.m., the Recreation, Forestry and Wildlife subcommittee met virtually via Zoom. Subcommittee members present; Anthony Schutz – Chair, Gary Hellerich, Stacie Sinclair, Christine Lamberty, and Ray Stevens. Other attendees were Paul Zillig, Mike Sousek, David Potter, and Will Inselman.

The first item on the agenda was a request from the Lancaster County Engineering Department to acquire a permanent easement on Wildwood Wildlife Management Area to replace a culvert on NW 84th Street. The County needs to acquire 0.05 acres of LPSNRD property adjacent to its current right-of-way. This would be permanent so that the County would be able to maintain the rip rap padding and outlet of the new culvert. The County would pay LPSNRD \$460.00 for the permanent easement. Staff answered questions about the valuation that was provided for the purchase and about the type of structure that would be on District property.

It was moved by Schutz and seconded by Stevens and unanimously approved to recommend the Lower Platte South NRD Board of Directors authorize the General Manager to sign the Lancaster County Engineering Department Right-Of-Way Contract for their purchase of a permanent easement of 0.05 acres on Wildwood Wildlife Management Area to replace a culvert on NW 84th Street, pending legal counsel review.

Motion Passed: 5-0

Second on the agenda was the request for a temporary easement release for the White Horse Development 5th Addition. Blue Rock Investments, LLC and Herbert Development, Inc. recently submitted engineering plans to the District to request a temporary release from an easement that the District purchased in 2014. This was originally acquired to complete a drainage repair project on the MoPac East Trail, east of the 84th Street Trailhead. The eventual intent, listed in the easement, was that this easement would be released when the area was fully developed, and the storm sewer was extended to service the area. NRD staff have reviewed the plans and saw no issues with the plans. Procedurally, the NRD would grant the temporary release of the easement at this time and would permanently release the easement upon completion of the development. Staff answered a question about the ownership of this stretch of trail.

It was moved by Schutz and seconded by Stevens and unanimously approved to recommend the Lower Platte South NRD Board of Directors approve the temporary easement release to Blue Rock Investments, LLC and Herbert Development, Inc., and authorize the General Manger to approve a permanent easement release once the District as agreed that the drainage construction has been completed, pending legal counsel review.

Motion Passed: 5-0

Last on the agenda were staff updates. Reports/updates: Landowner request for trail crossing over Oak Creek Trail. Staff presented the letter submitted by the landowner and the steps staff are taking to get necessary information to present to the subcommittee in July.

Meeting adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

PC: RF&W subcommittee file