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Agenda Item #9

TO: Board of Directors

FROM: Dan Schulz, Resources Coordinator

DATE: June 10, 2020

SUBJECT: Minutes-Recreation, Forestry & Wildlife Subcommittee

On Tuesday, June 9, 2020, a virtual subcommittee meeting was held at 4PM. Members present were, Chair-Anthony Schutz, Deb Eagan, Luke Peterson, Mark Spangler, and Ray Stevens. Others virtualizing in were Ariana Kennedy, David Potter, Larry Ruth, Dan Schulz and Paul Zillig.

Schutz had Schulz open the meeting with an overview of the agenda followed by Kennedy's report/update on MoPac East Lied Platte River Bridge ad hoc GAP signs and kiosks. Kennedy reminded the subcommittee MoPac Alliance is the group working to connect MoPac East Trail from Wabash to the Lied Platte River Bridge. In February, the MoPac Alliance received approval from the Cass County Commissioners for modification of the interim route and additional signage along the route. Cass County requested the MoPac Alliance work with the District to install informational kiosks at Wabash and the Lied Platte River Bridge Trailhead. Since then, Cass County has installed the additional signs and the MoPac Alliance submitted their draft of the design to the District a few weeks ago. The District has provided comments back to the MoPac Alliance and design is expected to be finalized in the next few weeks. Next steps are to get the design printed and then coordinate kiosk installation with the MoPac Alliance, District staff and the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission.

The first action item was the Little Salt Creek PL-566 USDA contract for Watershed Planning. Schulz reviewed the April 2020 Board action authorizing the General Manager to sign several forms in order for the Natural Resources Conservation Service to develop the attached contract. Entering into the contract will provide federal funding (at no cost to the District) to finish saline wetland restoration planning downstream of Little Salt creek from North 14th Street and take the saline wetland restoration plan already completed upstream of N 14th Street and combine it with the Little Salt Creek Watershed Plan completed by the District and the City of Lincoln. The resulting plan will address saline wetland restoration and channel work in the watershed.

It was moved by Stevens, seconded by Peterson and unanimously approved to recommend that the Lower Platte South NRD Board of Directors enter into the Little Salt Creek PL-566 USDA contract for watershed planning and authorize the General Manager to sign the agreement.

The second action item was Amendment #2, Interlocal Cooperation Act Agreement for the trail over the Platte River Bridge. Kennedy reviewed the attached amendment between the Lower Platte South, Papio-Missouri Rivers NRDs and the Nebraska Game & Parks Commission. She reviewed the process so far to repair the 2019 flood damage to the Lied Platte River Bridge. This amendment addresses repairs to the connecting link on the Papio-Missouri River Tributaries NRD side of the Platte river. She indicated entering into this amendment does not obligate any funding from this District. If Papio-Missouri Tributaries NRD is not fully reimbursed by federal funds, the Game & Parks Commission will make up the difference.

It was moved by Eagan, seconded by Stevens and unanimously approved to recommend that the Lower Platte South NRD Board of Directors approve Amendment #2 to the Trail Over Platte River Bridge Interlocal Agreement with the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission and the Papio-Missouri River NRD for Highway 31 Connection Link Repair Design and Repair Work and authorize the General Manager to sign the amendment.

The third action item was the professional services proposal for the Marsh Wren berm repair. Schulz reviewed the attached memo about the aquatic mammal burrows and the hole through the berm along the water level control structure pipe. The memo also included three repair options to repair the damage and protect the berm from future burrowing activities. He also reviewed the letter proposal from The Flatwater Group Inc. to provide design, permitting, bidding and construction related services.

It was moved by Stevens, seconded by Eagan and unanimously approved to recommend that the Lower Platte South NRD Board of Directors approve the letter proposal for professional services with The Flatwater Group Inc. for design, permitting, bidding and construction related services to repair the berm at Marsh Wren at a cost not to exceed \$10,000 and authorize the General Manager to approve the letter proposal.

Schutz adjourned the meeting at 4:20PM.