


# LOWER PLATTE SOUTH NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT



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TO: Directors – Lower Platte South NRD

FROM: Dan Schulz, Resources Coordinator 

DATE: July 11, 2017

SUBJECT: Minutes – Recreation, Forestry & Wildlife Subcommittee Meeting

The Recreation, Forestry and Wildlife Subcommittee met in the District conference room on Monday, July 10, 2017 at 5:30 PM. Subcommittee members in attendance were Chair-Milt Schmidt, Gary Aldridge, Don Jacobson, Mark Spangler, Dan Steinkruger, Ron Svoboda and Sarah Wilson. Others attending were Ariana Kennedy, Tom Malmstrom, Julie Ogden –JEO Consulting Group, David Potter, Dan Schulz, Ray Stevens and Paul Zillig.

The first agenda item was consideration of bids to construct the Salt creek levee trail North 14<sup>th</sup> Street to Cornhusker Highway. Ogden reported on the four bids received and answered questions. She indicated the low bidder was Stephens and Smith Construction Co., Inc. with a base bid of \$295,007.00. She recommended awarding the contract to Stephens & Smith with construction to be completed this year. If construction is deferred till spring, as per alternate bid item #1, that would reduce the total cost by \$8,851.00 and save the District \$1,770.20. Staff recommended constructing the project this year so this link could be used this fall/winter (The construction cost is 80% federal funds via the Recreational Trails Program and 20% NRD funds). Please refer to the attached bid tab, project map and letter of award recommendation.

**It was moved by Jacobson and seconded by Wilson to recommend the Board of Directors award the project to construct the Salt Creek Levee Trail, North 14<sup>th</sup> Street to Cornhusker Highway to Stephens and Smith Construction Co., Inc. for the base bid amount of \$295,007.00 contingent upon legal counsel review and that the General Manager can waive any informalities.**

Voting aye – Aldridge, Jacobson, Schmidt, Steinkruger Svoboda and Wilson

Voting nay – Spangler

Motion passed.



The second agenda item was the 2016 report by the Saline Wetland Conservation Partnership Coordinator, Tom Malmstrom on the partnerships activities (see attached link).

Link to 2016 Progress Report

<https://lincoln.ne.gov/city/parks/parksfacilities/wetlands//links/ProgressRpt2016.pdf>

The third agenda item was a presentation by Malmstrom on the Upper Little Salt Creek Saline Wetlands Plan (see attached link). Malmstrom went through how the plan was developed using the District's properties as examples.

Link to executive summary of Upper Little Salt Creek Saline Wetlands Plan

<https://lincoln.ne.gov/city/parks/parksfacilities/wetlands//links/ExcutiveSummary-Final.pdf>

Schulz reported on the status of the Marsh Wren saline wetland restoration and plans for a future tour of the project.

Chair Schmidt adjourned the meeting at 6:37PM.