



LOWER PLATTE SOUTH natural resources district

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Memorandum

TO: Lower Platte South NRD Board of Directors

DATE: July 12, 2018

FROM: Ariana Kennedy, Resources Conservationist *AK*

SUBJECT: Minutes for Recreation, Forestry & Wildlife Subcommittee Meeting

On Tuesday, July 10, 2018, the Recreation, Forestry and Wildlife subcommittee met in the large conference room at the Lower Platte South Natural Resources District (LPSNRD) office at 5:30 p.m. A quorum was established at 5:41 p.m. and the meeting was called to order. Subcommittee members present were; Sara Wilson – Chair, Gary Aldridge, Don Jacobson, Chelsea Johnson, Anthony Schutz and Ron Svoboda. Others present were Ray Stevens, Paul Zillig, Dave Potter, Dan Schulz and Ariana Kennedy.

The first agenda item was the Prairie Corridor Trail – Spring Creek Prairie Audubon Center Segment Resolution for the Recreational Trails Program (RTP) grant application. Kennedy reminded the subcommittee at the June LPSNRD board meeting, the Directors approved the recommendation to be the applicant for this project. The Resolution is the next step in the grant process. This Resolution authorizes the General Manager to sign the application, agreements, contracts and other pertinent documents for the RTP grant, states LPSNRD will provide 50% local matching funds (City of Lincoln is providing these funds and will transfer these funds to LPSNRD pending grant approval), and states the details for operation and maintenance of the trails for the required 25-year period. Resolution and map of trails are attached to the minutes.

It was moved by Svoboda, seconded by Jacobson and unanimously approved to recommend the Board of Directors approve the Resolution for the Recreational Trails Program grant application for Prairie Corridor Trail – Spring Creek Prairie Audubon Center Segment.

Next on the agenda was the MoPac East Trail Tree Mortality Memo prepared by Jay Seaton, LPSNRD Forester. Seaton identified five causes for tree mortality in the memo. Schulz reviewed each of the causes Seaton listed in the memo; many of the dead trees are Siberian Elms, species such as Mulberry, Hackberry and Elm show signs of freeze damage, some trees are showing stress from herbicide drift, flashback is occurring in some areas where brush was shredded and treated, other trees died of natural causes. In order to avoid flashback, Seaton recommended switching to herbicide (Garlon 3A/Pathfinder II) that does not have potential to harm untargeted species. Seaton concluded that overall, the health of woodlands is good and mortality of certain species allows healthier seedlings to replace what has died.

Staff was asked to provide the memo to Chris Hodges (concerned trail user). The memo was e-mailed to Chris Hodges Wednesday morning. Memo is attached to the minutes

Last on the agenda was the Lower Platte South NRD FY 18 Conservation Tree Program Memo prepared by Jay Seaton, LPSNRD Forester. Schulz pointed out LPSNRD sold over 48,500 trees to 350 clients. This was an increase of 53% in tree/shrub sales and an increase of 30% in client base. Seaton had a list of recommendations for the Tree Program that will be implemented in fiscal year 2019. Memo is attached to the minutes.

The meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

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Attachments