



## LOWER PLATTE SOUTH natural resources district

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TO: Board of Directors

FROM: Dan Schulz, Resources Coordinator *DS*

DATE: September 11, 2019

SUBJECT: Recreation, Forestry & Wildlife Subcommittee Meeting Minutes

On Tuesday, September 10, 2019, the Recreation, Forestry and Wildlife Subcommittee met in the District conference room at 5:45PM. Subcommittee members present were Chair-Anthony Schutz, Gary Aldridge, Tom Green, Don Jacobson, Ray Stevens and Sarah Wilson. Others present were Ariana Kennedy, Tom Malmstrom and Dan Schulz.

The first agenda item was the Saline Wetland Conservation Partnership (SWCP) annual report. Tom Malmstrom, coordinator for the SWCP reviewed highlights of 2018 and what's been accomplished so far in 2019. He provided information on land management, restoration activities, grant applications, public outreach, a new five year partnership agreement and the status the rearing and re-introduction of the Salt Creek tiger beetle. Attached is a copy of Tom's report.

The second agenda item was the Honvlez seeding proposal for the Prairie Corridor on Haines Branch (PCHB) project. Schulz reviewed the attached proposal from Prairie Plains Resource Institute (PPRI). He indicated the Honvlez conservation easement specified when Honvlez ceased farming, the 61 acres of cropland would be planted to native grasses and forbs. PPRI has done several of these restorations that have a large diversity of species (200+) from local ecotypes (collected within 150 miles of the Honvlez site). Schulz indicated the cost of the seed and seeding would be reimbursed to the District by the PCHB project funds.

**It was moved by Wilson, seconded by Stevens and unanimously approved to recommend that the Board of Directors accept the proposal from Prairie Plains Resources Institute to provide the seed and to plant 61 acres located on the Honvlez conservation easement at a cost not to exceed \$30,510.00.**

The third agenda item was the Prairie Pines Recreational Trails Program Application letter of support (see attached). Kennedy reviewed The University of Nebraska's interest in a trail connection to their property from the Murdock Trail along 112<sup>th</sup> street.

The fourth item was the Little Salt Creek Watershed Saline Wetland Enhancement and Protection Project-Public Law 566 Funding Application Submittal. Schulz indicated the 4 million dollar application was submitted that would fund projects in the Little Salt Creek Watershed identified in the Little Salt Creek Master Plan (done by the City of Lincoln and the District) and also the saline wetland improvement projects identified in the Upper Little Salt Creek Saline Wetlands Plan (done by the SWCP). Schulz also indicated the District expects to hear about approval in September.

As the last item, Kennedy gave reports on the Oak Creek Trail landslide/closure, the status of repairs on the MoPac East and Homestead Trails and the Lied Platte River Bridge.

Schutz adjourned the meeting at 6:52PM.