



## LOWER PLATTE SOUTH natural resources district

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### MEMORANDUM

Date: September 16, 2020  
To: Lower Platte South Natural Resources District Board of Directors  
From: Ariana Kennedy, Resources Conservationist *AK*  
Subject: Minutes for Recreation, Forestry & Wildlife Subcommittee Meeting

On Tuesday, September 15, 2020, the Recreation, Forestry and Wildlife subcommittee met via GoToMeeting at 4:15 p.m. Subcommittee members present were; Anthony Schutz – Chair, Gary Aldridge, Deb Eagan, Luke Peterson, Mark Spangler, Ray Stevens and Sarah Wilson. Others present were Larry Ruth, Paul Zillig, Dan Schulz, and Ariana Kennedy. There were two agenda items to consider.

First, on the agenda was Easement for Bicycle Path/Pedestrian Walkway for Rosa Parks Way Trail project. This trail project is located near 1<sup>st</sup> and J Streets and will traverse under Burlington Northern Santa Fe (BNSF) railroad tracks (map of project area attached to Memorandum). This project is an 80/20 cost share between Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Lower Platte South Natural Resources District (LPSNRD). Nebraska Department of Transportation (NDOT) is administering the project. Easement requires signature and approval by BNSF, LPSNRD and NDOT prior to construction. The Easement contains various BNSF fees; \$14,850 easement fee for use of the premises, \$11,327.13 for Railroad Protective Liability Insurance, and \$2,000 for processing fee of Easement. These fees will likely be eligible for 80% cost share from FHWA, LPSNRD would cover the remaining 20%. Easement is attached to Memorandum.

It was moved by Stevens and seconded by Eagan to recommend the Lower Platte South NRD Board of Directors approve the General Manager to sign the Easement for Bicycle Path/Pedestrian Walkway between Burlington Northern Santa Fe (BNSF), Lower Platte South Natural Resources District and Nebraska Department of Transportation for the Rosa Parks Way Trail project near 1<sup>st</sup> and J Streets; and pay BNSF an easement fee for use of premises in the amount of \$14,850.00, pay BNSF for Railroad Protective Liability Insurance in the amount of \$11,327.13, and pay BNSF for the processing fee of the Easement in the amount of \$2,000.00.

Motion passed; 6 voting yes, 1 not voting.

Second, on the agenda was the Memorandum of Easement for the Rosa Parks Way Trail project. This Easement is between LPSNRD and BNSF and will be the document recorded with the Lancaster County Assessor/Register of Deeds. Exhibit "A" will be attached to this Easement when recorded. Easement is attached to Memorandum.

It was moved by Eagan and seconded by Stevens to recommend the Lower Platte South NRD Board of Directors approve the General Manager to sign the Memorandum of Easement between Burlington Northern Santa Fe and the Lower Platte South Natural Resources District for the Rosa Parks Way Trail project near 1<sup>st</sup> and J Streets.

Motion passed; 6 voting yes, 1 not voting.

Meeting adjourned at 5:13 p.m.

PC: RF&W subcommittee file

Attachments