

LOWER PLATTE SOUTH natural resources district

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Memorandum

Date: November 13, 2023

To: SCFR (Salt Creek Flood Resiliency) Subcommittee members

From: Mike Sousek, General Manager

RE: SCFR November Subcommittee Meeting Minutes

The SCFR Subcommittee met at 4:00pm on Monday, November 13, 2023, at the NRD Office in Lincoln. Subcommittee members present included Subcommittee chair Larry Ruth, Susan Seacrest, Dave Landis, Deb Eagan, Bob Andersen, Anthony Schutz, Ken Vogel, Ray Stevens and Gary Hellerich. The subcommittee member absent was Chelsea Johnson. Other NRD directors in attendance included Gary Aldridge. One member of the public attended, Lalit Jha. NRD staff members in attendance included Mark Lindemann, Dave Potter, McKenzie Barry, Drew Ratkovec, and myself.

Chair Ruth opened the meeting and addressed the subcommittee welcoming all. The first item on the agenda was discussion on the Joint Salt Creek Flood Resiliency work-plan that was developed between the City of Lincoln and the LPSNRD. Sousek explained the changes since the last committee meeting that were incorporated into the draft of the Joint Salt Creek Flood Resiliency work-plan. It was noted how this document was a great depository of all the things the City and District are doing to address flooding in the past and into the future. It was suggested that due to the complexity of all the various efforts, that a visual diagram be developed to highlight how everything is related and built upon the foundation of the past. Staff will be working to create such a diagram. It was also recognized that this work-plan is a living document and can be modified as the board sees fit. *It was motioned by Director Stevens, seconded by Director Andersen, to recommended to the board that the district accept the Joint Salt Creek Flood Resiliency work-plan as written (see attached document). Motion carried unanimously.*

The second item on the agenda did not require any action but rather a discussion dealing with a flood resiliency engagement plan with the public. Many thoughts were shared on the purpose of defining the problem and how that relates to the discussion on the solutions to the problem. A timeline was briefly discussed on the best time to start a campaign as it relates to when the district wants to begin discussion on the solutions. Other comments dealt with the avenues to reach the public, which included YouTube, civic groups, presence at community events, the use of volunteers to spread the message, and the more traditional efforts such as social media, radio, print, television. Barry presented

estimates on what such a campaign would cost if the district hired an outside firm to help with the more traditional efforts. It was mentioned to keep our message simple as we navigate down this road.

Lastly, a short discussion occurred on the need for this committee to continue to meet. Two objectives were completed, budget and workplan which were the task given to this committee. Chair Landis will continue to contemplate the best course of action for this committee but for the time being hit the pause button and allow the committee to be dormant for a while until it is needed again.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 4:56pm.

MJS

cc: SCFR Subcommittee members NRD Director Aldridge NRD staff attending and Donna Reid