



## LOWER PLATTE SOUTH natural resources district

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### Memorandum

**Date:** November 13, 2020  
**To:** Urban Subcommittee  
**From:** Jared Nelson, District Engineer  
**Subject:** Urban Subcommittee Meeting Minutes – November 2020

The Urban Subcommittee met virtually at 5:30pm, on Thursday, November 12, 2020. Subcommittee members participating included Mike DeKalb, Karen Amen, Robert Andersen, Tom Green, Greg Osborn, Milt Schmidt, Anthony Schutz and Ray Stevens. Others participating included Board member Larry Ruth; NRD staff Paul Zillig, Dave Potter, Mike Murren, Al Langdale, Tracy Zayac and Jared Nelson; and Lindy Rogers with FYRA Engineering. Director DeKalb called the meeting to order at 5:30pm, gave a brief welcome, and reviewed the agenda. There were two items the Subcommittee took action on, an update on the Salt Creek Floodplain Resiliency Plan, and several reports as described below.

**(a.) Consideration of Bids for the Salt Creek Levee Penetration Repairs (4 pipes at Salt Creek Levee) –** Nelson discussed the Salt Creek Levee Penetration Repair project on the Salt Creek Levee System which addresses four pipes at various locations. Attached is a map and plansheets. He summarized the work at the four pipes as follows:

- STA 67+15 L, near Park Ave & South 1<sup>st</sup> St: Abandon 36" pipe with flowable fill
- STA 67+45 R, US, near Park Ave & Van Dorn: Slip-line existing 48" pipe with 42" pipe
- STA 67+45 R, DS, near Park Ave & Van Dorn: Abandon 42" pipe with flowable fill
- STA 131+50 L, north of West A St: Slip-line existing 54" pipe with 48" pipe

Nelson described that: FYRA has completed design & development of plans, and the District received the USACE 408 Permit, so the project was advertised for construction on October 20, 2020 to receive bid proposals. The bid opening was Tuesday afternoon, November 10, 2020. The District received six bids. H. R. Bookstrom Construction was the low bidder with a bid of \$ 230,866. The Engineer's Opinion of Cost for construction was for \$ 280,099.

Rogers described to the Subcommittee that she reviewed the bids, and did not find anything out of the ordinary other than the high bidder had a very high mobilization price. She referred to her attached letter of recommendation that the District award the project to H.R. Bookstrom.

**It was moved by Andersen, seconded by Stevens, and unanimously approved by the Subcommittee to recommend that the Board of Directors approve the Bid from H. R. Bookstrom Construction in the amount of \$230,866 for the Salt Creek Levee Penetration Repairs Project.**

**(b.) Consideration of Deadmans Run Water Sustainability Fund (WSF) Grant Amendment #1 –** Zillig discussed that last year the District received a Nebraska Water Sustainability Fund Grant (Contract No. 1169) to help fund the Deadmans Run Flood Reduction Project. He described that: At the time, the Nebraska Natural Resources Commission (WSF administrator) obligated and made available to the District \$3,293,651, of the \$5.8M requested. At that time, there was only enough funding to approve \$3,293,651 of the requested \$5,857,792 from their FY 2019-2020 funding cycle. However, the Commission elected to use their “CAP” tool to fund the remainder of the project during the next funding cycle.

Zillig went on to describe that since we’re now into a new funding cycle (FY 2020-2021), the Commission recently obligated the remaining \$2,564,141, for the Deadmans Run project, hence the amendment.

**It was moved by Osborn, seconded by Stevens, and unanimously approved by the Subcommittee to recommend that the Board of Directors approve Amendment #1 to the Contract between the Nebraska Department of Natural Resources and LPSNRD for the Water Sustainability Fund Grant (WSF No. 5253), for the Deadmans Run Flood Reduction Project.**

**(c.) Salt Creek Floodplain Resiliency Plan – FAQ’s [NO ACTION]** – Zillig described that at the November Board meeting, Olsson will give a presentation on the Salt Creek Floodplain Resiliency Plan. He mentioned the City and NRD are equal funding partners in the effort, with private entities funding the remaining one-third of the study cost. Zillig talked about how the City of Lincoln Mayor is incorporating the study into the City’s overarching Climate Action Plan. He also mentioned that the City Council will hear of the Salt Creek Resiliency Plan in December, and the Plan will be made public at that point.

Zillig referred to the attached FAQs Olsson prepared with the Plan, for Board members to review, but no Board action is needed this month. Nelson mentioned that the Mayors Draft Climate Action Plan was recently released and contains a section summarizing findings from the Resiliency Plan.

For more information on the City’s Draft Climate Action Plan, see the Mayor’s Press Release here: <https://www.lincoln.ne.gov/city/mayor/media/2020/102920.htm>

**(e.) Reports.** – Finally, several reports were giving to the Subcommittee by staff. First, Murren discussed the Beal Slough Stream Stabilization Project – 70th to Pine Lake, that the easements have been filed and are complete, and the USACE 404 Permit should be received soon. Then, Langdale gave an update of the USACE’s Salt Creek Levee USACE PL84-99 Repair Project and two locations are complete, and the Contractor is working through many of the USACE Punch List items still. Langdale also said that Yost completed the Charleston St Pipe Repair Project last week. Finally, Nelson described the Oak Creek Weir at 14<sup>th</sup> St Project is underway and Gana has mobilized equipment.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at approximately 6:15 pm.

JN/jn

Enclosures;