



## LOWER PLATTE SOUTH natural resources district

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### Memorandum

**Date:** February 11, 2021  
**To:** Urban Subcommittee  
**From:** Tracy Zayac, Stormwater/Watershed Specialist  
**Subject:** Urban Subcommittee Meeting Minutes – February 2021

The Urban Subcommittee met virtually at 5:30pm, on Tuesday, February 9, 2021. Subcommittee members participating included Tom Green, Christine Lamberty, Gary Aldridge, Bob Andersen, Luke Peterson, and Ray Stevens; Larry Ruth was absent. Others participating included NRD staff Paul Zillig, Dave Potter, Mike Murren, Al Langdale, Tracy Zayac and Jared Nelson; Deb Eagan; Greg Osborn, representing Wyuka Cemetery; John Royster with Big Muddy Workshop, Inc.; Ross Lawrence with JEO Consulting; and Mike Sotak with FYRA Engineering. Director Green called the meeting to order at 5:33pm and gave a brief welcome. The Subcommittee took action on two items and heard one report, as described below.

**(a.) Consideration of Cost-Share Request from Wyuka Cemetery for Conceptual Design** – Zayac described a request for cost-share assistance from Wyuka Cemetery, referring to the attached memo. She reviewed Wyuka’s struggle to manage incoming sediment and debris from stormwater draining from neighborhoods south of O Street toward Wyuka’s pond. The pond has lost most of its depth, and Wyuka is seeking solutions to handle stormwater, rehabilitate the pond, and create public greenspace with a bike trail along the drainage channel that runs north from the pond toward Vine Street. Wyuka proposes to work with Big Muddy Workshop and JEO on a conceptual design process, which will include stakeholder input on possible designs.

Greg Osborn with Wyuka further described the site’s history and summarized discussions Wyuka has had with Parks & Recreation regarding the proposed trail through the Wyuka property. Royster explained the role of a landscape architect, both in general and as related to the project. Lamberty asked questions regarding the stormwater component of the current site facilities, and Ross Lawrence provided information on how stormwater currently moves through the pond and channel, and the process that would be used to come up with new conceptual designs. Aldridge asked how often the pond had been dredged since 2010, when the City and NRD cost-shared on a previous stormwater project involving this location. Osborn responded that the pond has never been dredged in that time. The proposed housing development to the west of the drainage channel, on property that Wyuka is selling, was also discussed in relation to how stormwater from that development may affect the project. Zillig noted that the preliminary plans at this point show three detention ponds for that development.

**It was moved by Andersen, seconded by Stevens, and unanimously approved by the Subcommittee to recommend that the Board of Directors approve the cost-share request from Wyuka Cemetery, for conceptual design for stormwater improvements, in an amount of 50% of the estimated cost, not to exceed \$20,950 of NRD funds.**

**(b.) Deadmans Run Flood Reduction Project, Consideration of Professional Services Contract to perform Work-In-Kind requested by the U.S. Corps of Engineers** – Nelson described that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) contacted the District very recently and asked for the District’s assistance in completing some of the additional hydraulic modeling work needed for the “Section 205” channel widening portion of the Deadmans Run project, and has requested that the District perform this work as Work-In-Kind (creditable as a project cost). Nelson stated that FYRA Engineering will perform this work, along with the work they are already doing on this project. Sotak described the steps that would be involved in completing the tasks. The scope of the current requested modeling and the cost were provided to the Subcommittee for consideration; Nelson and Zillig stated that the contract would be attached to the meeting minutes.

**It was moved by Stevens, seconded by Andersen, and approved by the Subcommittee to recommend that the Board of Directors approve the Professional Services Contract with FYRA Engineering, for additional U.S. Army Corps of Engineers requested work, for the Deadmans Run Flood Reduction Project – Hydrology and Hydraulics Updates, at a cost not to exceed \$50,908.**

Ayes: 5. Green, Lamberty, Andersen, Peterson, Stevens.

Not voting: 1. Aldridge.

**(c.) Review and Discussion of Table on Natural Resources Benefits** – Next, Zillig reviewed the attached table of benefits to natural resources from the programs that the District offers. He briefly described the purpose of Lincoln’s Rainscaping Program and the District’s Rain-Ready Landscapes Program and their positive effects on water quality. Peterson asked if staff could expand the document to provide additional information. Zillig agreed. Stevens remarked on the simplicity of the table.

**(d.) Reports: Ash Hollow Drainage Channel** – Langdale reported that bids were received by Waverly to renovate the Ash Hollow Drainage Channel. Zillig explained that the District shares in the cost of maintenance of the channel with Waverly.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at approximately 6:35 pm.

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Enclosures;