




LOWER PLATTE SOUTH natural resources district

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Memorandum

Date: April 14, 2017
To: All Directors
From: Ed Ubben, Projects Coordinator 
Subject: Urban Subcommittee Minutes

The Urban Subcommittee met on April 13, 2017 at the District office at 6:40 pm. Present at the subcommittee meeting was Mike DeKalb (Chair), Karen Amen, Richard Bolte, Deborah Eagan, Bruce Johnson, Jeremie Kerkman and Ron Svoboda. Others in attendance were staff; Paul Zillig, Kyle Hauschild, Devin Biesecker and Ed Ubben. Also present was Chairman of the Board, Ray Stevens and Director Greg Osborn. Others present were; Tim Gerkin (Clark Enersen), Tom Beckinus (Apples Way, LLC.) and Ben Higgins (City of Lincoln, Watershed Management).

DeKalb called the meeting to order at 6:40pm.

a. **Consideration of a requested modification to the City's and NRD's "Sievers" Conservation Easement near 27th & Rokeby Rd. as proposed by Apples's Way, LLC.** Developer, Apple's Way, has purchased the Sievers property located near 27th & Rokeby Rd. They intend to develop some of the area with some commercial and approximately 220 residential homes. The area is currently in row crop. The City and NRD hold a conservation easement on floodplain land on the parcel. The Developer would like to do a land swap over some of the easement to square off the the area. (See attachment, page 5 of Iron Ridge slide show). The swap proposed would increase flood storage 15 Acre Feet east of 27th Street and 16 Acre Feet west of 27th. The swap would increase the conservation easement area by 1.45 Acres. The Developers plan is to convert the row crop west of 27th Street to a sod farm and convert the row crop to the east to native grasses. **It was moved by Bolte, seconded by Svoboda, and unanimously approved by the subcommittee to recommend the Board of Directors grant preliminary approval of the Conservation Easement modifications so that Apples Way LLC can move forward on the preliminary plat design and a more formal grading/drainage plan that will require NRD and City release of the existing conservation easement and approval of a new conservation easement.**



b. Consideration of a Community Assistance Program application from the City of Ashland for a drainage study. The City of Ashland is requesting under, the Community Assistance Program, a drainage study located between the new elevated roadway into Ashland and the Silver Street Bridge, adjacent to Salt Creek. The 2014 and 2015 floods added sediment between the levee/berm between the city and Salt Creek preventing drainage from entering Salt Creek. JEO Consultants was asked by the city to submit a proposal to perform the study for a fee of \$10,500. The city is asking for a 50% cost share. (See attached proposal) **It was moved by Svoboda, seconded by Johnson, and unanimously approved by the subcommittee to recommend the NRD Board of Directors approve the City of Ashland's Community Assistance Program application for 50% cost-share assistance on the Ashland Drainage Evaluation, at an NRD cost of not to exceed \$5,250.**

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at approximately 7:40 pm.