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QUARTERLY MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, May 3rd, 9:00 a.m.

Lower Platte South NRD

3125 Portia Street

Lincoln, NE 68501

1. Call to Order / Introductions: The meeting was called to order at 9:02 a.m.
2. Proof of Legal Notice/Publication: The meeting notice was published in the Omaha World Herald on April 26, 2016.
3. Adoption of Agenda [ACTION]: The agenda was approved by consensus.
4. Approval of LPRCA Minutes from January 19, 2016 Meeting [ACTION]: The minutes were approved by consensus
5. Exit 426 Water Supply Study—Marc Rosso and Zach Schulz, JEO: JEO conducted a water supply feasibility study for the area surrounding I-80 exit 426. The feasibility study was completed in January 2016 and was done in response to anticipated development within that area surrounding tourism facilities and also potential development outlined in the recently revised Cass County comprehensive plan. The plan addresses both water quality and quantity and identified four different alternatives ranging from \$1.25 million to \$4 million in cost.
6. Recreation Plan Updates—Meghan Sittler: A presentation was given revisiting the purpose of the recreation plan and the goals developed from that plan. Sittler also focused on the outcome of the series of public meetings recently held in Ashland, Fremont and Columbus to hear from the public regarding recreation concerns and opportunities as well as other key issues in that area. The LPRCA will be working on education and helping address key issues with search and rescue, mile makers and other issues raised by residents and stakeholders.
7. LPRCA ArcGIS Online Demonstration—Matt Pillard & Ryan Woehl, HDR Inc: Ryan Woehl and Matt Pillard demonstrated the ArcGIS on-line map gallery currently being developed. The gallery will be completed later this summer and will allow easier access, updating and mobile application of LPRCA data and other information in the Corridor.
8. USGS Water Quality Data & Alerts—Matt Moser: Moser provided a demonstration of how to set alerts for groundwater monitoring information, surface water monitoring information water levels and real-time water quality data.

9. FY2017 LPRCA Budget Presentation: Meghan Sittler provided a presentation on the draft FY2017 Budget. The presentation also included an overview of FY2016 accomplishments, federal and grant funds leveraged by the LPRCA partnership and a comparison of draft FY2017 budget items to FY2016 budget requests. There were no questions or comments. The initial draft budget was assumed approved by consensus of members present.

10. WRDA Authorized Project Updates

- a. Deadman's Run:
LPSNRD is waiting on the Corps to provide their preferred alternative coming out of the 205 study.
- b. Sand Creek: The entrance road to Lake Wanahoo is finished. LPNNRD is in process of purchasing and installing new playground sites. The dump stations have been completed as well.
- c. Fremont & Schuyler 205
Fremont: The 205 study, originally slated to be completed in September 2016 has been pushed to an additional year because of the need to do more surveying on elevations in Fremont for flood impact and cost benefit ratio.
Schuyler: Phase 1 is now completed; phase 2 is currently at 30% of design. The project cost continues to be an issue.
- d. Western Sarpy Clear Creek: The levee project is essentially complete other than some final punch list clean up items. There will be a contract for reconstruction of the fuse plug and associate features at Camp Ashland this summer. They are currently calculating in kind land rights and right of way costs which need to submit to the Corps for final auditing.
- e. Lower Platte River Watershed Authority: Sittler stated that they continue to work with the Corps and staff of the federal delegation to get the watershed program initiated.

11. IMP/Basin Plan

LPNNRD is getting closer to having plan complete. They have waited to incorporate the final aspects of the Basin plan.

LPSNRD in the initial implementation phase. One of larger components is looking at future water supply particularly in drought conditions. Lincoln Water System has wells within all three Districts. LPSNRD is in process of collaborating with LWS and the other NRDs to look where water could be banked or retimed to get past Lincoln's water system during high demand or water short periods. They are developing a Water Sustainability Fund grant as well as a Bureau of Reclamation Water Smart grant to develop and implement the study.

Papio is also in the implementation stage of their IMP. As part of that implementation they are conducting electronic imaging and study on groundwater availability for the Platte River to carry water to Leshara area. There are more studies planned for that topic.

The Lower Platte Basin study is on hold to obtain DNR's new data. Meetings continue to be scheduled to continue towards completion of the Plan.

Sittler mentioned that there will be a May 5th release of the documentary "River at Risk". The documentary will be available on-line and show cases the long term efforts to combat invasive species. Sittler will send an email with more information regarding the documentary.

Marlin added a brief description of a bank stabilization project 5 miles upstream at the Douglas/Sarpy county line—the right of way is in Saunders County. They had been looking at long term solutions through engineering studies for relief of bank erosion along a bend that has the potential of impacting a roadway. The engineered solution was to begin to create an alternate channel and allow the river to claim the channel over time. Eric Williams mentioned that the new channel appears to be work with some flow after a period of high water. It was suggested that this be on the agenda of an upcoming Quarterly Meeting.

12. Next Meeting Date [ACTION]: The meeting date was set for Tuesday, August 9th at 9:00 a.m. Location will be determined later.

13. Public Comment. There was no additional public comment.

14. Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 11:26 am

NOTES

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