



**COMMISSIONERS COURT
COMMUNICATION**

COURT ORDER NUMBER _____

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DATE: 10/1/2024

SUBJECT: CONSIDERATION TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE NORTH TEXAS COMMUNITY FOUNDATION'S CONSERVATION AND ENVIRONMENT FUND IN SUPPORT OF THE STELLA ROWAN PRAIRIE WILDERNESS CONSERVATION PLAN LOCATED AT RESOURCE CONNECTION

***** CONSENT AGENDA *****

COMMISSIONERS COURT ACTION REQUESTED

It is requested that the Commissioners Court consider the submission of a grant application to the North Texas Community Foundation's Conservation and Environment Fund in support of the Stella Rowan Prairie Wilderness Conservation Plan located at Resource Connection.

BACKGROUND

In 1973, Amon G. Carter Foundation and the Sid W. Richardson Foundation donated a parcel of land to the State of Texas for the present use and benefit of the Texas Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation, known today as My Health My Resources of Tarrant County (MHMRTC). A condition of the two hundred seventy (270) acres of donation stated, "the said Grantor does hereby bind itself, its successors and assigns, to Warrant and Forever Defend, all and singular the said premises unto the said Grantee, its successors and assigns, against every person whomever lawfully claiming or to claim the same or any part thereof, subject to the special conditions referred to hereinafter." [1]

On August 29, 1995, the Commissioners Court, through Court Order #72976, approved the Contract for Sale for Tarrant County's purchase of the Fort Worth State School property from the State of Texas. Approximately one hundred twenty-five (125) acres of the land the County purchased from the State is a rare natural resource registered with the Native Prairie Association of Texas as a large urban prairie named the Stella Rowan Prairie and Wilderness Camp.

With approval, Resource Connection will request \$25,000.00 in grant funding to continue the Resource Connection: Stella Rowan Prairie Wilderness Conservation Plan and improve native grassland prairie sites and wildlife habitat by implementing practices in a manner that will not destroy the resource base.

The Budget and Risk Management Department has reviewed this grant application.

FISCAL IMPACT

The grant application submission will be requesting grant funding in the amount of \$25,000.00. There is no match required and no indirect costs are allowed for this grant.

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