



**STAFF REPORT**  
**City of Dripping Springs**  
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**Submitted By:** Michelle Fischer, City Administrator

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**Council Meeting Date:** October 5, 2021

**Agenda Item Wording:** Approval of the Job Description for Volunteer Wildlife Manager

**Agenda Item Requestor:** Kelly Schmidt, Parks & Community Services Director

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**Summary/Background:** The Donation Deed for Rathgeber Natural Resources Park required that the city contract with the grantee to provide a wildlife management plan and services on the property. The grantee, Dick Rathgeber, has asked that the city designate Robert Ellis as the Wildlife Manager. Robert has been the property's Wildlife Manger for several years. He has been a guide for many tours of the property by city and county officials in the past year.

The Volunteer Wildlife Manger will be under the general supervision of the Parks and Community Services Director and will be responsible for overseeing the wildlife management plan in the Rathgeber Natural Resource Park including managing wildlife and its impacts on the park, as well as recording information related to the wildlife management plan. The Volunteer Wildlife Manager will also assist in prohibiting and documenting any unauthorized access to the Rathgeber Natural Resource Park.

**Commission Recommendations:** N/A

**Recommended Council Actions:** Approve the job description and designate Robert Ellis as the Wildlife Manager.

**Attachments:** Draft job description and Donation Deed for Rathgeber Natural Resources Park.

**Next steps/Schedule:** Notify Robert Ellis and Dick Rathgeber of the City Council's decision.