



**PAPIO-MISSOURI RIVER
NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES
December 8, 2016**

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

NOTIFICATION OF OPEN MEETINGS ACT POSTING AND MEETING PROCEDURE

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: A regular meeting of the Papio-Missouri River Natural Resources District Board of Directors was held at the Natural Resources Center, 8901 S. 154th Street, Omaha, NE on December 8, 2016. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson David Klug at 7:00 p.m.

QUORUM CALL: The following Directors were present for the Quorum Call:

Patrick Bonnett	Dave Klug
Fred Conley	Patrick Leahy
John Conley	Bill Rhea, Jr.
Tim Fowler	Rich Tesar
Curt Frost	Jim Thompson
	Ron Woodle

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

- **MOTION NO. 1:** It was moved by Director Fowler seconded by Director Conley (Fred) that the meeting agenda be adopted.

Roll call vote was held on motion. The motion carried on a vote of 11-yea.

Voting Yea	-	Bonnett, Conley (Fred), Conley (John), Fowler, Frost, Leahy, Rhea, Tesar, Thompson, Woodle, Klug
Voting Nay	-	None
Abstaining	-	None
Excused Absence	-	None
Absent	-	None

ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA:

- **MOTION NO. 2:** It was moved by Director Rhea and seconded by Director Tesar that the following resolution be adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED that the following resolutions on the consent agenda are hereby adopted.

Agenda Item 3.A.:

BE IT RESOLVED that the absence of the following Director(s) from the December 8, 2016, Board of Directors Meeting is excused:

None to date.

Agenda Item 7. A. and Agenda Item 7.B.

BE IT RESOLVED that the November 10, 2016, Papio-Missouri River NRD Board meeting minutes and the November 9, 2016, Dakota County Rural Water Advisory Board meeting minutes are approved as printed.

Roll call vote was held on motion. The motion carried on a vote of 11-yea.

Voting Yea	-	Bonnett, Conley (Fred), Conley (John), Fowler, Frost, Leahy, Rhea, Tesar, Thompson, Woodle, Klug
Voting Nay	-	None
Abstaining	-	None
Excused Absence	-	None
Absent	-	None

PROOFS OF PUBLICATION OF MEETING NOTICE: Notice of the meeting was published in the Omaha World Herald on December 1, 2016. The District's October 14, 2016 through November 10, 2016, expenditures were published in the Douglas County Post-Gazette on November 15, 2016. The Chairperson ordered the Proofs of Publication recorded in the minutes of this meeting. (They are contained as part of the file copy of these minutes.)

AGENCY AND ASSOCIATION REPORTS:

A. Natural Resources Conservation Service Report: Neil Jensen, NRCS District Conservationist at the Omaha NRCS office, gave his report on NRCS activities. Neil's report is posted to the website and attached to these meeting minutes.

B. Nebraska Association of Resources Districts: Director Tesar reported on the NARD Board meeting that was held on November 13-14, 2016, in Chadron, NE and the upcoming NARD Legislative Conference being held on January 24-25, 2017, in Lincoln, NE.

C. Lower Platte River Corridor Alliance Quarterly Report: David Potter's written report is posted to the website and attached to these meeting minutes.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:

A. Ad Hoc Consultant Selection Subcommittee for the Southern Sarpy Watershed Management Plan: Director David Klug reported that the Ad Hoc Consultant Selection Subcommittee for the Southern Sarpy Watershed Management Plan met on December 1, 2016, and gave a brief recap of the meeting.

- **MOTION NO. 3:** It was moved by Director David Klug that the following recommendation be adopted:

Ad Hoc Recommendation #1: Consultant Selection Interviews: Recommendation that FYRA Engineering be ranked first for the Southern Sarpy Watershed Management Plan Project Professional Services and that they be asked to prepare a detailed scope of services and cost estimate for the project and that JEO Consulting Group Inc./CH2M be ranked second.

Roll call vote was held on motion. The motion carried on a vote of 11-yea.

Voting Yea - Bonnett, Conley (Fred), Conley (John), Fowler, Frost, Leahy, Rhea, Tesar, Thompson, Woodle, Klug
Voting Nay - None
Abstaining - None
Excused Absence - None
Absent - None

B. Personnel, Legislative, and Public Affairs Subcommittee: Director Fred Conley reported that the Personnel, Legislative, and Public Affairs Subcommittee met on December 6, 2016, and gave a brief recap of the meeting.

- **MOTION NO. 4:** It was moved by Director Fred Conley that the following recommendation be adopted:

PLPA Recommendation #1: 2017 Pay Program Administration Manual: Recommendation that the amendments to the Pappio-Missouri River NRD Pay Program Administration Manual for calendar year 2017, be adopted and incorporated into the District's Policy Manual.

Roll call vote was held on motion. The motion carried on a vote of 11-yea.

Voting Yea - Bonnett, Conley (Fred), Conley (John), Fowler, Frost, Leahy, Rhea, Tesar, Thompson, Woodle, Klug
Voting Nay - None
Abstaining - None
Excused Absence - None
Absent - None

- **MOTION NO. 5:** It was moved by Director Fred Conley that the following recommendation be adopted:

PLPA Recommendation #2: Update to Employee Handbook: Recommendation that the amendments to the Papio-Missouri River NRD Employee Handbook, be adopted and incorporated into the District's Policy Manual.

Roll call vote was held on motion. The motion carried on a vote of 11-yea.

Voting Yea	-	Bonnett, Conley (Fred), Conley (John), Fowler, Frost, Leahy, Rhea, Tesar, Thompson, Woodle, Klug
Voting Nay	-	None
Abstaining	-	None
Excused Absence	-	None
Absent	-	None

C. Programs, Projects and Operations Subcommittee: Director John Conley reported that the PPO Subcommittee met on December 6, 2016, and gave a brief recap of the meeting.

- **MOTION NO. 6:** It was moved by Director John Conley that the following recommendation be adopted:

PPO Recommendation #1: Interlocal Agreement with the City of Papillion and City of La Vista for the Portal Road Drainageway Project: Recommendation that the General Manager be authorized to execute the proposed Interlocal Cooperation Agreement with the City of La Vista and the City of Papillion for Portal Road Drainageway Improvements, subject to changes deemed necessary by the General Manager and approval as to form by District Legal Counsel.

Roll call vote was held on motion. The motion carried on a vote of 11-yea.

Voting Yea	-	Bonnett, Conley (Fred), Conley (John), Fowler, Frost, Leahy, Rhea, Tesar, Thompson, Woodle, Klug
Voting Nay	-	None
Abstaining	-	None
Excused Absence	-	None
Absent	-	None

D. Finance, Expenditures and Legal Subcommittee: Director Jim Thompson reported that the FEL Subcommittee met on December 6, 2016, and gave a brief recap of the meeting.

- **MOTION NO. 7:** It was moved by Director Jim Thompson that the following recommendation be adopted:

FEL Recommendation #1: Fiscal Year 2016 Audit Report: Recommendation that the FY2016 Audit Report, prepared by HSMC Orizon, LLC, be accepted and that the General Manager be directed to file an authenticated copy of the audit report with the Nebraska Auditor of Public Accounts and the Nebraska Natural Resources Commission.

Roll call vote was held on the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 11-yea.

Voting Yea - Bonnett, Conley (Fred), Conley (John), Fowler, Frost, Leahy, Rhea, Tesar, Thompson, Woodle, Klug
Voting Nay - None
Abstaining - None
Excused Absence - None
Absent - None

•• **MOTION NO. 8:** It was moved by Director Jim Thompson that the following recommendation be adopted:

FEL Recommendation #2: West Branch Channel Project, Ashford Hollow (SID 238) Trail Easement Agreement: Recommendation that the General Manager be authorized to execute the proposed Easement Agreement with Sarpy County for the construction of Ashford Hollow Trail on West Branch Levee/Channel Project right-of-way near 42nd Street, subject to changes deemed necessary by the General Manager and approval as to form by District Legal Counsel.

Roll call vote was held on the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 11-yea.

Voting Yea - Bonnett, Conley (Fred), Conley (John), Fowler, Frost, Leahy, Rhea, Tesar, Thompson, Woodle, Klug
Voting Nay - None
Abstaining - None
Excused Absence - None
Absent - None

•• **MOTION NO. 9:** It was moved by Director Jim Thompson that the following recommendation be adopted:

FEL Recommendation #3: Account Over 110% Maintenance, Dams – Attorney Fees (01-03-590-4392): Recommendation that Account # 01-03-590-4392 (Maintenance, Dams – Attorney Fees) be allowed to exceed 110% of the Fiscal Year 2017 budgeted amount, not-to-exceed \$100,000, without further approval by the Board.

Director Frost stated that the District has spent too much money on this and that we should cut our losses and be done with it.

Roll call vote was held on the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 10-yea and 1-nay.

Voting Yea	-	Bonnett, Conley (Fred), Conley (John), Fowler, Leahy, Rhea, Tesar, Thompson, Woodle, Klug
Voting Nay	-	Frost
Abstaining	-	None
Excused Absence	-	None
Absent	-	None

TREASURER'S REPORT:

- **MOTION NO. 10:** It was moved by Director John Conley and seconded by Director Klug that the following resolution be adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Treasurer is authorized to expend general funds to pay: (1) claims listed in the November, 2016, financial report; and, (2) any claims made prior to the next Board meeting for (a) earned salaries of District employees, (b) withholding taxes, (c) social security payments, (d) retirement program contributions, (e) utilities, (f) registration fees and expenses for upcoming meetings and conferences, (g) certified completed CAP and Special Project Area applications, (h) invoices which offer a credit or discount for payment made prior to the next Board meeting, (i) postage, and, (j) building and grounds contract expenses.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Treasurer is authorized to pay, from the respective operating accounts of the Dakota County, Thurston County and Washington County Rural Water System, the Elkhorn River Bank Stabilization Project, the Elkhorn Breakout Project, the Elk/Pigeon Creek Drainage Project, and the Western Sarpy Drainage District, the project bills listed on the November, 2016, financial report, and future claims for project utilities.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the financial reports be affixed to and made a part of the minutes.

Roll call vote was held on motion. The motion carried on a vote of 11-yea.

Voting Yea	-	Bonnett, Conley (Fred), Conley (John), Fowler, Frost, Leahy, Rhea, Tesar, Thompson, Woodle, Klug
Voting Nay	-	None
Abstaining	-	None
Excused Absence	-	None
Absent	-	None

LEGAL UPDATE: Brent Meyer, District Legal Counsel, had nothing to report.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT:

- A. Attendance at Upcoming Meetings: Chairperson Klug reported that Directors Tim Fowler and Fred Conley would be representing the District at the National Association of Conservation Districts' 71st annual meeting, being held in Denver, Colorado on January 28-February 1, 2017.
- B. Special Presentation: Chairperson Klug recognized the following Directors for their years of service to the District:

Director Patrick Bonnett
Director Curt Frost
Director Bill Rhea, Jr.
Director Ron Woodle

- C. P-MRNRD Employee Service Awards

Austin Hill – Education Assistant	5 Years
Randy Lee – NRC Building Supervisor	5 Years
Deborah Ward – Field Office Programs Assistant	5 Years
Sonya Carlson – NRCS Administrative Secretary	10 Years
Terry Keller – Medium Equipment Operator	30 Years
Darlene Hensley – Field Office Programs Assistant	35 Years
Emmett Egr - Information/Education Coordinator	40 Years

The Chairperson concluded his report by thanking everyone for their fine work and professionalism displayed throughout the past year.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT: GM Winkler stated that his report had been posted to the website for review. The GM reflected on the District's accomplishments achieved over the past ten years. He thanked staff for their heart, commitment, and character put forth each and every day; and that he is honored to be a part of this team. He concluded his report by wishing everyone a safe and happy holiday.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

- A. Future Meetings: The Chairperson reviewed the following upcoming meetings with the Directors:

December 15, 2016	Papillion Creek Watershed Partnership Meeting, 10:00 a.m. NRC
December 26, 2016	Christmas Holiday – P-MRNRD Offices Closed
January 2, 2017	New Year's Holiday – P-MRNRD Offices Closed
January 10, 2017	P-MRNRD Subcommittee Meetings

January 12, 2017	P-MRNRD Board Meeting
January 16, 2017	Martin Luther King Day – P-MRNRD Offices Closed
January 24-25, 2017	NARD Legislative Conference, Lincoln, NE
January 26, 2017	Papillion Creek Watershed Partnership Meeting, 10:00 a.m. NRC
Jan. 28-Feb. 1, 2017	National Association of Conservation Districts 2017 Annual Meeting

B. Next Meeting – The next regularly scheduled meeting of the P-MRNRD Board of Directors will be held on January 12, 2017, at the NRC

ADJOURNMENT: Being no further business, the Chairperson declared that the meeting was adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

NOTE: These minutes reflect the actions and votes taken at the December 8, 2016, Board of Directors Meeting of the Papio-Missouri River Natural Resources District and are not an official transcript of the meeting. The audio cast of this meeting can be found on our website at www.papionrd.org.

I, the undersigned, Secretary of the Papio-Missouri River Natural Resources District, hereby certify that the foregoing are true and correct minutes of a meeting of the Board of Directors of the District held on December 8, 2016, that all of the subjects included in the foregoing proceedings were contained in the agenda for the meeting, kept continually current and readily available for public inspection at the office of the District; that such subjects were contained in said agenda at least twenty-four hours prior to said meeting; that at least one copy of all reproducible material discussed at the meeting was available at the meeting for examination and copying by members of the public; that the minutes were in written form and available for public inspection within ten working days and prior to the next convened meeting of said body; and, that all news media requesting notification of the meeting of said body were provided advance notification of the time and place of said meeting.

Richard Tesar
District Secretary