

**Programs, Projects, and Operations
Subcommittee Meeting Minutes
March 7, 2017**

A meeting of the Papio-Missouri River Natural Resources District’s Programs, Projects, and Operations Subcommittee was held at the Natural Resources Center, 8901 South 154th Street, Omaha, NE, on March 7, 2017. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson John Conley at 6:30 p.m.

QUORUM CALL: Quorum call was taken. The following subcommittee members were in attendance.

Subcommittee Members Present	Subcommittee Members Absent	Other Directors Present	Others in Attendance
John Conley, Chairperson	Patrick Leahy *	Larry Bradley	John Winkler
Jim Thompson, Vice-Chairperson	Tim Fowler *	Dave Klug	Marlin Petermann
Fred Conley			Brent Meyer
Rich Tesar			Amanda Grint
Ted Japp **			Eric Williams
			Paul Woodward
			Other Staff Members
			John Engel, HDR Engineering
			Karen Griffin, Olsson Associates
			Dan Dolezal, EGA
			Harvest Ellis, Olsson Associates

- * Absence
- ** Alternate Voting Member

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

- **It was moved by Director F. Conley and seconded by Director Thompson that the agenda be adopted.**

Roll call was taken on the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 5-yea and 0-nay.

Voting Yea: F. Conley, Japp, Tesar, Thompson, J. Conley
 Voting Nay: None
 Abstaining: None
 Absent: Fowler, Leahy

PROOF OF PUBLICATION: Public notice of the meeting was posted at all District offices and published in the Omaha World-Herald on March 2, 2017. The proof of publication affidavit is included with the file copy of these minutes.

1. Update on Zorinsky Basin Number 2 – Amanda Grint and John Engel, HDR Engineering Inc.:

Amanda Grint gave an overview of the purpose of the project and John Engel with HDR Engineering discussed the status of the preliminary design and permitting. Recreational improvements surrounding the water quality basin were incorporated as part of Omaha’s Park Master Plan and will be paid for through SIDs to Omaha. The mitigation plan for stream and wetland impacts will not require additional land rights. Land acquisition may begin as early as next month with a total of approximately 74 acres in fee title and 6.25 acres in easement.

- **This was an informational item. No action was taken by the Subcommittee.**

2. Review and Recommendation on Update to the Groundwater Management Plan – Paul Woodward and Karen Griffin, Olsson Associates:

Paul Woodward reviewed the current status of submitting the Preliminary Draft Groundwater Management Plan to the Nebraska Department of Natural Resources for review and the next steps of adopting the final plan, adopting new rules and regulations to implement recommendations of the plan, and designating Groundwater Management Areas based on current water quality and quantity analysis. Karen Griffin with Olsson Associates discussed the hydrogeology of the District and the process of stakeholder involvement. Future groundwater quality monitoring may be focused in the Platte/Elkhorn Valley primarily in Douglas County and in Sarpy County to the west of Springfield based on new AEM survey data.

- **It was moved by Director Thompson and seconded by Director F. Conley that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board of Directors that the District approve the proposed preliminary draft of the Papio-Missouri River NRD’s updated Groundwater Management Plan and that the General Manager be authorized to submit such plan to the Nebraska Department of Natural Resources for review, subject to changes deemed necessary by the General Manager and approval as to form by District Legal Counsel.**

Roll call was taken on the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 5-yea and 0-nay.

Voting Yea: F. Conley, Japp, Tesar, Thompson, J. Conley
 Voting Nay: None
 Abstaining: None
 Absent: Fowler, Leahy

3. Review and Recommendation on the Interlocal Cooperative Agreement for the Nebraska GeoCloud and Airborne Electromagnetic (AEM) Data Integration Project – Paul Woodward:

Paul Woodward discussed the history of the project with ENWRA and UNL-CSD and that the District’s financial contribution would be shared with 10 other NRDs to make up the local match required for a Water Sustainability Fund grant.

- **It was moved by Director Tesar and seconded by Director Japp that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board of Directors that the General Manager be authorized to execute an Interlocal Cooperative Agreement with nine other Natural Resources Districts to support the Nebraska GeoCloud and Airborne Electromagnetic (AEM) Data Integration project with a total District financial contribution of \$10,200, equally distributed in FY18, FY19, and FY20, subject to changes deemed necessary by the General Manager and approval as to form by District Legal Counsel.**

Roll call was taken on the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 5-yea and 0-nay.

Voting Yea: F. Conley, Japp, Tesar, Thompson, J. Conley
 Voting Nay: None
 Abstaining: None
 Absent: Fowler, Leahy

4. Review and Recommendation on Platte River Trail Phase 1 (MOPAC Trail) Construction Engineering Services Agreement Supplement No. 2 – Eric Williams:

Eric Williams discussed that the purpose of the supplemental services to be provided by Ehrhart Griffin & Associates (EGA) was to complete construction closeout documents that required additional services

because of work changes and new direction by NDOR. Dan Dolezal with EGA responded to questions about a couple specific scope item changes.

- **It was moved by Director F. Conley and seconded by Director Tesar that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board of Directors that the General Manager be authorized to execute the attached Supplemental Agreement No. 2 between the District and Ehrhart Griffin & Associates for Construction Engineering Services for the Platte River Trail, Phase 1 (MoPac Trail) for an increase in costs not-to-exceed \$11,472.57.**

Roll call was taken on the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 5-yea and 0-nay.

Voting Yea: F. Conley, Japp, Tesar, Thompson, J. Conley
Voting Nay: None
Abstaining: None
Absent: Fowler, Leahy

5. Review and Recommendation on Elkhorn River Improvement Project Area (IPA) Operation and Maintenance Assessment – Eric Williams:

Eric Williams discussed the operation and maintenance assessment IPA along the Elkhorn River and the annual assessment of benefited property owners. The purpose of the assessments is to reach an O&M fund balance of \$250,000 through annual \$20,000 assessments.

- **It was moved by Director Tesar and seconded by Director Thompson that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board of Directors that a special assessment for the operation and maintenance of the Elkhorn River Bank Stabilization Improvement Project Area be levied against the benefited parcels in the total amount of \$20,000 for calendar year 2017 and that the attached Resolution be adopted.**

Roll call was taken on the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 5-yea and 0-nay.

Voting Yea: F. Conley, Japp, Tesar, Thompson, J. Conley
Voting Nay: None
Abstaining: None
Absent: Fowler, Leahy

ADJOURNMENT: Being no further business, the meeting adjourned by acclamation 7:47 p.m.

Minutes were prepared by Paul Woodward.