

**Programs, Projects, and Operations
Subcommittee Meeting Minutes
March 6, 2018**

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 6, 2018. 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, Chairman	Patrick Leahy *	Larry Bradley	John Winkler
Fred Conley		Ted Japp	Marlin Petermann
Rich Tesar			Adam Charlsen, Legal Counsel
Jim Thompson			Tracy Thompson
Tim Fowler **			Jim Becic
			David Sands, NLT Exec. Dir.
			Amanda Grint
			Jake Zimmerer, Olmsted & Perry Consulting Engineers, Inc.
			Paul Woodward
			Amanda Flynn, USGS
			Terry Schumacher
			Mike Placke, Olsson Associates
			Other Staff Members

* Absence

** Alternate Voting Member

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

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

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

Voting Yea: F. Conley, Fowler, Tesar, Thompson, J. Conley

Voting Nay: None

Abstaining: None

Absent: Leahy

PROOF OF PUBLICATION: Public notice of the meeting was posted at all District offices and published in the Omaha World-Herald on March 1, 2018. The proof of publication affidavit is included with the file copy of these minutes.

1. **Review and Recommendation on the Nebraska Land Trust Interlocal Agreement Third Addendum – Jim Becic and David Sands, NLT Executive Director:**

Jim Becic and David Sands presented information about District’s partnership with The Nebraska Land Trust (NLT). The NRD is a charter member of the NLT Board. In 2009, 2012 and 2015 the NRD entered into three-year Cooperative Agreements with the NLT, to provide a financial contribution of \$30,000.00 per year to assist in their operations. The NLT is requesting that this partnership continue for an additional three-year period beginning in Fiscal Year 2019.

- **It was moved by Director Fowler and seconded by Director F. Conley that the Programs, Projects and Operations Subcommittee recommend to the Board that the General Manager be authorized to execute the proposed Third Addendum to the 18 March, 2009 “Agreement Between Papio-Missouri River Natural Resources District And Nebraska Land Trust For Cooperative Assistance” that allows for an additional three year District commitment in the amount of \$30,000/year, commencing in fiscal year, 2019 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.

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

2. Review and Recommendation on Amendment to Interlocal Agreement with City of Gretna on Sanitary Sewer Main Extension around the WP2 Project – Amanda Grint and Jake Zimmerer, Olmsted & Perry Consulting Engineers Inc.:

Amanda Grint presented the amendment to the Interlocal Agreement with the City of Gretna for the WP2 Sanitary Sewer Main Extension Project. The estimated cost and maximum District contribution was set at \$300,000 in the Interlocal Agreement. Bids were received by the City of Gretna in January and the District portion of the low bid was approximately \$358,000. The proposed amendment addresses the higher cost of items that were determined to be the District’s responsibility up to a maximum of \$370,000. Amanda and Jake answered the Directors questions.

- **It was moved by Director Thompson and seconded by Director F. Conley that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board that the General Manager be authorized to execute an amendment to the Interlocal Agreement with the City of Gretna for the WP2 Sanitary Sewer Main Extension project up to a maximum amount of \$370,000 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.

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

3. Review and Recommendation on Amendments to District Policy 17-21 - Groundwater Management Program – Paul Woodward:

Paul Woodward presented the proposed revisions to District Policy 17.21-Groundwater Management Program which incorporate the newly adopted Groundwater Management Plan (GMP) and associated rules and regulation. Other major amendments to the policy provide guidelines for financial assistance to private landowners and municipal public water suppliers to encourage the conservation or protection of groundwater in our District. Paul answered Directors questions.

- **It was moved by Director F. Conley and seconded by Director Fowler that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board that the proposed amendments to Policy 17.21 - Groundwater Management Program be adopted and incorporated into the District’s Policy Manual.**

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

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

4. Review and Recommendation on City of Springfield Wellhead Protection Area Plan Cost Share Agreement – Paul Woodward:

Paul Woodward presented the proposed Interlocal Agreement between the District and the City of Springfield to pursue a Wellhead Protection Area plan (WHPA plan) for their community’s municipal water supply. Springfield is eligible for 50% cost-share assistance from the District under the revisions proposed to District Policy 17.21 as part of their WHPA is in a Phase II Groundwater Management Area. The District would agree to reimburse the City for 50% of their actual expenses up to \$30,000. Paul answered Directors questions.

- **It was moved by Director F. Conley and seconded by Director Thompson that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board that the General Manager be authorized to execute the proposed Interlocal Agreement with the City of Springfield for Wellhead Protection Area Plan cost share, not to exceed \$30,000 in District funds, 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.

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

5. Review and Recommendation on Joint Funding Agreement with USGS for the Western Sarpy County GeoScene 3D Aquifer Characterization Project – Paul Woodward and Amanda Flynn, USGS:

Paul Woodward and Amanda Flynn presented the Joint Funding Agreement with the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) for the Western Sarpy County Geoscene 3D Aquifer Characterization Project (Project). As part of the Project, USGS proposes to enhance the baseline GeoScene 3D project by incorporating additional well logs and available geologic records, grouping and mapping potential pocket aquifers, adding groundwater quality testing results to visualize areas of concern and identifying areas of insufficient data or information. The proposed project would take place in the NRD’s fiscal years of FY 19 and 20. The USGS is providing \$77,700 in federal matching funds.

- **It was moved by Director Fowler and seconded by Director F. Conley that the subcommittee recommend to the Board of Directors that the General Manager be authorized to execute a Joint Funding Agreement with the U.S. Geological Survey for the Western Sarpy County Geoscene 3D Aquifer Characterization Project for a total non-federal cost of \$200,000, 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 4-yea, 1-abstaining.

Voting Yea: F. Conley, Fowler, Tesar, Thompson

Voting Nay: None
Abstaining: J. Conley
Absent: Leahy

6. Review and Recommendation on Bids Received for Construction of the Fish Cleaning Station and Trail Improvements at the Danish Alps State Recreation Area – Terry Schumacher and Mike Placke, Olsson Associates:

Terry Schumacher and Mike Placke presented the bid summary for construction of the Fish Cleaning Station and Trail Improvements at the Danish Alps Recreation Area Project in Dakota County. 4 bids were opened on February 22, 2018 and ranged from \$186,023.29 to \$379,537.89. The apparent low bid of \$186,023.29 was submitted by HCI Construction. The Engineers estimate for the construction of the project is \$197,255.00. Olsson Associates reviewed the work history for similar projects and based upon HCI Construction's work history and references conclude that the contractor can successfully complete the project and recommends that a contract be awarded to HCI Construction. Terry and Mike answered Directors questions.

- **It was moved by Director Tesar and seconded by Director F. Conley that the Programs, Projects and Operations Subcommittee recommend to the Board that the General Manager be authorized to execute a contract with HCI Construction in the amount of \$186,023.29 for the construction of the Fish Cleaning Station and Trail Improvements at the Danish Alps State Recreation Area Project, 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.

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

7. Review and Recommendation on Update to Appendix K Rules and Regulations for All District Recreation Areas – John Winkler:

John Winkler presented the proposed amendments to District Policy Appendix K. According to Policy 1.5 (Policy Manual-Amendment), policies 17.0 through 22.3 and Appendices may be amended by the Board of Directors at any time. District management and staff have met several times over the past six months to address several issues/concerns that have been occurring in the District recreational facilities. The amendments address prohibiting drones at Chalco Hills, camping fees at Elkhorn Crossing, high-water closing of Platte River Landing and Special Use Permit fees for commercial vendors/outfitters. John answered Directors questions.

- **It was moved by Director Tesar and seconded by Director Fowler that the Subcommittee recommends to the Board of Directors that the proposed amendments to Appendix K-Rules and Regulations for All District Recreation Areas be approved and incorporated into the District Policy Manual.**

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

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

ADJOURNMENT: Being no further business, the meeting adjourned by acclamation at 7:51 p.m.