

**Programs, Projects, and Operations  
Subcommittee Meeting Minutes  
February 12, 2019**

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 154<sup>th</sup> Street, Omaha, NE, on February 12, 2019. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Conley at 6:36 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 Present
Fred Conley, Chairperson	Rich Tesar *	Mark Gruenewald	John Winkler
Tim Fowler, Vice-Chairperson		Tim McCormick	Brent Meyer, Legal Counsel
Ted Japp		Jim Thompson	Tracy Thompson
Kevyn Sopinski		John Wiese	Martin Cleveland
Larry Bradley **			Paul Woodward
			Other Staff Members
			Pat Engelbert, HDR
			Lindy Rogers, FYRA
			Mike Sotak, FYRA

\* Absent

\*\* Alternate Voting Member

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA:**

- **It was moved by Director Bradley 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: Bradley, Fowler, Japp, Sopinski, Conley  
 Voting Nay: None  
 Abstaining: None  
 Absent: Tesar

**PROOF OF PUBLICATION:** Public notice of the meeting was posted at all District offices and published in the Omaha World-Herald on February 7, 2019. The proof of publication affidavit is included with the file copy of these minutes.

**1. Review and Recommendation on Amendment No. 2 to Professional Services Agreement with HDR Engineering Inc. for the Little Papillion Creek Channel Stabilization Project – Martin Cleveland and Pat Engelbert, HDR Engineering Inc.:**

Project Manager Martin Cleveland and Pat Engelbert, HDR presented Amendment No. 2 for the Little Papillion Creek Channel Stabilization Project which consists of an Agreement Scope Change to allow for re-bid of Site 10R (near Mercy Road). Amendment No. 2 will cover modification of the contract documents, additional bid support and construction observation at a cost of \$27,878 for a total not-to-exceed contract amount of \$458,413. Martin and Pat answered Directors’ questions.

- **It was moved by Director Fowler and seconded by Director Sopinski that the that the Programs, Projects and Operations Subcommittee recommend to the Board of Directors that the General Manager be authorized to execute the proposed Amendment No. 2 to Professional Services Agreement with HDR Engineering, Inc. in the amount of \$27,878 for the Little Papillion Creek Channel Stabilization Project, bringing the total not-to-exceed amount to \$458,413, 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: Bradley, Fowler, Japp, Sopinski, Conley  
 Voting Nay: None  
 Abstaining: None  
 Absent: Tesar

**2. Review and Recommendation on the Missouri River R613/R616 Levee Improvement Project – Paul Woodward, Lindy Rogers and Mike Sotak, FYRA:**

**Item 2a. – Award of Bid Project Construction:**

Project Manager Paul Woodward and Lindy Rogers, FYRA, presented the bids for construction of modifications to the Missouri River R613/R616 Levee Systems. The District received and opened three bids on January 30, 2019. The lowest responsible bidder was Graham Construction with a total bid of \$22,811,811. The total engineer’s estimate was \$29,789,150.80. Necessary modifications planned over the next two years for approximately 13.7 miles of levee include levee embankment raises, trail replacement, new seepage berms, levee penetration pipe rehab or replacement, new gate wells and gates, new relief wells, a new stoplog closure section under Hwy 370, and a floodwall as well as construction of the Rumsey West wetland mitigation area and utility relocations at the Papillion Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant. FYRA Engineering reviewed the bids and recommended the contract be awarded to Graham Construction. Paul and Lindy answered Directors’ questions.

- **It was moved by Director Fowler and seconded by Director Sopinski that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board of Directors that the General Manager be authorized to execute a contract with Graham Construction in an amount of \$22,811,811 for the construction of modifications to the Missouri River R-613/R-616 Levee Systems, 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: Bradley, Fowler, Japp, Sopinski, Conley  
 Voting Nay: None  
 Abstaining: None  
 Absent: Tesar

**Item 2b. - Amendment to Professional Services Contract with FYRA Engineering:**

Project Manager Paul Woodward and Mike Sotak, FYRA, presented the proposed Amendment 2 to the Professional Services Contract with FYRA Engineering in the amount of \$1,838,054 for the remaining services needed during levee construction and FEMA certification. Mike outlined the additional services required to satisfy the engineering standards required by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) and explained the lengthy USACE process to obtain Section 408 approval and 404 permitting. These services utilized all funds available in the existing contract of \$3,671,484. Although Amendment 2 brings the total not to exceed amount of the FYRA Engineering contract to \$5,509,538, it is estimated that over \$7.34 million was saved in increased construction costs as a result of the additional work by FYRA and District staff to obtain 408 approval. Paul, Mike and GM John Winkler addressed cost concerns expressed by Director Japp and answered Directors’ questions.

- **It was moved by Director Bradley and seconded by Director Sopinski that the subcommittee recommend to the Board of Directors that the General Manager be authorized to execute the proposed amendment to the Professional Services Contract with FYRA Engineering, Inc. for the P-MRNRD Missouri River R-613/R-616 Federal Levee Certification Project, making the maximum not to exceed contract amount \$5,509,538, 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: Bradley, Fowler, Japp, Sopinski, Conley  
 Voting Nay: None  
 Abstaining: None  
 Absent: Tesar

**Item 2c. - Interlocal Agreement with City of Omaha for Relocation of Utilities Servicing the Papillion Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant:**

Paul Woodward presented the proposed interlocal agreement with the City of Omaha for Relocation of Utilities Servicing the Papillion Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant from the south side of the entrance road to the north side. The District will pay for relocations of the OPPD line and City water line as part of the Missouri River Levee Systems R-613/R-616 construction project. The City will reimburse the District for costs associated with the gas line relocation. No exact costs are defined in the agreement, but the estimates for the work (based on recent bids) and quotes from the utility companies would be \$340,000 for the District and \$100,000 for the City. The agreement also provides the District access across City property for construction and future maintenance related to the levee system. Paul answered Directors' questions.

- **It was moved by Director Fowler and seconded by Director Bradley that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board of Directors that the General Manager be authorized to execute an Interlocal Agreement with the City of Omaha for Modifications to the Missouri River Levee System R-613/R-616 and Relocation of Utilities Servicing the Papillion Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant, 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: Bradley, Fowler, Japp, Sopinski, Conley  
 Voting Nay: None  
 Abstaining: None  
 Absent: Tesar

**ADJOURNMENT:** Being no further business, the meeting adjourned by acclamation at 7:17 p.m.