

**Programs, Projects, and Operations  
Subcommittee Meeting Minutes  
April 9, 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 April 9, 2019. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson 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 Present
Fred Conley, Chairperson		Danny Begley	John Winkler
Tim Fowler, Vice-Chairperson		Larry Bradley	Marlin Petermann
Ted Japp		Mark Gruenewald	Brent Meyer, Legal Counsel
Kevyn Sopinski		Tim McCormick	Tracy Thompson
Rich Tesar		Jim Thompson	Martin Cleveland
		John Wiese	Zach Nelson
			Eric Williams
			Lindy Rogers, FYRA
			Other Staff Members

- \* Absent
- \*\* Alternate Voting Member

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA:**

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

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

Voting Yea: Fowler, Japp, Sopinski, Tesar, Conley  
 Voting Nay: None  
 Abstaining: None  
 Absent: None

**PROOF OF PUBLICATION:** Public notice of the meeting was posted at all District offices and published in the Omaha World-Herald on April 4, 2019. The proof of publication affidavit is included with the file copy of these minutes.

**1. Review and Recommendation of Bids for Big Papio Creek Levee Culverts Project Phase 2 – Martin Cleveland:**

Project Manager Martin Cleveland and Lindy Rogers, FYRA, presented the bid summary for the Big Papio Creek Levee Culverts Project Phase 2 located in Douglas and Sarpy Counties. The project consists of rehabilitation and/or replacement of 17 aging levee culverts with either sliplining with HDPE pipe or lining with centrifugally cast concrete. Two bids were received and ranged from \$3,146,227.15 to \$3,859,294.34. The apparent low bid of \$3,146,227.15 was submitted by Graham Construction, Inc. The Engineer's project cost estimate is \$2,572,336.80. A letter from the District’s consultant, FYRA Engineering, recommends that Graham Construction, Inc. be awarded the contract. Martin, Lindy and John Winkler answered Directors questions.

- **It was moved by Director Tesar and seconded by Director Sopinski that the Programs, Projects and Operations Subcommittee recommend to the Board of Directors that the General Manager be authorized to execute a contract with Graham Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$3,146,227.15 for the construction of the Big Papio Levee Culverts Project Phase 2, 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: Fowler, Japp, Sopinski, Tesar, Conley  
 Voting Nay: None  
 Abstaining: None  
 Absent: None

**2. Review and Recommendation of Nebraska Machinery Company – CAT Financial Governmental Lease-Purchase Agreement – Zach Nelson:**

Project Manager Zach Nelson reviewed the equipment needs for the northern half of the District and cost-effectiveness of utilizing the Governmental Lease–Purchase Program offered by Nebraska Machinery, thru CAT Financial to lease the equipment. Zach reported per the Interlocal Agreement between the District and Nebraska Department of Game and Parks, the District is required to provide a multi-terrain loader (skid steer) at Kramper Lake to be used by Game and Park’s Staff for maintenance. District staff also has an on-going need for a multi-terrain loader and mini excavator to perform maintenance on structures in the northern half of the District as well as repair rural water mains. Zach presented the lease proposal for the following items and answered Directors questions.

- CAT 257D – Multi Terrain Loader – to be used exclusively at Kramper Lake – Annual lease net cost: \$5,500
- CAT 257D– Multi Terrain Loader – to be used on various northern structures in the District and to be used for rural water main repairs – Annual lease net cost: \$5,500
- CAT 305E2CR – Hydraulic Excavator – to be used on various northern structures in the District and to be used for rural water main repairs – Annual lease net cost: \$5,500

- **It was moved by Director Sopinski and seconded by Director Fowler that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board of Directors that the General Manager be authorized to execute an agreement with Nebraska Machinery Company – CAT Financial Governmental Lease-Purchase Program for the annual lease of two CAT 257D Multi Terrain Loaders and one CAT 305 E2CR Hydraulic Excavator, for a total of \$16,500, 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: Fowler, Japp, Sopinski, Tesar, Conley  
 Voting Nay: None  
 Abstaining: None  
 Absent: None

**3. Review and Recommendation of Vote on Local Disaster Emergency Declaration – John Winkler:**

General Manager John Winkler briefed the Subcommittee on the March 2019 Emergency Declaration and answered Directors questions about Policy 15.4 Purchasing-Emergency Purchasing Authority. The General Manager added that policy discussion on the Emergency Declaration and a Report of Flood Emergency Purchases for March 2019 would be included in his Thursday night’s General Manager’s Report. There was additional discussion by Directors.

- **It was moved by Director Fowler and seconded by Director Tesar that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board of Directors that the following resolution related to the Emergency Declaration for the March 2019 Flood be adopted:**

WHEREAS, the Papio-Missouri River Natural Resources District (“NRD”) endured a natural disaster in March 2019 in the form of flooding of the Missouri, Elkhorn and Platte Rivers and their surrounding areas;

WHEREAS, prior to requesting state assistance under the Nebraska Emergency Management Act and federal assistance, the NRD must declare an emergency through a declaration under Neb. Rev. Stat. § 81-829.50;

WHEREAS, NRD Policy 15.4 allows for an Emergency Declaration which grants certain purchasing authority to NRD Management without having to follow certain purchasing NRD policies because of the emergency caused by the natural disaster;

WHEREAS, pursuant to NRD Policy 15.4, NRD Management obtained concurrence of six (6) non-signing Directors and sent a written declaration to the Chairperson to declare an emergency within the NRD as a result of the March 2019 flooding of the Missouri, Elkhorn and Platte Rivers; and

WHEREAS, the Chairperson Jim Thompson executed the Emergency Declaration for the NRD on March 21, 2019.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors declares the March 2019 flooding of the Missouri, Elkhorn and Platte Rivers and their surrounding areas is a natural disaster of emergency nature; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors approves the Emergency Declaration for the NRD signed on March 21, 2019 and grants NRD Management the authority set forth in the Emergency Declaration and NRD Policy 15.4.

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

Voting Yea: Fowler, Japp, Sopinski, Tesar, Conley  
 Voting Nay: None  
 Abstaining: None  
 Absent: None

**4. Review and Recommendation of FY 2020 Urban Cost Share Programs – Eric Williams:**

**A. Urban Conservation Assistance Program**

Project Manager Eric Williams reviewed applications for this program:

- Gretna - Beadle Creek Bank Stabilization
- Sarpy County – Valley Ridge Outfall Stabilization

The total budget for this program in FY 2019 was \$60,000. The total funding request for FY 2020 is \$54,000. Eric answered Directors questions.

- **It was moved by Director Japp and seconded by Director Sopinski that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board of Directors that the applications from Gretna for \$30,000, and Sarpy County for \$24,000, for a total of \$54,000 be approved, subject to funding in the FY 2020 Budget.**

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

Voting Yea: Fowler, Japp, Sopinski, Tesar, Conley  
 Voting Nay: None  
 Abstaining: None  
 Absent: None

## **B. Urban Drainageway Program**

Project Manager Eric Williams reviewed applications for this program:

- Sarpy County - Buffalo Stream Bank Stabilization

The total budget for this program in FY 2019 was \$200,400. The total funding request for FY 2020 is \$303,115. Eric and John Winkler answered Directors questions.

- **It was moved by Director Japp and seconded by Director Fowler that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board of Directors that the application from Sarpy County for \$303,115 be approved, subject to funding in the FY 2020 Budget.**

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

Voting Yea: Fowler, Japp, Sopinski, Tesar, Conley

Voting Nay: None

Abstaining: None

Absent: None

## **C. Recreation Area Development Program**

Project Manager Eric Williams reviewed applications for this program:

- Bennington - Logemann Park Improvement Project
- Fort Calhoun - Adam's Street Corridor Park
- Homer - Park Improvements
- Omaha - Dewey Dog Park
- Omaha - Flanagan Lake Playground
- South Sioux City - 25th Street Community Park Shelter

The total budget for this program in FY 2019 was \$160,681. The total funding request for FY 2020 is \$229,169. Eric answered Directors questions.

- **It was moved by Director Japp and seconded by Director Sopinski that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board of Directors that the applications from Bennington for \$50,000, Fort Calhoun for \$50,000, the Village of Homer for \$14,500, the City of Omaha for \$50,000 and \$50,000, and South Sioux City for \$14,669, for a total of \$229,169, be approved, subject to funding in the FY 2020 Budget.**

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

Voting Yea: Fowler, Japp, Sopinski, Tesar, Conley

Voting Nay: None

Abstaining: None

Absent: None

## **D. Trails Assistance Program**

Project Manager Eric Williams reviewed applications for this program:

- Gretna - Wehrspann Lake Trail
- Omaha - North Omaha Trail Project
- SID 503 - West Dodge Station Trail
- South Sioux City - 29th Street Trail

The total budget for this program in FY 2019 was \$128,450. The total funding request for FY 2020 is \$637,410. Eric answered Directors questions.

- **It was moved by Director Fowler and seconded by Director Japp that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board of Directors that the applications from Gretna for \$82,670, Omaha for \$146,209, SID 503 for \$244,026, and South Sioux City for \$164,505, for a total of \$637,410 be approved, subject to funding in the FY 2020 Budget.**

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

Voting Yea: Fowler, Japp, Sopinski, Tesar, Conley

Voting Nay: None

Abstaining: None

Absent: None

**ADJOURNMENT:** Being no further business, the meeting adjourned by acclamation at 7:53 p.m.