

**Programs, Projects, and Operations
Subcommittee Meeting Minutes
June 11, 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 154th Street, Omaha, NE, on June 11, 2019. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Conley at 6:41 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	Tracy Thompson
Kevyn Sopinski		Jim Thompson	Paul Woodward
Rich Tesar		John Wiese	Eric Williams
			Amy Zoller, NDNR
			Philip Paitz, NDNR
			Matt Pillard, HDR, Inc.
			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 June 6, 2019. The proof of publication affidavit is included with the file copy of these minutes.

1. Presentation on Integrated Management Plan Review – Paul Woodward and Amy Zoller, Nebraska Department of Natural Resources:

Project Manager Paul Woodward and Amy Zoller of the Nebraska Department of Natural Resources reviewed the 2018 Integrated Management Plan Annual Report. Paul and Amy answered Directors questions. No action was required by the Subcommittee. The report is posted to the website and attached to the file copy of these meeting minutes.

2. Presentation on Lower Platte River Corridor Alliance Water Quality Plan – Eric Williams and Matt Pillard, HDR Inc.:

Project Manager Eric Williams and Matt Pillard of HDR Inc. reviewed the Lower Platte River Corridor Alliance Water Quality Plan and answered Directors questions. No action was required by the Subcommittee. The report is posted to the website and attached to the file copy of these meeting minutes.

3. Review and Recommendation of Bids Received for the Aerial Application of Herbicide by Helicopter – Paul Woodward:

Project Manager Paul Woodward presented the bid summary for the 3-year contract for aerial application of herbicide by helicopter in the Lower Platte, Elkhorn River and tributaries. Four bids were received on May 28, 2019. The apparent low bidder is Nebraska-Iowa Helicopter LLC from Tekamah, NE with an estimated annual cost to spray 200 acres of \$67,382.50. The District, along with Lower Platte South NRD and Lower Platte North NRD, contribute a combined annual funding for this work of \$90,000. Paul answered Directors questions.

- **It was moved by Director Tesar 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 Nebraska-Iowa Helicopter LLC for the aerial application of herbicide by helicopter for the unit prices listed in Exhibit A of the proposed contract, 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

4. Review and Recommendation of Resolution ending Emergency Declaration for the March 2019 Flooding – John Winkler:

General Manager John Winkler reviewed the March 2019 Flood timeline of events and action taken by the District and the flood emergency purchases to date. GM Winkler advised the Directors that emergency status is no longer required and answered Directors questions.

- **It was moved by Director Tesar and seconded by Director Sopinski that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board of Directors that the following resolution be approved:**

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, 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 seven (7) 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; WHEREAS, Chairperson Jim Thompson executed the Emergency Declaration for the NRD on March 21, 2019;

WHEREAS, on April 11, 2019, the NRD Board of Directors declared the March 2019 flooding event a natural disaster of emergency nature, approved the Emergency Declaration signed March 21, 2019 and granted NRD Management the purchasing authority set forth in NRD Policy 15.4; and

WHEREAS, the emergency nature of the March 2019 flooding of the Missouri, Elkhorn and Platte Rivers and their surrounding areas has ended.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors determines that the Emergency Declaration is no longer necessary and is, therefore, revoked along with the purchasing authority granted to NRD Management under 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

ADJOURNMENT: Being no further business, the meeting adjourned by acclamation at 7:56 p.m.