

**Programs, Projects, and Operations
Subcommittee Meeting Minutes
July 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 154th Street, Omaha, NE, on July 9, 2019. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Conley at 6:32 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	Brent Meyer, Legal Counsel
Ted Japp		Mark Gruenewald	Tracy Thompson
Kevyn Sopinski		Tim McCormick	Amanda Grint
Rich Tesar		Jim Thompson	Paul Woodward
		John Wiese	Eric Williams
			Jim Cannia, AGF
			Matt Shimerdla, Schemmer
			Bart Pugh, Schemmer
			Other Staff Members

- * Absent
- ** Alternate Voting Member

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

- **It was moved by Director Tesar 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 July 4, 2019. The proof of publication affidavit is included with the file copy of these minutes.

1. Review and Recommendation of Bids Received for Platte River Landing Site Restoration – Amanda Grint:

Project Manager Amanda Grint presented the bid summary for the Platte River Landing Site Restoration project. One (1) bid was received on July 2, 2019 from Valley Corporation for \$284,604.22. The engineers (Big Muddy Workshop) estimate for the construction was \$325,506. The District has a work history with the contractor and can verify that they are able to construct the project according to specifications. The project consists of work to restore the park to its condition prior to the March 2019 flooding and will begin as soon as possible after Board approval with substantial completion by September 2019. Amanda

indicated that the project and the District's O&M work hours are eligible for 75% FEMA reimbursement. Amanda 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 Valley Corporation for the construction of the Platte River Landing Site Restoration for the bid amount of \$284,604.22, 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 the Water Sustainability Fund Grant Application for Airborne Electromagnetic Surveys – Paul Woodward and Jim Cannia, Aqua Geo Frameworks (AGF):

Project Manager Paul Woodward and Jim Cannia, AGF, reviewed the 10-year partnership between the District and the Eastern Nebraska Water Resources Assessment (ENWRA) projects that have provided valuable geologic/hydrogeologic data through Airborne Electromagnetic Survey (AEM) flights in various areas of the District. In order to continue developing accurate models for mapping aquifers and finding locations for drought mitigation measures, AGF has developed a proposed AEM survey flight plan of southern Washington County and western Douglas County at an estimated a total cost of \$700,000. The District is proposing to submit a Water Sustainability Fund (WSF) application before the end of July for 60% of the project cost or \$420,000. The remaining \$280,000, or 40%, would come from District payments over FY 2020 and FY 2021. If approved, the District would hire a contractor directly and request reimbursement from WSF. Paul and Jim 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 General Manager be authorized to execute and submit a Water Sustainability Fund application for 60% of eligible project costs necessary to acquire the proposed AEM survey data for southern Washington County and western Douglas County, 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 Amendment to Wellhead Protection Area Plan Interlocal Agreement with City of Tekamah – Paul Woodward:

Project Manager Paul Woodward presented the proposed First Amendment to the Interlocal Agreement with the City of Tekamah for their Wellhead Protection Area Plan. Per the agreement, \$7,500 is the NRD cost share for the City's Drinking Water Protection Plan. To help protect the City's drinking water from shallow, higher nitrate groundwater, Tekamah also received a grant in the amount of \$40,000 toward the \$50,000 cost to properly decommission three wells and install a new aquifer seal on the City's fire station well. The City is requesting that the NRD participate in providing matching funds in the amount of \$10,000 to assist with this work. The First Amendment adds language for the District to reimburse the City for \$10,000 of their actual expenses, for a total not to exceed District contribution of \$17,500.

- **It was moved by Director Sopinski and seconded by Director Japp that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board of Directors that the General Manager be authorized to execute the proposed First Amendment to the Interlocal Agreement with the City of Tekamah for Wellhead Protection Area Plan cost share, not to exceed \$17,500 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: Fowler, Japp, Sopinski, Tesar, Conley
 Voting Nay: None
 Abstaining: None
 Absent: None

4. Review and Recommendation on Professional Services Agreement for the Platte River Bridge Trail Project – Eric Williams:

Project Manager Eric Williams reviewed the progress of the Platte River Bridge Trail Project which will run parallel to US Highway 34/75 over the Platte River. He presented the proposed Professional Services Agreement with Schemmer in the amount of \$228,536.63 which includes survey, right-of-way survey, final bridge design, final box culvert design, trail design, hydraulic analysis, right-of-way design, geotechnical investigation, and opinion of probable cost. Work is expected to begin in July 2019, and continue up to an expected project letting in November 2021. Eric and Matt Shimerdla, Schemmer, 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 General Manager be authorized to execute the proposed Professional Services Agreement for Preliminary Engineering with Schemmer & Associates for the Platte River Bridge Trail project, with cost not to exceed \$228,536.63, 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

ADJOURNMENT: Being no further business, the meeting adjourned by acclamation at 7:46 p.m.