

**Programs, Projects, and Operations
Subcommittee Meeting Minutes
August 6, 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 August 6, 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 |
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| Fred Conley, Chairperson | Tim Fowler * | Danny Begley | John Winkler |
| Larry Bradley ** | | Tim McCormick | Marlin Petermann |
| Ted Japp | | Jim Thompson | Brent Meyer, Legal Counsel |
| Kevyn Sopinski | | | Tracy Thompson |
| Rich Tesar | | | Zach Nelson |
| | | | Paul Woodward |
| | | | Eric Williams |
| | | | Amanda Grint |
| | | | Ken Halvorsen, NE Rural Water Assoc. |
| | | | Amanda Flynn, USGS |
| | | | Lisa Richardson, HDR |
| | | | Mary Baker, JEO |
| | | | 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 4-yea.

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

** Bradley arrived at 6:48 p.m.

PROOF OF PUBLICATION: Public notice of the meeting was posted at all District offices and published in the Omaha World-Herald on August 1, 2019. The proof of publication affidavit is included with the file copy of these minutes.

1. **Informational Report from Nebraska Rural Water Association on Lakeland Connection Project Financial Managerial Water System Assessment – Zach Nelson and Ken Halvorsen, NE Rural Water Association:**

Project Manager Zach Nelson and Ken Halvorsen, NE Rural Water Association, reviewed the Lakeland Connection Project Financial Managerial Water System Assessment report. Zach and Ken answered Directors questions. No action was required by the Subcommittee.

2. Update on the 2018 USGS Groundwater Quality Monitoring – Paul Woodward and Amanda Flynn, US Geological Survey:

Project Manager Paul Woodward and Amanda Flynn, USGS gave an update on the 2018 USGS Groundwater Quality Monitoring. Paul and Amanda answered Directors questions. No action was required by the Subcommittee.

3. Review and Recommendation of the Platte River Trail NDOT Environmental/NEPA Professional Services Agreement with HDR– 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. Eric presented the proposed Professional Services Agreement with HDR Engineering, Inc. in the amount of \$71,786.38 for Environmental Services Tasks which will include but are not limited to reviewing the NEPA Documents for any comments during the design and re-evaluating the project after the approval of the Right of Way design. Work is expected to begin in September 2019 and continue through the end of 2022. Eric 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 the proposed Professional Services Agreement for Environmental Services with HDR Engineering, Inc. for the Platte River Bridge Trail project, with cost not to exceed \$71,786.38, 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, Japp, Sopinski, Tesar, Conley
Voting Nay: None
Abstaining: None
Absent: Fowler

4. Review and Recommendation of West Douglas County Trail Amendment to the Professional Services Agreement with Ehrhart Griffin Associates – Eric Williams:

Project Manager Eric Williams reviewed the West Douglas County Trail (WDCT) project which connects the YMCA, DC West School buildings, and homes south of Valley, NE. He presented the proposed Supplemental Agreement between the District and Ehrhart Griffin & Associates (EGA) for Preliminary Engineering Services which includes a substantial design change for the bridge over the Union Pacific (UP) rail lines for a not-to-exceed amount of \$44,487.44. The work includes bridge and trail re-design and updates to the ROW plans according to updated requirements from UP, as well as an opinion of probable cost. The work is expected to be completed by November 2019. Eric 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 Board adopt a resolution provided by NDOT authorizing the General Manager to execute a Supplemental Agreement between the District and Ehrhart Griffin & Associates (EGA) for Preliminary Engineering Services for the West Douglas County Trail for a cost not-to-exceed \$44,487.44, 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, Japp, Sopinski, Tesar, Conley
Voting Nay: None
Abstaining: None
Absent: Fowler

5. Review and Recommendation of Applications for Hazard Mitigation Grant Program Floodplain Buyouts – Amanda Grint and Mary Baker, JEO:

a. Hazard Mitigation Grant Program Application for Douglas County

Project Manager Amanda Grint and Mary Baker, JEO, reviewed the costs and benefits to the District of the flood mitigation technique referred to as “buyouts”. Due to the Presidential Disaster Declaration for the March 2019 Flood, funds for buyouts are available through FEMA’s Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP). Many people throughout the District along the Elkhorn, Platte, and Missouri Rivers have contacted the District to indicate their interest in a buyout. Through staff review, it was determined there are currently 45 properties in Douglas County eligible for the program. The District is proposing to submit an application which is due August 30, 2019 for the 45 properties with a project cost of approximately \$5,625,000. Federal funds would cover 75% leaving approximately \$1,407,000 as the local share for the District. Amanda, Mary and GM John Winkler answered Directors questions.

- **It was moved by Director Tesar and seconded by Director Bradley that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board of Directors that the General Manager be authorized to fully execute for and on behalf of the District an application for Hazard Mitigation Grant Funding for the Douglas County Floodplain Buyout Program.**

Roll call was taken on the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 4-yea and 1-nay.

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

b. Interlocal Agreement with City of Bellevue for a Hazard Mitigation Grant Program Application

Project Manager Amanda Grint and Mary Baker, JEO, presented the proposed Interlocal Agreement with the City of Bellevue to obtain Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) funds through FEMA for the Sarpy County Floodplain Buyout Program. The District will apply for the grant application and coordinate the buyouts. There are seven structures included in the application. Six of those structures are part of the interlocal agreement with the City of Bellevue. The total project cost is approximately \$875,000. Federal funds would cover 75% leaving approximately \$219,000 as the local share with Bellevue responsible for approximately \$94,000 and the District responsible for approximately \$125,000. Amanda and Mary answered Directors questions.

- **It was moved by Director Tesar and seconded by Director Bradley that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board of Directors that the General Manager be authorized to execute for and on behalf of the District the Interlocal Agreement with the City of Bellevue and to initiate the application process to obtain federal funding for the Sarpy County Floodplain Buyout Program, subject to changes deemed necessary by the General Manager and approved 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, Japp, Sopinski, Tesar, Conley
Voting Nay: None
Abstaining: None
Absent: Fowler

c. Interlocal Agreement with Village of Arlington for a Hazard Mitigation Grant Program Application

Project Manager Amanda Grint and Mary Baker, JEO, presented the proposed Interlocal Agreement with the Village of Arlington to obtain Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) funds through FEMA for the Arlington Floodplain Buyout Program. The District will apply for the grant application and coordinate the buyouts for the five structures included in the application. The total project cost would be approximately \$625,000. Federal funds would cover 75% leaving \$156,250 as the approximate local share to be split equally by the Village of Arlington and the District. Amanda and Mary answered Directors questions.

- **It was moved by Director Japp and seconded by Director Tesar that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board of Directors that the General Manager be authorized to execute for and on behalf of the District the Interlocal Agreement with the Village of Arlington and to initiate the application process to obtain federal funding for the Arlington Floodplain Buyout Program, subject to changes deemed necessary by the General Manager and approved 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, Japp, Sopinski, Tesar, Conley
Voting Nay: None
Abstaining: None
Absent: Fowler

ADJOURNMENT: Being no further business, the meeting adjourned by acclamation at 7:34 p.m.