

**Papio-Missouri River NRD  
Ad-Hoc Consultant Selection Subcommittee  
RFP to Provide Legislative Representation Services  
Meeting Minutes  
August 6, 2019**

A meeting of the Papio-Missouri River Natural Resources District Ad Hoc Consultant Selection Subcommittee RFP to Provide Legislative Representation Services was held at the Natural Resources Center, 8901 South 154<sup>th</sup> Street, Omaha, Nebraska on August 6, 2019. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Fred Conley at 8:19 p.m.

**QUORUM CALL**

<b>Subcommittee Members Present</b>	<b>Subcommittee Members Absent</b>	<b>Other Directors Present</b>	<b>Others in Attendance</b>
Fred Conley, Chairperson		Danny Begley	John Winkler
Larry Bradley		Ted Japp	Marlin Petermann
Kevyn Sopinski		Tim McCormick	Brent Meyer, Husch Blackwell
Rich Tesar			Jean Tait
Jim Thompson			Other Staff Members

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

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

The Chairperson called for approval of the tentative agenda.

- **It was moved by Director Thompson and seconded by Director Sopinski that the agenda be adopted.**

Roll call was taken on the motion. The motion carried by a vote of 5-yea and 0-nay.

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

**PROOF OF PUBLICATION:** Public Notice of the meeting was published in the Omaha World Herald on August 1, 2019. The Chairperson ordered the Proofs of Publication recorded in the minutes of this meeting.

**SELECTION OF CONSULTING FIRMS TO BE INTERVIEWED:** GM Winkler reported that an invitation for proposals was published in both the Omaha World Herald and the Lincoln Journal Star on July 12, 2019. The District received proposals from the following firms:

- a. Catalyst Public Affairs
- b. Husch Blackwell, LLP
- c. Kissel, Kohout ES Associates LLC
- d. O'Hara Lindsay Government Relations

There was Director discussion on the firm's proposals and qualifications.

- **It was moved by Director Tesar and seconded by Director Thompson that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board of Directors that the firms of Catalyst Public Affairs and Husch Blackwell, LLP be interviewed to provide legislative representation services for the District.**

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

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

It was determined that the firms would be interviewed in alphabetical order, as listed:

1. Catalyst Public Affairs
2. Husch Blackwell, LLP

The interviews will take place on Wednesday, August 14, 2019 at 2:00 p.m. at the Natural Resources Center.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Being no further business the meeting adjourned by acclamation at 8:26 p.m.