



**PAPIO-MISSOURI RIVER  
NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES  
July 11, 2019**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:** A regular meeting of the Papio-Missouri River Natural Resources District Board of Directors was held at the Natural Resources Center, 8901 S. 154<sup>th</sup> Street, Omaha, NE, on July 11, 2019. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Thompson at 7:00 p.m.

**NOTIFICATION OF OPEN MEETINGS ACT POSTING AND MEETING PROCEDURE**

**QUORUM CALL:** The following Directors were present for the Quorum Call:

Danny Begley	Ted Japp
Larry Bradley	Kevyn Sopinski
Fred Conley	Rich Tesar
Tim Fowler	Jim Thompson
Mark Gruenewald	

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA:**

- **MOTION NO. 1:** It was moved by Director Fowler and seconded by Director Tesar that the meeting agenda be adopted.

Roll call vote was held on the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 9-yea.

Voting Yea	-	Begley, Bradley, Conley, Fowler, Gruenewald, Japp, Sopinski, Tesar, Thompson
Voting Nay	-	None
Abstaining	-	None
Excused Absence	-	McCormick, Wiese
Absent	-	McCormick, Wiese

**ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA:**

- **MOTION NO. 2:** It was moved by Director Conley and seconded by Director Bradley that the following resolution be adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED that the following resolutions on the consent agenda are hereby adopted.

Agenda Item 3.A.:

BE IT RESOLVED that the absence(s) of the following Director(s) from the July 11, 2019 Board of Directors Meeting is excused:

Tim McCormick  
John Wiese.

Agenda Item 7. A.:

BE IT RESOLVED that the June 13, 2019 Papio-Missouri River NRD Board meeting minutes are approved as printed.

Roll call vote was held on the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 8-yea and 1-nay.

Voting Yea	-	Begley, Bradley, Conley, Fowler, Japp, Sopinski, Tesar, Thompson
Voting Nay	-	Gruenewald
Abstaining	-	None
Excused Absence	-	McCormick, Wiese
Absent	-	McCormick, Wiese

**PROOFS OF PUBLICATION OF MEETING NOTICE:** Notice of the meeting was published in the Omaha World Herald on July 4, 2019. The District's May 10, 2019 – June 13, 2019 expenditures were published in the Burt County Plaindealer on June 25, 2019. The Chairperson ordered the Proofs of Publication recorded in the minutes of this meeting. (They are contained as part of the file copy of these minutes.)

**AGENCY AND ASSOCIATION REPORTS:**

A. Natural Resources Conservation Service Report: Neil Jensen's written report is posted to the website and attached to the file copy of these minutes.

B. Nebraska Association of Resources Districts: Director Tesar said he had nothing to report.

**SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:**

A. Programs, Projects and Operations Subcommittee: Director Conley reported that the PPO Subcommittee met on July 9, 2019 and gave a brief recap of the meeting.

•• **MOTION NO. 3:** It was moved by Director Conley that the following recommendation be adopted:

*PPO Recommendation #1:* Bids Received for Platte River Landing Site Restoration: Recommendation that the General Manager be authorized to execute a contract with Valley Corporation for the construction of the Platte

River Landing Site Restoration in 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 vote was held on the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 8-yea and 1-nay.

Voting Yea - Begley, Bradley, Conley, Fowler, Japp, Sopinski, Tesar, Thompson  
Voting Nay - Gruenewald  
Abstaining - None  
Excused Absence - McCormick, Wiese  
Absent - McCormick, Wiese

•• **MOTION NO. 4:** It was moved by Director Conley that the following recommendation be adopted:

*PPO Recommendation #2:* Water Sustainability Fund Grant Application for Airborne Electromagnetic Surveys: Recommendation that the General Manager be authorized to execute and submit a Water Sustainability Fund Grant 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.

Director Japp asked how often the Board would be updated on this information, what initiated the need for the AEM survey, if the information was being shared with other entities and if the grant funding would be received prior to entering into a contract with Aqua Geo Frameworks. Project Manager Paul Woodward addressed questions/concerns.

Roll call vote was held on the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 6-yea and 3-nay.

Voting Yea - Begley, Bradley, Conley, Japp, Tesar, Thompson  
Voting Nay - Fowler, Gruenewald, Sopinski  
Abstaining - None  
Excused Absence - McCormick, Wiese  
Absent - McCormick, Wiese

•• **MOTION NO. 5:** It was moved by Director Conley that the following recommendation be adopted:

*PPO Recommendation #3:* Amendment to Wellhead Protection Area Plan Interlocal Agreement with City of Tekamah: Recommendation 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 vote was held on the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 8-yea and 1-nay.

Voting Yea - Begley, Bradley, Conley, Fowler, Japp, Sopinski, Tesar, Thompson  
Voting Nay - Gruenewald  
Abstaining - None  
Excused Absence - McCormick, Wiese  
Absent - McCormick, Wiese

•• **MOTION NO. 6:** It was moved by Director Conley that the following recommendation be adopted:

*PPO Recommendation #4:* Professional Services Agreement for the Platte River Bridge Trail Project: Recommendation 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, in a not-to-exceed amount of \$228,536.63, subject to changes deemed necessary by the General Manager and approval as to form by District Legal Counsel.

Roll call vote was held on the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 8-yea and 1-nay.

Voting Yea - Begley, Bradley, Conley, Fowler, Japp, Sopinski, Tesar, Thompson  
Voting Nay - Gruenewald  
Abstaining - None  
Excused Absence - McCormick, Wiese  
Absent - McCormick, Wiese

B. Finance, Expenditures and Legal Subcommittee: Director Tesar reported that the FEL Subcommittee met on July 9, 2019 and gave a brief recap of the meeting. He stated that the 1<sup>st</sup> draft of the FY 2020 Budget was reviewed by the Subcommittee and that no action was taken.

•• **MOTION NO. 7:** It was moved by Director Tesar that the following recommendation be adopted:

*FEL Recommendation #1:* FY 2020 Budget – Lid Computation (1% Resolution): Recommendation that the following resolution be adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of the Papio-Missouri River NRD approves an additional increase of 1% in Total Restricted Funds Authority, pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 13-518 through 13-522.

The following individual addressed the Board:

➤ Shawn Melotz, 10404 N. 132<sup>nd</sup> Street, Omaha, NE

Roll call vote was held on the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 7-yea and 2-nay.

Voting Yea - Begley, Bradley, Conley, Fowler, Sopinski, Tesar, Thompson  
Voting Nay - Gruenewald, Japp  
Abstaining - None

Excused Absence - McCormick, Wiese  
Absent - McCormick, Wiese

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

- **MOTION NO. 8:** It was moved by Director Bradley and seconded by Director Fowler that the following resolution be adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Treasurer is authorized to expend general funds to pay: (1) claims listed in the June 2019 financial report; and, (2) any claims made prior to the next Board meeting for (a) earned salaries of District employees, (b) withholding taxes, (c) social security payments, (d) retirement program contributions, (e) utilities, (f) registration fees and expenses for upcoming meetings and conferences, (g) certified completed CAP and Special Project Area applications, (h) invoices which offer a credit or discount for payment made prior to the next Board meeting, (i) postage, and, (j) building and grounds contract expenses.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Treasurer is authorized to pay, from the respective operating accounts of the Dakota County, Thurston County and Washington County Rural Water Supply System, the Elkhorn River Bank Stabilization Project, the Elkhorn Breakout Project, the Elk/Pigeon Creek Drainage Project, the Western Sarpy Drainage District, the Papillion Creek Watershed Partnership, and the Southern Sarpy Watershed Partnership project bills listed on the June 2019 financial report, and future claims for project utilities.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the financial reports be affixed to and made a part of the minutes.

Roll call vote was held on motion. The motion carried on a vote of 8-yea and 1-nay.

Voting Yea - Begley, Bradley, Conley, Fowler, Japp, Sopinski, Tesar, Thompson  
Voting Nay - Gruenewald  
Abstaining - None  
Excused Absence - McCormick, Wiese  
Absent - McCormick, Wiese

**CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT – APPOINTMENT OF LEGISLATIVE REPRESENTATIVE SERVICES ADHOC CONSULTANT SELECTION SUBCOMMITTEE:**

- **MOTION NO. 9:** It was moved by Chairperson Thompson and seconded by Director Conley that the following resolution be adopted:

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Legislative Representative Services Ad Hoc Consultant Selection Subcommittee appointments, as presented by the Chairperson are hereby approved.

Roll call vote was held on the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 9-yea.

Voting Yea - Begley, Bradley, Conley, Fowler, Japp, Gruenewald, Sopinski, Tesar, Thompson  
Voting Nay - None  
Abstaining - None  
Excused Absence - McCormick, Wiese  
Absent - McCormick, Wiese

**GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT:** GM Winkler reviewed the GM Report with the Board and noted that the report had been posted to the website. He informed the Board of upcoming meetings/events and that he has been assigned to the Offutt Air Force Base Advisory Council. The GM concluded his report by updating the Board on the need to take Board action on the USACE Cooperation Agreements for the 2019 Flood Levee and Channel Repairs and Rehabilitation.

•• **MOTION NO. 10:** It was moved by Director Tesar and seconded by Director Conley that the following recommendation be adopted:

USACE Cooperation Agreements for 2019 Flood Levee and Channel Repairs and Rehabilitation: Recommendation that the Board authorize the General Manager to execute Cooperation Agreements with the US Army Corps of Engineers for PL84-99 Program repairs and rehabilitation of District levees and channels, subject to changes deemed necessary by the General Manager and approval as to form by District Legal Counsel.

Roll call vote was held on the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 8-yea and 1-nay.

Voting Yea - Begley, Bradley, Conley, Fowler, Japp, Sopinski, Tesar, Thompson  
Voting Nay - Gruenewald  
Abstaining - None  
Excused Absence - McCormick, Wiese  
Absent - McCormick, Wiese

**ELECTION OF P-MRNRD OFFICERS:**

The Chairperson turned the floor over to the Vice-Chairperson Conley, who then opened the floor for nominations for Chairperson.

A. **Chairperson:** Director Begley nominated Director Conley, Director Tesar nominated Director Thompson and Director Gruenewald nominated Director Japp for Chairperson. The floor was closed by acclamation and secret ballots were cast. Vote results: Director Thompson was elected as Chairperson. The floor was returned to Chairperson Thompson.

B. **Vice-Chairperson:** The floor was opened for nominations for Vice-Chairperson. Director Tesar nominated Director Conley and Director Gruenewald nominated Director Japp for Vice-Chairperson. The floor was closed by acclamation and secret ballots were cast. Vote results: Director Conley was elected as Vice-Chairperson.

C. **Secretary:** The floor was opened for nominations for Secretary. Director Sopinski nominated Director Tesar as Secretary. There were no other nominations. Nominations were closed, and Director Tesar was elected as Secretary by acclamation.

D. **Treasurer:** The floor was opened for nominations for Treasurer. Director Begley nominated Director Bradley as Treasurer. There were no other nominations. Nominations were closed, and Director Bradley was elected as Treasurer by acclamation.

Treasurer Bradley ratified his appointment of Assistant Treasurer to Director Fowler.

**ELECTION OF NARD DIRECTOR AND ALTERNATE DIRECTOR:**

The floor was opened for nominations for NARD Director and Alternate Director. Director Begley nominated Director Tesar. There were no other nominations. Nominations were closed and Director Tesar was elected as NARD Director by acclamation. Director Tesar nominated Director Fowler for the NARD Alternate Director. There were no other nominations. Nominations were closed, and Director Fowler was elected as NARD Alternate Director by acclamation.

- **MOTION NO. 11:** It was moved by Director Thompson and seconded by Director Conley that the following resolution be adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED that the following directors be and are hereby elected officers of the Papio-Missouri River Natural Resources District for the coming year and until a successor has been elected: Thompson, Chairperson; Conley, Vice-Chairperson; Tesar, Secretary; and Bradley, Treasurer.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Treasurer's written designation of Director Fowler, as Assistant Treasurer, is concurred by the Board of Directors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the presently elected Treasurer, Bradley, and the designated Assistant Treasurer, Fowler, be and are hereby authorized to serve until bonding is completed on the Treasurer-elect and the Assistant Treasurer designate.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Director Tesar is hereby elected the Nebraska Association of Resources Districts Director for the coming year and that Director Fowler is hereby elected the Nebraska Association of Resources Districts Alternate Director for the coming year.

Roll call vote was held on the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 9-yea.

Voting Yea	-	Begley, Bradley, Conley, Fowler, Gruenewald, Japp, Sopinski, Tesar, Thompson
Voting Nay	-	None
Abstaining	-	None
Excused Absence	-	McCormick, Wiese
Absent	-	McCormick, Wiese

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:**

A. Future Meetings:

- July 23, 2019 Lower Platte River Basin Coalition Annual Meeting, 1:30 PM, at Lower Loup NRD, 2620 Airport Road, Ord, NE
- August 6, 2019 P-MRNRD Subcommittee Meetings
- August 8, 2019 P-MRNRD Board Meeting
- August 22, 2019 Papillion Creek Watershed Partnership Meeting, 10:00 AM, NRC

B. Next Meeting – The next scheduled meeting of the P-MRNRD Board of Directors will be held on August 8, 2019 at the NRC.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Being no further business, the Chairperson declared that the meeting was adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

**NOTE:** These minutes reflect the actions and votes taken at the July 11, 2019 Board of Directors Meeting of the Papio-Missouri River Natural Resources District and are not an official transcript of the meeting. The audio cast of this meeting can be found on our website at [www.papionrd.org](http://www.papionrd.org).

I, the undersigned, Secretary of the Papio-Missouri River Natural Resources District, hereby certify that the foregoing are true and correct minutes of a meeting of the Board of Directors of the District held on July 11, 2019 that all of the subjects included in the foregoing proceedings were contained in the agenda for the meeting, kept continually current and readily available for public inspection at the office of the District; that such subjects were contained in said agenda at least twenty-four hours prior to said meeting; that at least one copy of all reproducible material discussed at the meeting was available at the meeting for examination and copying by members of the public; that the minutes were in written form and available for public inspection within ten working days and prior to the next convened meeting of said body; and, that all news media requesting notification of the meeting of said body were provided advance notification of the time and place of said meeting.

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Richard Tesar  
District Secretary