Agenda Item: 11.A.1.

## Papio-Missouri River NRD Ad Hoc Consultant Selection Subcommittee RFP to Provide Legislative Representation Services Meeting Minutes August 14, 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 14, 2019. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Fred Conley at 2:00 p.m.

## **QUORUM CALL**

<b>Subcommittee Members</b>	Subcommittee	Other Directors	
Present	<b>Members Absent</b>	Present	Others in Attendance
Fred Conley, Chairperson		Danny Begley	John Winkler
Larry Bradley		Ted Japp	Jean Tait
Kevyn Sopinski			Catalyst Public Affairs
Rich Tesar			Husch Blackwell LLP
Jim Thompson			

<sup>\*</sup> Absent

## **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

The Chairperson called for approval of the tentative agenda.

• It was moved by Director Thompson and seconded by Director Tesar that the agenda be adopted.

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

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 8, 2019. A copy of the affidavit of the proof of publication is attached to the file copy of these minutes.

## **INTERVIEW OF CONSULTING FIRMS:**

Catalyst Public Affairs – Tim Gay, Kaitlin Reece and David Bracht presented their firm's qualifications.

<sup>\*\*</sup> Alternate Voting Member

Husch Blackwell – Hal Daub, Ron Sedlacek, Adam Charlsen and Kyle Gilster presented their firm's qualifications.

There was Director discussion regarding both firm's presentations.

- It was moved by Director Tesar and seconded by Director Thompson that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board of Directors that the General Manager be authorized to negotiate a professional service contract with Husch Blackwell, LLP to provide legislative representation services to the District.
- A substitute motion was made by Director Sopinski and seconded by Director Bradley that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board of Directors that the General Manager be authorized to negotiate a professional service contract with Catalyst Public Affairs to provide legislative representation services to the District.

Roll call was taken on the substitute motion. The substitute motion carried on a vote of 3-yea and 2-nay.

Voting Yea: Bradley, Sopinski, Conley

Voting Nay: Tesar, Thompson

Abstaining: None Absent: None

**ADJOURNMENT**: Being no further business the meeting adjourned by acclamation at 3:51 p.m.