

**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 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	Jean Tait
Kevyn Sopinski			Catalyst Public Affairs
Rich Tesar			Husch Blackwell LLP
Jim Thompson			

- \* 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 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.

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.