

**Programs, Projects, and Operations
Subcommittee Meeting Minutes
November 12, 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 November 12, 2019. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Conley at 7:06 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
Fred Conley, Chairperson		Danny Begley	John Winkler
Tim Fowler, Vice-Chairperson		Larry Bradley	Marlin Petermann
Ted Japp		Mark Gruenewald	Brent Meyer, Legal Counsel
Kevyn Sopinski		Tim McCormick	Tracy Thompson
Rich Tesar		Jim Thompson	Paul Woodward
			Martin Cleveland
			Eric Williams
			Other Staff Members

- * Absent
- ** Alternate Voting Member

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

- **It was moved by Director Fowler and seconded by Director Japp that the agenda be adopted.**

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

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

PROOF OF PUBLICATION: Public notice of the meeting was posted at all District offices and published in the Omaha World-Herald on November 7, 2019. The proof of publication affidavit is included with the file copy of these minutes.

1. Review and Recommendation on Groundwater Monitoring Joint Funding Agreement with USGS - Paul Woodward:

Project Manager Paul Woodward reviewed the results of the 2018-2019 groundwater monitoring study of the Elkhorn and Platte rivers. He indicated that due to higher than normal flows in the Elkhorn this year, there was a need to continue monitoring for another year. Paul presented the proposed Joint Funding Agreement between the USGS and the District. The USGS will continue to operate six existing groundwater monitoring sites for the Platte and Elkhorn River Valley from Oct. 1, 2019 to Sept. 30, 2020. The total cost for all six sites is \$17,390, with the District paying \$13,040 and the USGS providing cooperative funding of approximately 25% (same as last year). Paul answered Directors questions.

- **It was moved by Director Japp and seconded by Director Sopinski that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board of Directors that the General Manager be authorized to execute a Joint Funding Agreement with U.S. Geological Survey for a total cost to the District of \$13,040 for the continuation of groundwater monitoring in the Platte and Elkhorn River valley, 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: Fowler, Japp, Sopinski, Tesar, Conley
 Voting Nay: None
 Abstaining: None
 Absent: None

2. Review and Recommendation on Papio Watershed Structures D-17 and D-18 Front Berm Stabilization Project Bids - Martin Cleveland:

Project Manager Martin Cleveland presented the bid summary for the construction of the Papio Watershed Structures D-17 and D-18 Front Berm Stabilization Project. Two bids were opened on October 31, 2019 and ranged from \$207,841.73 to \$128,315. The Engineer’s cost estimate prepared by District staff for the project was \$155,450. The apparent low bid of \$128,315 was submitted by Thompson Construction, Inc. from Fremont, NE. Martin answered Directors questions.

- **It was moved by Director Sopinski and seconded by Director Fowler that the Programs, Projects and Operations Subcommittee recommend to the Board of Directors that the General Manager be authorized to execute a contract with Thompson Construction, Inc. in an amount of \$128,315 for the construction of the Papio Watershed Structures D-17 and D-18 Front Berm Stabilization Project, 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: Fowler, Japp, Sopinski, Tesar, Conley
 Voting Nay: None
 Abstaining: None
 Absent: None

3. Review and Recommendation on Bid Opening for Elkhorn River Improvement Project 2019 Repairs - Eric Williams:

Project Manager Eric Williams presented the bid summary for the Elkhorn River Improvement Project 2019 Repairs. He reported that during the March 2019 flood, erosion occurred in five locations in the Elkhorn River Improvement Project (IPA) area. Four bids were opened on October 30, 2019 and ranged from \$850,696 to \$1,088,874.86. The Engineer’s cost estimate prepared by FYRA for the project was \$874,356. The apparent low bid of \$850,696 was submitted by Niewohner Construction, Inc. from Onawa, IA. The IPA assessment fund collected annually from IPA property owners will cover a portion of the cost. Eric indicated that the project is also eligible for 75% FEMA reimbursement and answered Directors questions.

- **It was moved by Director Fowler and seconded by Director Japp that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board of Directors that the General Manager be authorized to execute a contract with Niewohner Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$850,696.00 for the construction of the Elkhorn River IPA 2019 Repairs project, 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: Fowler, Japp, Sopinski, Tesar, Conley
Voting Nay: None
Abstaining: None
Absent: None

4. Review and Recommendation on Lied Bridge Debris Cleanup Contract - Eric Williams:

Project Manager Eric Williams reviewed the March 2019 flooding damage to the Lied Bridge due to the accumulation of debris on the upstream side of the bridge piers. He presented the bid summary for the Lied Bridge Debris Removal project. One (1) bid was opened on November 5, 2019 and was received from Midwest Infrastructure of Lincoln, Nebraska in the amount of \$932,625.00. Eric noted that the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission (NGPC) did not support awarding the bid which was significantly higher than the unit price, or total cost for similar debris removal work previously contracted by NGPC. Eric suggested that a re-bid of the project with longer bidding and construction timelines would attract competitive bids from more contractors. He indicated that the project is eligible for 75% FEMA reimbursement and NGPC is responsible for the 25% local cost. Eric and Marlin Petermann answered Directors questions.

- **It was moved by Director Tesar and seconded by Director Fowler that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board of Directors that the General Manager be authorized to reject the November 5, 2019 bid for Lied Bridge Debris Cleanup and rebid the project.**

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

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

ADJOURNMENT: Being no further business, the meeting adjourned by acclamation at 7:54 p.m.