



**PAPIO-MISSOURI RIVER  
NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES  
April 9, 2020**

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:** A regular meeting of the Papio-Missouri River Natural Resources District Board of Directors was held on April 9, 2020 via Zoom Meetings per Governor Pete Ricketts signed Executive Order 20-03 Corona Virus – Public Meetings Requirement Limited Waiver. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Thompson at 4:00 p.m. Shortly after the meeting was called to order, it was identified the attendee link to the meeting was not working. To ensure the public had access to the link, the attendee link was reposted on the website identified in the meeting’s notice, and after public access was confirmed, the meeting reconvened at 4:30 p.m.

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

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

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

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA:**

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

Roll call vote was held on motion. The motion carried on a vote of 11-yea.

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

**ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA:**

- **MOTION NO. 2:** It was moved by Director Tesar and seconded by Director Sopinski 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 absences of the following Director(s) from the April 9, 2020 Board of Directors Meeting are excused:

None to date.

Agenda Item 7. A. and 7.B.:

BE IT RESOLVED that the March 12, 2020 Papio-Missouri River NRD Board Meeting minutes and the March 11, 2020 Dakota County Rural Water Advisory Board Meeting minutes are approved as printed.

Roll call vote was held on motion. The motion carried on a vote of 10-yea and 1-nay.

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

**PROOFS OF PUBLICATION OF MEETING NOTICE:** Notice of the meeting was published in the Omaha World Herald on April 2, 2020. The District's February 14, 2020 through March 12, 2020 expenditures were published in The Enterprise on March 20, 2020. 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: Andy Bohnenkamp, NRCS District Conservationist, submitted a written report on NRCS activities. Andy's report is posted to the District's website.
- B. Legislative Report – Catalyst Public Affairs: Catalyst Public Affairs submitted a written report on Legislative activities. Their report is posted to the District's website.

**SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- A. Programs, Projects and Operations Subcommittee: Director Conley reported that the PPO Subcommittee met on April 7, 2020 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.a.:* Eastern Nebraska Water Resource Assessment (ENWRA) Agreements – Second Interlocal Cooperation Agreement for the Nebraska GeoCloud and Airborne Electromagnetic (AEM) Data Integration Project: It is recommended that the General Manager be authorized to execute an Interlocal Cooperative Agreement with nine other Natural Resources Districts to support the Nebraska GeoCloud and Airborne Electromagnetic (AEM) Data Integration project with a total District financial contribution of \$6,800, equally distributed in FY21 and FY22, subject to changes deemed necessary by the General Manager and approval as to form by District Legal Counsel.

Roll call vote was held on motion. The motion carried on a vote of 10-yea and 1-nay.

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

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

*PPO Recommendation #1.b.:* Eastern Nebraska Water Resource Assessment (ENWRA) Agreements – ENWRA Interlocal Cooperation Agreement Amendment #6: It is recommended that the General Manager be authorized to execute Amendment #6 to the Interlocal Cooperative Agreement with seven other Natural Resources Districts for the Eastern Nebraska Water Resources Assessment, subject to changes deemed necessary by the General Manager and approval as to form by District Legal Counsel.

Roll call vote was held on motion. The motion carried on a vote of 10-yea and 1-nay.

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

B. Finance, Expenditure and Legal Subcommittee: Director Tesar reported that the FEL Subcommittee met on April 7, 2020 and gave a brief recap of the meeting.

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

*FEL Recommendation #1:* Papillion Creek Watershed Partnership Miscellaneous Expenses Account (25-01-000-4330) over 110%: It is recommended that Account 25-01-000-4330, Papillion Creek Watershed Partnership – Miscellaneous Expenses be allowed to exceed 110% of the budgeted amount.

Roll call vote was held on motion. The motion carried on a vote of 10-yea and 1-nay.

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

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

*FEL Recommendation #2:* Land Acquisition of Tract 8 for the Dam Site 19 Project: It is recommended that the General Manager be authorized to execute a purchase agreement providing for the purchase by the District from Susan E. Gonzalez, Trustee of the Susan E. Gonzalez Trust Agreement, the property located at 20202 Lindale Drive in Sarpy County, Nebraska for the purchase price of \$591,000, and that Account 02-01-571-4430 be allowed to exceed 110% up to a maximum amount of \$1,100,000 subject to changes deemed necessary by the General Manager and approval as to form by District Legal Counsel.

The following individual addressed the Board:

- Susan Gonzalez, 20202 Lindale Drive, Gretna, Nebraska

The Directors gave input on the pros and cons of purchasing this property. General Manager Winkler and Project Manager Lori Laster answered Directors questions.

Roll call vote was held on motion. The motion carried on a vote of 9-yea and 2-nay.

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

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

*FEL Recommendation #3:* Little Papio Channel Project Permanent Easements for City of Omaha Traffic Signal Infrastructure: It is recommended that the General Manager be authorized to execute the proposed Permanent Easement Agreements with the City of Omaha for Traffic Signal Infrastructure along the Little Papio Channel Project, subject to changes deemed necessary by the General Manager and approval as to form by District Legal Counsel.

Roll call vote was held on motion. The motion carried on a vote of 11-yea.

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

**TREASURER’S REPORT:**

- **MOTION NO. 8:** It was moved by Director Bradley and seconded by Director Conley 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 March 2020, 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 March 2020, 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 10-yea and 1-nay.

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

**LEGAL UPDATE:** Brent Meyer, District Legal Counsel stated he had nothing to report.

**CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT:** Chairperson Thompson reminded everyone to stay safe.

**GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT:** General Manager Winkler reviewed the GM Report with the Board. His report is posted to the website and attached to these minutes.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:**

A. Future Meetings: The Chairperson reviewed the following upcoming meetings with the Directors:

May 13, 2020	P-MRNRD Subcommittee Meetings – <b>Wednesday</b> (due to Nebraska Primary Election)
May 14, 2020	P-MRNRD Board Meeting
May 25, 2020	Memorial Day – P-MRNRD Offices Closed
May 28, 2020	Papillion Creek Watershed Partnership Meeting, 10 a.m., NRC

B. Next Meeting – The next regularly scheduled meeting of the P-MRNRD Board of Directors will be held on May 14, 2020.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Being no further business, the Chairperson declared that the meeting was adjourned at 5:03 p.m.

**NOTE:** These minutes reflect the actions and votes taken at the April 9, 2020 Board of Directors Meeting of the Pappio-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 Pappio-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 April 9, 2020 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