

**Programs, Projects, and Operations
Subcommittee Meeting Minutes
August 11, 2020**

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 August 11, 2020. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Conley at 4:00 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	Tim Fowler*	Danny Begley	John Winkler
Larry Bradley**		Tim McCormick	Marlin Petermann
Ted Japp		Jim Thompson	Brent Meyer, Legal Counsel
Kevyn Sopinski			Nicole Gust
Rich Tesar			Paul Woodward
			Zach Nelson
			Eric Williams
			Amanda Grint
			Amanda Flynn, USGS
			Joe Zadina, Lamp Rynearson
			Darwin Rohde, OPS
			Other Staff Members

* Absent

** Alternate Voting Member

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

- **It was moved by Director Tesar and seconded by Director Sopinski that the agenda be adopted.**

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

Voting Yea: Bradley, Japp, Sopinski, Tesar, Conley

Voting Nay: None

Abstaining: None

Absent: Fowler

PROOF OF PUBLICATION: Public notice of the meeting was posted at all District offices and published in the Omaha World-Herald on August 6, 2020. The proof of publication affidavit is included with the file copy of these minutes.

1. Presentation on the 2019 USGS Groundwater Quality Monitoring Results – Paul Woodward and Amanda Flynn, USGS:

Project Manager Paul Woodward and Amanda Flynn, with USGS, presented the 2019 USGS Groundwater Quality Monitoring Results and answered Directors questions. No action was taken by the Subcommittee.

2. **Review and Recommendation of Professional Services Contract Amendment with Olsson, Inc. for the Design of the Kramper Lake/Hubbard & Fiddler Creek Water Main Extension Project – Zach Nelson:**

Project Manager Zach Nelson reminded the Directors of their February 2020 votes to approve a design contract with Olsson for the design of the Kramper Lake/Hubbard & Fiddler Creek Water Main Extension Project and their July of 2020 authorization of the General Manager to proceed forward with executing documents with the USDA Rural Development Program for the funding of this project. Zach informed the Directors that the USDA has requested that future additional scopes of work be added to this amendment in lieu of adding it with a second amendment in the future and gave a breakdown of the additional scope and costs. Zach answered Directors questions.

- **It was moved by Director Sopinski and seconded by Director Bradley that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board that the General Manager be authorized to execute the proposed amendment to the professional services contract with Olsson, Inc. for the Kramper Lake/Hubbard & Fiddler Creek Water Main Extension Project for the amount of \$172,589, increasing the contract maximum, not to exceed, amount to \$353,589, 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: Bradley, Japp, Sopinski, Tesar, Conley
Voting Nay: None
Abstaining: None
Absent: Fowler

3. **Review and Recommendation of NEAT Connectors Memorandum of Understanding with MAPA – Eric Williams:**

Project Manager Eric Williams informed the Directors that The District has been awarded funding from MAPA through the Heartland 2050 program to study a set of short trail projects known as the NEAT Connectors. Eric stated that the funding is provided from a federal source, and he explained the MOU reflecting the District contribution. Eric told the Directors that MAPA will oversee the contract for the NRD and that they will release an RFP to select a consultant to execute the work. After the RFP is complete, District staff will work with MAPA to select a consultant for the work, and refine the detailed scope and fee of the contract. Eric answered Directors questions.

- **It was moved by Director Bradley and seconded by Director Tesar that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board of Directors that the General Manager be authorized to execute the proposed Memorandum of Understanding with the Metropolitan Area Planning Agency for the Neighborhood Expanded Access to Trails Project, with the District’s contribution not to exceed \$40,000, 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: Bradley, Japp, Sopinski, Tesar, Conley
Voting Nay: None
Abstaining: None
Absent: Fowler

4. **Review and Recommendation of Amendment to Beltline Trail Interlocal Agreement with the City of Omaha – Eric Williams:**

Project Manager Eric Williams reminded the Directors that in October 2019 the Board approved an ILA to design, develop, construct, operate and maintain the Omaha Beltline Trail, and that this agreement was also approved by the City of Omaha. Eric explained that this amendment adjusts the terms of the ILA to list the parties as the District and the City of Omaha, and that upon the approval of the amendment as well as the approval of the Resolution by the Land Bank, District staff will continue to work on design for trail phases. Eric stated that funding for this project is included in the current FY 2021 budget.

- **It was moved by Director Tesar and seconded by Director Sopinski that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board of Directors that the General Manager be authorized to execute the proposed First Amendment to the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement with the City of Omaha for the Omaha Beltline Trail 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: Bradley, Japp, Sopinski, Tesar, Conley
Voting Nay: None
Abstaining: None
Absent: Fowler

5. Review and Recommendation Wetland Mitigation Bank Credits for Omaha Public Schools – Amanda Grint and Joe Zadina, Lamp Rynearson:

Project Manager Amanda Grint briefed the Directors on the construction of an OPS middle school at 42nd and Y street and the need for wetland mitigation for this project. Amanda stated that the District does not currently have any wetland mitigation bank credits available, but she gave a summary of ongoing projects that may provide credits to be available in the future for OPS to use on the new middle school project. Amanda specified that OPS is not obligated to acquire these future credits, but they would have first rights. Amanda and Joe Zadina, Lamp Rynearson, answered Directors questions.

- **It was moved by Director Tesar and seconded by Director Bradley that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board that the General Manager be authorized to present the first right of refusal to Omaha Public Schools for any District wetland bank credits available for the middle school project on 42nd and Y Streets in Omaha.**

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

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

6. Review and Recommendation of Revised Easement Agreements for Access Drive at Prairie Queen with Ryan Companies – Amanda Grint:

Project Manager Amanda Grint reminded the Directors that in March 2020, the District approved an easement for an access drive with developers and engineers for property adjacent to Prairie Queen. Amanda stated that Ryan Companies is requesting a revision of the approved easements and she described the Permanent Access Easement and the Temporary Construction Easement revisions they have asked to be considered. Amanda answered Directors questions.

- **It was moved by Director Tesar and seconded by Director Sopinski that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board that the General Manager be authorized to execute the revised Permanent Access Easement Agreement and Temporary Construction Easement Agreement**

with Ryan Companies for the WP-5 project property, 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: Bradley, Japp, Sopinski, Tesar, Conley
Voting Nay: None
Abstaining: None
Absent: Fowler

7. Review and Recommendation of the Nebraska Environmental Trust Grant Application for the Nebraska Know Your Well Program – Paul Woodward:

Project Manager Paul Woodward explained to the Directors that for the past four years, the KYW program has been funded by grants from NET and carried out by UNL allowing high school students and teachers to test the quality of groundwater from local domestic wells. Paul said that under a new NET grant application, with the support of several NRDs, Nebraska KYW program is proposing to expand to even more schools across Nebraska. Paul defined the Districts role as a partner and described the total projected cost-share for the state-wide application. Paul answered Directors questions.

- **It was moved by Director Bradley and seconded by Director Sopinski that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board of Directors that the General Manager be authorized to submit and administer a Nebraska Environmental Trust grant application for the Nebraska Know Your Well program, 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: Bradley, Japp, Sopinski, Tesar, Conley
Voting Nay: None
Abstaining: None
Absent: Fowler

8. Review and Recommendation of Support for Nebraska Environmental Trust Grant Applications for Enhanced Municipal Well Decommissioning – Paul Woodward:

a. City of Tekamah

Project Manager Paul Woodward briefed the Directors on the grant that the City of Tekamah received from NET in 2018 which was used to fully decommission four abandoned wells and install a primary aquifer seal in their fire station municipal well. Paul reminded the Directors that the NRD participated in providing matching funds for this project in the amount of \$10,000. Paul stated that the project was successful, and costs were low compared to having to install new wells, and because of this Tekamah now wants to pursue another NET grant for a similar project. Paul detailed the District's participation in providing a cost-share of up to \$30,000, as well as submitting a letter of support for the City of Tekamah's NET grant application. Paul answered Directors questions.

- **It was moved by Director Bradley and seconded by Director Tesar that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board of Directors that the General Manager be authorized to submit a letter of support for the City of Tekamah's Nebraska Environmental Trust grant application and provide matching funds up to \$30,000 for an Enhanced Well Seals and Decommissioning 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: Bradley, Japp, Sopinski, Tesar, Conley
Voting Nay: None
Abstaining: None
Absent: Fowler

b. City of Springfield

Project Manager Paul Woodward told the Directors that because of Tekamah's success of enhanced decommissioning and municipal aquifer well seals, the City of Springfield is interested in pursuing a grant to rehabilitate two of their municipal wells. Paul briefed the Directors on the project and stated that Springfield is asking the District to provide a letter of support for the NET grant and up to \$15,000 in local cost-share toward the project. Paul answered Directors questions.

- **It was moved by Director Tesar and seconded by Director Bradley that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board of Directors that the General Manager be authorized to submit a letter of support for the City of Springfield's Nebraska Environmental Trust grant application and provide matching funds up to \$15,000 for an Enhanced Well Seals and Decommissioning 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: Bradley, Japp, Sopinski, Tesar, Conley
Voting Nay: None
Abstaining: None
Absent: Fowler

ADJOURNMENT: Being no further business, the meeting adjourned by acclamation at 4:55 p.m.