

**Programs, Projects, and Operations
Subcommittee Meeting Minutes
November 10, 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 November 10, 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		Danny Begley	John Winkler
Tim Fowler, Vice-Chairperson		Tim McCormick	Marlin Petermann
Ted Japp		Jim Thompson	Brent Meyer, Legal Counsel
Kevyn Sopinski			Nicole Gust
Rich Tesar			Terry Schumacher
			Martin Cleveland
			Eric Williams
			Tiffany & Ryan Walters
			Mike Placke, Olsson, Inc.

- * Absent
- ** Alternate Voting Member

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

- **It was moved by Director Fowler 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: 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 5, 2020. The proof of publication affidavit is included with the file copy of these minutes.

1. Review and Recommendation of Policy 16.7 Dominik Walter’s Foundation Playground – John Winkler and Tiffany & Ryan Walters:

General Manager John Winkler reminded the Directors that in the Fall of 2018 the Walters family contacted the District regarding the possibility of donating funds for the construction of a new playground at Chalco Hills in memory of their son Dominik. John explained that the existing playground is over 25 years old and does not meet current safety or ADA accessibility guidelines. The proposed playground would meet guidelines for both and has been approved by the USACE to be installed. John broke down the cost which includes a contribution from the District of \$97,607. John requested that the Directors approve a written

agreement with the Walters Family specifying the terms of the donation and the recognition to name the playground. Tiffany and Ryan Walters addressed the Directors. John 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 execute the written agreement with the Walters Family to provide a \$105,000 cost share for the purchase and installation of a new playground facility, resulting in a cost contribution from the District in the amount of \$97,607, that the facility be named Dom's Park and that the Board of Directors waive the procurement process for acquiring the playground equipment and install (construction) services under the NRD Director Policy 15.1 and 15.3, 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 of Bids Received for Pigeon/Jones Creek Grade Control Structure PJ-12A – Terry Schumacher and Mike Placke, Olsson, Inc.:

Project Manager Terry Schumacher briefed the Directors on the Pigeon/Jones Creek Grade Control Structure PJ-12A project as well as the bidding process for this project. On October 28, 2020, staff opened four bids with the apparent low bid of \$1,626,514.23 being from Detlefsen Construction. The engineer's estimate for this project is \$1,610,309. Terry and Mike Placke, Olsson, Inc., 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 contract with Detlefsen Construction for the construction of Pigeon/Jones Creek Grade Control Structure PJ-12A in the bid amount of \$1,626,514.23, 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 of Papio Watershed PL566 Site S-21 Completion of Federal Interest – Martin Cleveland:

Project Manager Martin Cleveland briefed the Directors on Papio Watershed PL566 Site S-21 and explained that this structure is less than five years from reaching its 50-year design life. Martin also reminded the Directors about the Big Elk flood control reservoir and water quality basin project and the plan to establish a four-foot grade drop as part of this project and remove the S-21 structure from the NRCS PL566 program. Martin stated that the District has requested that the NRCS approve a Completion of Federal Interest document which is needed to remove an existing dam from the NRCS PL566 program. Martin answered Directors questions.

- **It was moved by Director Fowler and seconded by Director Sopinski that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board of Directors that the General Manager be authorized to execute the**

Papillion Creek Watershed Site S-21 Completion of Federal Interest with NRCS 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 of Lied Pedestrian Bridge Substructure Repair Bids – Eric Williams:

Project Manager Eric Williams reviewed the flooding event in March 2019 in which debris from the river caused damage to the Lied Bridge ice breaker structures. Eric informed the Directors that on October 29, 2020, the District opened bids for repair to three of the ice breakers, and reconstruction of one ice breaker. Two bids were received with the apparent low bid being from JJK Construction for \$132,074.18. Schemmer, the engineers for this project, reviewed the bids and their recommendation is to accept the bid from JJK construction. Eric 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 Manger be authorized to execute a contract with JJK Construction in the amount of \$132,074.18 for the Lied Bridge Substructure Repair Project, subject to changes deemed necessary by the General Manger 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

5. Review and Recommendation of West Douglas County Trail Construction Contract Bid and Resolution – Eric Williams:

Project Manager Eric Williams presented information about NDOT’s bidding process for the West Douglas County Trail Construction. Four bids were received with the apparent low bid being \$6,076,628.51 from Graham Construction, Inc. Eric stated that as a federal aid project, NDOT has provided a Resolution describing the details of the bidding, as well as the actions necessary for approval by the District which are needed for NDOT to complete and provide the construction documents for this project. Eric answered Directors questions.

The following individuals addressed the Subcommittee:

- Macy Dewispelare, Twin Rivers YMCA, 6100 Twin Rivers Circle, Valley
- Melissa Polonic, DC West Community Schools, 401 S Pine St, PO Box 378, Valley
- Ford Fischer, Valley resident and Founding Member of Twin Rivers YMCA, 6100 Twin Rivers Circle, Valley

- **It was moved by Director Tesar and seconded by Director Fowler that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board of Directors that the proposed resolution provided by Nebraska**

Department of Transportation be adopted authorizing the General Manger to execute a construction contract with Graham Construction Inc. in the amount of \$6,076,628.51 for the Western Douglas County Trail 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

6. Review and Recommendation of FY 2021 Long Range Implementation Plan – Eric Williams:

Project Manager Eric Williams reviewed the FY 2021 Long Range Implementation Plan (LRIP) which summarizes the various planned programs and projects and the intended accomplishments during FY 2021 and projections for the next five fiscal years as required by state statute. Eric answered Directors questions.

- **It was moved by Director Tesar and seconded by Director Japp that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board of Directors that the proposed Fiscal Year 2021 Long Range Implementation Plan be approved.**

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

7. Review and Recommendation of Request to Remove Policy 2.7 Directors – Terms of Directors from Board Policy:

Legal Counsel Brent Meyer, reviewed Director Gruenewald’s request regarding NRD Policy, 2.7 Directors – Terms of Directors. Brent briefed the Directors on Policy 2.7 and answered Directors questions. No action was taken by the Subcommittee.

ADJOURNMENT: Being no further business, the meeting adjourned by acclamation at 4:47 p.m.