

**Programs, Projects, and Operations  
Subcommittee Meeting Minutes  
December 8, 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 154<sup>th</sup> Street, Omaha, NE, on December 8, 2020. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Conley at 4:26 p.m.

**QUORUM CALL:** Quorum call was taken. The following subcommittee members were in attendance.

<b>Subcommittee Members Present</b>	<b>Subcommittee Members Absent</b>	<b>Other Directors Present</b>	<b>Others Present</b>
Fred Conley, Chairperson	Tim Fowler, Vice-Chairperson*	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
			Terry Schumacher
			Kyle Madsen
			Amanda Grint
			Martin Cleveland
			Andy Bohnenkamp, NRCS
			John Mohr, JEO
			Dan Fricke, JEO
			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 December 3, 2020. The proof of publication affidavit is included with the file copy of these minutes.

**1. Review and Recommendation for P-MRNRD and LPNDRD 3D AEM Hydrogeologic Framework and Assessment – Paul Woodward:**

- a) **Professional Services Contract with Leonard Rice Engineering and JEO**

Project Manager Paul Woodward briefed the Directors on the 13 year partnership between the District and ENWRA during which time many miles of AEM survey data have been collected, with additional miles of data being collected in our NRD due to a new WSF grant received in February. Together with ENWRA, the LPNNRD has also collected many miles of data. Paul reviewed the process used in order to utilize the data collected directly in a groundwater flow model, which LRE Water is currently carrying out and modeling for LENRD. 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 District’s procurement procedure Policy 15.2 be waived and the General Manager be authorized to execute a professional services agreement with LRE Water in the amount of \$306,000 for the PMRNRD and LPNNRD 3D AEM Hydrogeologic Framework and Assessment 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) Interlocal Agreement with Lower Platte North NRD**

Project Manager Paul Woodward reviewed the proposed ILA between LPNNRD and PMRNRD in which the PMRNRD will serve as the administrator for the project to convert the collective AEM data. The PMRNRD will also manage the approved WSF grant that was submitted by both Districts in July, as well as handling the contract for professional services. 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 execute the Interlocal Agreement with Lower Platte North NRD for the PMRNRD and LPNNRD 3D AEM Hydrogeologic Framework and Assessment 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

**2. Review and Recommendation of Unfunded Cooperative Agreement with USDA/NRCS – Terry Schumacher and Andy Bohnenkamp, NRCS:**

Land & Water Programs Coordinator Terry Schumacher reviewed the MOA with USDA and NRCS that the Directors approved in December 2019 and explained how the proposed Unfunded Cooperative Agreement supplements the MOA. Terry and Andy Bohnenkamp, NRCS, answered Directors questions.

- **It was moved by Director Sopinski and seconded by Director Tesar that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board of Directors that the General Manager be authorized to execute the proposed Unfunded Cooperative Agreement with the USDA, 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: Bradley, Japp, Sopinski, Tesar, Conley  
Voting Nay: None  
Abstaining: None  
Absent: Fowler

**3. Review and Recommendation to Adopt Updates to District Policy 17.3 – Conservation Assistance Program, Papillion Creek Watershed 319 Incentives – Terry Schumacher and Kyle Madsen:**

319 Watershed Coordinator Kyle Madsen briefed the Directors on the history and purpose of Water Quality Grant Funds in providing reasonable benefit to producers and landowners. Kyle explained that October through November 2020 was a discovery period in which input was received from landowners and producers on what incentives would be most appealing. With this information District staff has developed the proposed amendment to District Policy 17.3. Kyle answered Directors questions.

- **It was moved by Director Japp and seconded by Director Bradley that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board of Directors that the proposed amendment to District Policy 17.3 be adopted and is hereby approved.**

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 #1 to Professional Services Contract with JEO for South Sarpy Watershed Partnership Construction Stormwater Inspection Services – Amanda Grint:**

Project Manager Amanda Grint reminded the Directors that in January 2020, the Board approved a contract with JEO to provide professional services necessary to perform construction stormwater inspections for the South Sarpy Watershed Partnership. Amanda stated that the proposed amendment, which was approved by the Partnership in November, would extend JEO's contract through January 31, 2025. The total not to exceed fee for this amendment is \$704,983 which will be covered by the SSWP Fund.

- **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 execute Amendment #1 to the professional service contract with JEO Consulting Group Inc. for the Southern Sarpy Watershed Partnership Construction Stormwater Inspections for a maximum not-to-exceed fee of \$868,573, 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 of Western Sarpy/Clear Creek Flood Control Project, Operation and Maintenance Addendum – Martin Cleveland:**

Project Manager Martin Cleveland briefed the Directors on the WSCC Flood Control Project and the resulting ILA signed by LPNNRD, LPSNRD and PMRNRD. Martin reviewed the proposed O&M addendum which provides for the allocation of responsibility for operation, maintenance and repair, sharing of costs and delegation of flood fighting authority for the Project on the Camp Ashland property. Martin 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 execute the proposed Operation and Maintenance Addendum to the 2001 and 2003 Interlocal Cooperation Act Agreements with the lower Platte North NRD, the Lower Platte South NRD and the Nebraska Army National Guard for the Western Sarpy Clear Creek Flood Control 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 4:48 p.m.