

**Programs, Projects, and Operations
Subcommittee Meeting Minutes
January 12, 2021**

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 January 12, 2021. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Conley at 4:09 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		Patrick Bonnett	Marlin Petermann
Ted Japp		Larry Bradley	Brent Meyer, Legal Counsel
Kevyn Sopinski		Phil Davidson	Nicole Gust
Rich Tesar		Tim McCormick	Zach Nelson
		Jim Thompson	Justin Novak
			Kyle Winn
			Eric Williams
			Bart Pugh, Schemmer
			Other Staff Members

- * Absent
- ** Alternate Voting Member

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

- **It was moved by Director Tesar 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 January 7, 2021. The proof of publication affidavit is included with the file copy of these minutes.

1. Review and Recommendation on Updates to District Policy Manual, Appendix H, Rules and Regulations Rural Water Supply Systems – Zach Nelson:

Project Manager Zach Nelson reviewed the proposed updates to the District’s Rules and Regulations Rural Water Supply Systems (Appendix H). Zach 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 updates to the District’s Policy Manual, Appendix H – Rules and Regulations Rural Water Systems be approved, 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 Purchase of Additional Land at Blair Field Office – Justin Novak and Kyle Winn:

Field Representative Justin Novak and Water Supply Superintendent Kyle Winn briefed the Directors on the opportunity to purchase land adjacent to the Blair Field Office, and the benefits this purchase would provide. The purchase of this land by the District would provide space for a much needed WCRW shop as well as a space to accommodate a tree cooler for the Conservation Tree Program. Justin and Kyle 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 proposed purchase agreement with the City of Blair for the purchase of 1.8 acres in the amount of \$100,000.00, contingent upon no reported issues from the environmental investigation, and 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 Platte River Bridge Trail Project, Amendment to the Professional Services Agreement with Schemmer – Eric Williams:

Project Manager Eric Williams reviewed the progress of the Platte River Bridge Trail Project and reminded the Directors of the District's January 2019 Program Agreement with NDOT for this project, and the selection of Schemmer as the design consultant. Eric explained that due to necessary additional design items, changes in the scope of the project were necessary at an additional not to exceed cost of \$14,829.19. Completion of the design is still expected during the second half of 2021. Eric 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 Board adopt the Resolution provided by NDOT authorizing the General Manager to execute a Supplemental Agreement between the District and Schemmer Associates for the Platte River Bridge Trail project, with cost not to exceed \$14,829.19, 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 Western Douglas County Trail, Construction of New Pedestrian Bridge Agreement with Union Pacific Railroad Company [Executive Session if needed]– Eric Williams:**

Project Manager Eric Williams reminded the Directors that in November 2020, the District approved a construction contract for the WDCT which includes Federal Funding from NDOT. Because the WDCT will cross over the UP rail lines, District staff have worked with NDOT and UP on an agreement that defines the rights and responsibilities for all parties. Eric reviewed the agreement, and stated that once completed, NDOT will finalize the documentation for the property rights in order for the District to complete the applicable documentation. The project is expected to be completed by the end of 2021. 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 General Manager be authorized to execute the proposed Construction of New Pedestrian Bridge Agreement with the Union Pacific Railroad Company and the Nebraska Department of Transportation, and to execute the required 0.18 acre Permanent and 1.88 acre Temporary Easements, at a price of \$8,060, all for the Western Douglas County 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: Fowler, Japp, Sopinski, Tesar, Conley
Voting Nay: None
Abstaining: None
Absent: None

ADJOURNMENT: Being no further business, the meeting adjourned by acclamation at 4:34 p.m.