

**Programs, Projects, and Operations  
Subcommittee Meeting Minutes  
April 6, 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 154<sup>th</sup> Street, Omaha, NE, on April 6, 2021. 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.

<b>Subcommittee Members Present</b>	<b>Subcommittee Members Absent</b>	<b>Other Directors Present</b>	<b>Others Present</b>
Fred Conley, Chairperson		Larry Bradley	John Winkler
Tim Fowler, Vice-Chairperson		Phil Davidson	Marlin Petermann
Ted Japp		Tim McCormick	Brent Meyer, Legal Counsel
Kevyn Sopinski		Jim Thompson	Nicole Gust
Rich Tesar			Paul Woodward
			Amanda Grint
			Eric Williams
			Jared Abraham, AGF
			Other Staff Members

- \* Absent
- \*\* Alternate Voting Member

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA:**

- **It was moved by Director Tesar and seconded by Director Fowler 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 April 1, 2021. The proof of publication affidavit is included with the file copy of these minutes.

**1. Presentation by Aqua Geo Frameworks of the 2020 Airborne Electromagnetic (AEM) Mapping and Hydrogeologic Framework – Jared Abraham, AGF, and Paul Woodward:**

Jared Abraham, AGF, and Project Manager Paul Woodward presented the 2020 Airborne Electromagnetic (AEM) Mapping and Hydrogeologic Framework and answered Directors questions. No action was taken by the Subcommittee.

**2. Review and Recommendation of Papio PL-566 Site S-6 Easement Vacation for WP2 Project – Amanda Grint:**

Project Manager Amanda Grint briefed the Directors on the history of the PL-566 Site S-6 easement, which was obtained in 1981, and why it is no longer needed and can be released for the current landowner. 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 proposed Release of Easement for the Papio PL566 S-6 structure, 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 Dedication of Right-of-Way to the City of Papillion and Sarpy County for Cornhusker Road Improvements – Amanda Grint:**

Project Manager Amanda Grint reminded the Directors that in 2018 the District approved the purchase of Tracts 1 and 2 for WP7 located at 108<sup>th</sup> and Cornhusker Road. Amanda explained that now that construction is complete, the area purchased by the District needs to be dedicated as right-of-way for Cornhusker Road. Amanda answered Directors questions.

- **It was moved by Director Fowler and seconded by Director Sopinski that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board that the General Manager be authorized to execute the proposed Cornhusker Road Dedication of Street Right-of-Way to the City of Papillion and to Sarpy County for the Cornhusker Road Improvements, 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 Hwy 31 Connecting Link Repair Construction Contract – Eric Williams:**

Project Manager Eric Williams reviewed the collaboration between the District and LPSNRD for the construction of the MoPac Trail along the former Missouri Pacific Railroad line which includes a trail over the bridge across the Platte River and connecting link trails on each end of the Lied Bridge. Eric reminded the Directors that during the flood event in March 2019 debris caused damage to the trail. In 2020, the District contracted JEO for professional services on this project. Eric stated that on March 25, 2021 the District received six bids for this project which were reviewed by JEO who recommended that the bid from CDS Enterprise LLC be accepted. Eric answered Directors questions.

- **It was moved by Director Sopinski and seconded by Director Fowler that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board of Directors that the General Manager be authorized to execute a contract with CDS Enterprise LLC in the amount of \$152,729 for the Hwy 31 Connecting Link Repair 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

**5. Review and Recommendation of the FY 2022 Urban Cost Share Programs – Eric Williams:**

- a. Urban Conservation Assistance Program**
- b. Urban Drainageway Program**
- c. Recreation Area Development Program**
- d. Trails Assistance Program**

Project Manager Eric Williams reviewed applications for FY 2022 Urban Cost Share Programs and stated that the City of Blair requested that the Board waive District Policy for consideration of their \$100,000 funding application for a boat ramp. The total funding request for FY 2022 is \$3,016,286. General Manager John Winkler reminded the Directors that the District’s proposed contribution is only about 17% of the total projects cost, and that the District would be leveraging around three million dollars for eighteen million dollars of work. 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 applications from Ralston, SID 261, SID 503, and South Sioux City for \$30,000 each, for a total of \$120,000 for the Urban Conservation Assistance Program be approved subject to funding in the FY 2022 Budget; and**

**That the applications from City of Papillion for \$540,000 in FY 2022 and FY 2023, and from SID 541 for \$180,000, for a total of \$720,000 for the Urban Drainageway Program be approved subject to funding in the FY 2022 Budget; and**

**That the applications from Arlington for \$20,000 and \$50,000, Bellevue for \$26,600, Blair for \$100,000, the Gretna for \$50,000, Lake Cunningham Development Trust and City of Omaha for \$46,110, City of Omaha for \$20,000 and \$50,000, City of Papillion for \$50,000, and South Sioux City for \$18,201, for a total of \$430,911 for the Recreation Area Development Program be approved subject to funding in the FY 2022 Budget; and**

**That the applications from Arlington for \$92,500, Fort Calhoun for \$77,100, La Vista for \$250,000, Lake Cunningham Development Trust and the City of Omaha for \$200,000, and the City of Omaha for \$43,588, the City of Omaha for \$250,000 in FY 2022, 2023, and 2024, the City of Omaha for \$300,187, and SID 405 for \$532,000, for a total of \$1,745,375 for the Trails Assistance Program be approved subject to funding in the FY 2022 Budget.**

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 5:35 p.m.