

**Programs, Projects, and Operations
Subcommittee Meeting Minutes
June 8, 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 June 8, 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.

Subcommittee Members Present	Subcommittee Members Absent	Other Directors Present	Others Present
Fred Conley, Chairperson		Patrick Bonnet	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			Eric Williams
			Paul Woodward
			Lori Laster
			Brenda Densmore, USGS
			Brent Hall, USGS
			Aaron Hirsh, FHU
			Other Staff Members

* Absent

** Alternate Voting Member

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

- **It was moved by Director Fowler 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: 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 June 3, 2021. The proof of publication affidavit is included with the file copy of these minutes.

1. Review and Recommendation of the Papio-Missouri River NRD Master Plan – Eric Williams:

Project Manager Eric Williams reviewed the draft Master Plan for the District. Eric noted that a Public Input Meeting was held via Zoom on Thursday, June 3 at 4:00 p.m. No public input was received during the meeting. Eric answered Directors questions. The following individual addressed the Subcommittee:

- Shawn Melotz, 10404 N. 132nd Street, Omaha, NE

- **It was moved by Director Tesar and seconded by Director Sopinski that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board of Directors that the 2021 Master 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

2. Presentation of the 2020 USGS Groundwater Quality Monitoring Results – Paul Woodward, Brent Hall, USGS and Brenda Densmore, USGS:

Project Manager Paul Woodward, Brent Hall, USGS and Brenda Densmore, USGS, presented the 2020 USGS Groundwater Quality Monitoring Results and answered Directors questions. No action was taken by the Subcommittee.

3. Review and Recommendation of Lower Platte River Water Quality and Springfield Drinking Water Management Protection 319 Grant Applications – Paul Woodward:

Project Manager Paul Woodward stated that the EPA and NDEE approved the Water Quality Management Plan for the Lower Platte River Corridor in 2019, and he reviewed the plan for the Directors. Paul said that water quality improvements can be supported by a 319 Nonpoint Source Pollution Management Project through NDEE. In addition, a second 319 grant application would include funding for education and the other half of the watershed coordinator. These two grant applications would result in a maximum District contribution of \$400,000 over three years. Paul answered Directors questions.

- **It was moved by Director Fowler and seconded by Director Japp that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board that the General Manager be authorized to execute and submit two 319 Nonpoint Source Pollution Management grant applications; one for Water Quality Management in the Lower Platte River sub-watersheds in Sarpy County; and the second for the Springfield Drinking Water Protection Area, both not to exceed \$300,000 each in grant funding over 3 years and a maximum District contribution of \$400,000 over 3 years, 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 Contract Amendment with Felsburg Holt and Ullevig for the Papillion Creek Watershed Partnership – Lori Laster and Aaron Hirsh, FHU:

Project Manager Lori Laster and Aaron Hirsh, FHU, briefed the Directors on the Papillion Creek Watershed Partnership and the contract with FHU. Lori stated that the scope of the original contract with FHU concluded in March 2021 however the Partnership identified additional items where professional services support is needed. Lori stated that the proposed Contract Amendment with FHU for the Partnership is \$68,872 bringing the total contract amount to \$118,817. Lori and Aaron answered Directors questions.

- **It was moved by Director Tesar and seconded by Director Fowler that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board that the General Manager, as the representative of the**

Administering Agent of the Papillion Creek Watershed Partnership, be authorized to execute the Stream Degradation Analysis Agreement for Professional Services Amendment 1 with Felsburg Holt & Ullevig in the amount of \$68,872 bringing the total contract amount to \$118,817, 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 5:01 p.m.