



**PAPIO-MISSOURI RIVER
NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES
June 10, 2021**

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: A regular meeting of the Papio-Missouri River Natural Resources District Board of Directors was held at the Natural Resources Center, 8901 S. 154th Street, Omaha, NE on June 10, 2021. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Jim Thompson at 4:00 p.m.

NOTIFICATION OF OPEN MEETINGS ACT POSTING AND MEETING PROCEDURE

QUORUM CALL: The following Directors were present for the Quorum Call:

Danny Begley	Ted Japp
Patrick Bonnett	Kevyn Sopinski
Larry Bradley	Tim McCormick
Fred Conley	Rich Tesar
Phil Davidson	Jim Thompson
Tim Fowler	

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

- **MOTION NO. 1:** It was moved by Director Tesar and seconded by Director Begley that the meeting agenda be adopted.

Roll call vote was held on the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 11-yea.

Voting Yea	-	Begley, Bonnett, Bradley, Conley, Davidson, Fowler, Japp, McCormick, Sopinski, Tesar, Thompson
Voting Nay	-	None
Abstaining	-	None
Excused Absence	-	None
Absent	-	None

ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA:

- **MOTION NO. 2:** It was moved by Director Fowler and seconded by Director Tesar that the following resolution be adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED that the following resolutions on the consent agenda are hereby adopted.

Agenda Item 3.A.:

BE IT RESOLVED that the absences of the following Director(s) from the June 10, 2021, Board of Directors Meeting is excused:

None to date.

Agenda Item 7. A.:

BE IT RESOLVED that the May 13, 2021, Papio-Missouri River NRD Board Meeting minutes are approved as printed.

Roll call vote was held on the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 11-yea.

Voting Yea	-	Begley, Bonnett, Bradley, Conley, Davidson, Fowler, Japp, McCormick, Sopinski, Tesar, Thompson
Voting Nay	-	None
Abstaining	-	None
Excused Absence	-	None
Absent	-	None

PROOFS OF PUBLICATION OF MEETING NOTICE: Notice of the meeting was published in the Omaha World Herald on June 3, 2021. The District's April 9, 2021 through May 13, 2021, expenditures were published in the Burt County Plaindealer on May 25, 2021. The Chairperson ordered the Proofs of Publication recorded in the minutes of this meeting. (They are contained as part of the file copy of these minutes.)

AGENCY AND ASSOCIATION REPORTS:

A. Natural Resources Conservation Service Report: Andy Bohnenkamp, District Conservationist, submitted a written report on NRCS activities for the month of June. The written report has been posted to the District's website.

B. Nebraska Association of Resources District Board Meeting and NARD Basin Tour: Director Tesar reported the NARD Board meeting was held on June 6-7, 2021, at the La Vista Conference Center. General Manager Winkler provided an update on the NARD River Basin Tour that took place on June 7-8, 2021. This event was hosted by the Papio-Missouri River NRD.

C. Legislative Report – Catalyst Public Affairs: Tim Gay gave the report on legislative activities. A copy of his written report is attached to the file copy of the meeting minutes.

Reports can be heard on the District's podcast at www.papionrd.org/meeting-podcasts/

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:

A. Programs, Projects, and Operations Subcommittee: Director Conley reported that the PPO Subcommittee met on June 8, 2021 and gave a brief recap of the meeting.

•• **MOTION NO. 3:** It was moved by Director Conley that the following recommendation be adopted:

PPO Recommendation 1: Papio-Missouri River NRD Master Plan: Recommendation that the 2021 Master Plan be adopted.

Director Conley asked if a copy of the completed report was available. Eric Williams stated information on the Sothern Sarpy Watershed Partnership and public comments needed to be added prior to its completion. The updated report will be posted to the District’s website as soon as it becomes available.

Roll call vote was held on the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 11-yea.

Voting Yea - Begley, Bonnett, Bradley, Conley, Davidson, Fowler, Japp, McCormick, Sopinski, Tesar, Thompson
Voting Nay - None
Abstaining - None
Excused Absence - None
Absent - None

Director Conley briefed that Paul Woodward and Brent Hall, USGS gave a presentation of the 2020 USGS Groundwater Quality Monitoring Results. No action was taken by the Subcommittee.

•• **MOTION NO. 4:** It was moved by Director Conley that the following recommendation be adopted:

PPO Recommendation 2: Lower Platte River Water Quality and Springfield Drinking Water Management Protection 319 Grant Application: Recommendation 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.

Chairperson Thompson asked if this was a 60/40 cost share. Paul Woodward stated it was.

Roll call vote was held on the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 11-yea.

Voting Yea - Begley, Bonnett, Bradley, Conley, Davidson, Fowler, Japp, McCormick, Sopinski, Tesar, Thompson
Voting Nay - None
Abstaining - None
Excused Absence - None
Absent - None

•• **MOTION NO. 5:** It was moved by Director Conley that the following recommendation be adopted:

PPO Recommendation 3: Contract Amendment with Felsburg Holt & Ullevig for the Papillion Creek Watershed Partnership: Recommendation 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 vote was held on the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 11-yea.

Voting Yea - Begley, Bonnett, Bradley, Conley, Davidson, Fowler, Japp, McCormick, Sopinski, Tesar, Thompson
Voting Nay - None
Abstaining - None
Excused Absence - None
Absent - None

B. Finance, Expenditures, and Legal Subcommittee: Director Tesar reported that the FEL Subcommittee met on June 8, 2021 and gave a brief recap of the meeting.

•• **MOTION NO. 6:** It was moved by Director Tesar that the following recommendation be adopted:

FEL Recommendation 1: Southern Sarpy Watershed Partnership Professional Services Account (26-01-000-4400) over 110%: Recommendation that account 26-01-000-4400, Southern Sarpy Watershed Partnership – Professional Services be allowed to exceed 110% of the budgeted amount up to a maximum of \$550,000.

Roll call vote was held on the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 11-yea.

Voting Yea - Begley, Bonnett, Bradley, Conley, Davidson, Fowler, Japp, McCormick, Sopinski, Tesar, Thompson
Voting Nay - None
Abstaining - None
Excused Absence - None

Absent - None

- **MOTION NO. 7:** It was moved by Director Tesar that the following recommendation be adopted:

FEL Recommendation 2.: Zorinsky Basin 2 Construction (02-01-558-4410) over 110% of Budget: Recommendation that the account for Zorinsky #2 Water Quality Basin Construction Costs (02-01-558-4410) be allowed to exceed 110% of the budgeted amount up to a maximum of \$1,002,687.

Roll call vote was held on the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 11-yea.

Voting Yea - Begley, Bonnett, Bradley, Conley, Davidson, Fowler, Japp, McCormick, Sopinski, Tesar, Thompson
Voting Nay - None
Abstaining - None
Excused Absence - None
Absent - None

Director Tesar briefed there was discussion on Dam Site 7 and Dam Site 12 right-of-way purchase requests. No action was taken by the Subcommittee.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

- **MOTION NO. 8:** It was moved by Director Fowler and seconded by Director Conley that the following resolution be adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Treasurer is authorized to expend general funds to pay: (1) claims listed in the April 9, 2021 through May 13, 2021, financial report; and, (2) any claims made prior to the next Board meeting for (a) earned salaries of District employees, (b) withholding taxes, (c) social security payments, (d) retirement program contributions, (e) utilities, (f) registration fees and expenses for upcoming meetings and conferences, (g) certified completed CAP and Special Project Area applications, (h) invoices which offer a credit or discount for payment made prior to the next Board meeting, (i) postage, and, (j) building and grounds contract expenses.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Treasurer is authorized to pay, from the respective operating accounts of the Dakota County, Thurston County and Washington County Rural Water System, the Elkhorn River Bank Stabilization Project, the Elkhorn Breakout Project, the Elk/Pigeon Creek Drainage Project, and the Western Sarpy Drainage District, the project bills listed on the April 9, 2021 through May 13, 2021 financial report, and future claims for project utilities.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the financial reports be affixed to and made a part of the minutes.

Roll call vote was held on motion. The motion carried on a vote of 11-yea.

Voting Yea - Begley, Bonnett, Bradley, Conley, Davidson, Fowler, Japp, McCormick, Sopinski, Tesar, Thompson
Voting Nay - None
Abstaining - None
Excused Absence - None
Absent - None

LEGAL UPDATE: Brent Meyer, District Legal Counsel stated he had nothing to report.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT: Chairperson Thompson congratulated Director Begley on his win for the City Council, District 3 seat. He informed the Board that Gus Erickson, prior Director for Sub-District 11 passed away. Director Erickson served on the Board from July of 2010 through December of 2012.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT: General Manager Winkler reviewed his report with the Board. The written report is posted to the District's website.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

A. **Future Meetings:** The Chairperson reviewed the following upcoming meetings with the Directors:

June 17, 2021	Southern Sarpy Watershed Partnership Meeting, 10:00 a.m., at NRC
June 24, 2021	Papillion Creek Watershed Partnership Meeting, 10:00 a.m., at NRC
July 5, 2021	4 th of July Holiday – P-MRNRD Offices Closed
July 6, 2021	P-MRNRD Directors Budget Workshop, 3:00-4:00 p.m., at NRC
July 6, 2021	P-MRNRD Subcommittee Meetings, 4:00 p.m., at NRC
July 8, 2021	P-MRNRD Board Meeting, 4:00 p.m., at NRC

B. Next Meeting – The next scheduled meeting of the P-MRNRD Board of Directors will be held on July 8, 2021, at the NRC.

ADJOURNMENT: Being no further business, the Chairperson declared that the meeting was adjourned at 4:32 p.m.

NOTE: These minutes reflect the actions and votes taken at the June 10, 2021, Board of Directors Meeting of the Papio-Missouri River Natural Resources District and are not an official transcript of the meeting. The audio cast of this meeting can be found on our website at www.papionrd.org.

I, the undersigned, Secretary of the Papio-Missouri River Natural Resources District, hereby certify that the foregoing are true and correct minutes of a meeting of the Board of Directors of the District held on June 10, 2021, that all of the subjects included in the foregoing proceedings were contained in the agenda for the meeting, kept continually current and readily available for public inspection at the office of the District; that such subjects were contained in said agenda at least twenty-four hours prior to said meeting; that at least one copy of all reproducible material discussed at the meeting was available at the meeting for examination and copying by members of the public; that the minutes were in written form and available for public inspection within ten working days and prior to the next convened meeting of said body; and, that all news media requesting notification of the meeting of said body were provided advance notification of the time and place of said meeting.

Richard Tesar
District Secretary