

**Programs, Projects, and Operations
Subcommittee Meeting Minutes
September 7, 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 September 7, 2021. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Conley at 4:07 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	Ted Japp*	Larry Bradley	John Winkler
Patrick Bonnett**	Tim Fowler, Vice-Chairperson*	Phil Davidson	Marlin Petermann
Kevyn Sopinski		Tim McCormick	Brent Meyer, Legal Counsel
Rich Tesar		Jim Thompson	Nicole Gust
			Martin Cleveland
			Amanda Grint
			Paul Woodward
			Dan Lightbody, Olsson, Inc.
			Andy Miller, Benesch
			Jeff Sockel, Benesch
			Other Staff Members

* Absent

** Alternate Voting Member

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

- **It was moved by Director Tesar and seconded by Director Bonnett that the agenda be adopted.**

Roll call was taken on the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 4-yea.

Voting Yea: Bonnett, Sopinski, Tesar, Conley
 Voting Nay: None
 Abstaining: None
 Absent: Fowler, Japp

PROOF OF PUBLICATION: Public notice of the meeting was posted at all District offices and published in the Omaha World-Herald on September 2, 2021. The proof of publication affidavit is included with the file copy of these minutes.

1. Review and Recommendation on Silver Creek Watershed Sites #30 and #33 Repairs Project Professional Services Agreement with Olsson, Inc. – Martin Cleveland and Dan Lightbody, Olsson, Inc.:

Project Manager Martin Cleveland briefed the Directors on the Silver Creek Watershed and described the deficiencies at Sites #30 and #33. Martin explained that these watershed structures were originally designed by Olsson, Inc. and the NRCS and because of this Olsson, Inc. is familiar with the watershed and therefore the most qualified firm to provide the repair services. Martin outlined the tasks to be performed by Olsson,

Inc. and stated that the maximum not to exceed cost of the proposed agreement is \$123,603. Martin and Dan Lightbody, Olsson, Inc., answered Directors questions.

- **It was moved by Director Tesar and seconded by Director Bonnett that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board of Directors that Policy 15.2 Purchasing-Professional Services be waived and that the General Manager be authorized to execute the proposed Professional Services Agreement with Olsson, Inc. for the Silver Creek Watershed Sites #30 and #33 Repairs Project, with the maximum not to exceed amount of \$123,603, 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 4-yea.

Voting Yea: Bonnett, Sopinski, Tesar, Conley
Voting Nay: None
Abstaining: None
Absent: Fowler, Japp

2. Review and Recommendation on Phase #2 Drainage Structure Repair for Big Papio Creek/Levee Channel Project -- First Amendment to the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement with City of Omaha – Martin Cleveland:

Project Manager Martin Cleveland reminded the Directors that in October 2017 the Board approved the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement with the City of Omaha for the stated project. Martin explained that the conditions of the ILA required the City of Omaha to contribute up to \$472,031.76, but due to contract change orders and contract amendments, their actual costs came to \$543,914.15. Martin presented a cost summary table as well as the proposed first amendment to the ILA to provide for a not to exceed contribution by the City of \$543,914.15. Martin answered Directors questions.

- **It was moved by Director Sopinski and seconded by Director Tesar that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board of Directors that Subcommittee recommend to the Board of Directors that the General Manager be authorized to execute the proposed First Amendment to the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement for Phase #2 Drainage Structure Repair for Big Papio Creek/ Levee Channel Project with the City of Omaha, with a maximum not to exceed contribution by the City of \$543,914.15, 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 4-yea.

Voting Yea: Bonnett, Sopinski, Tesar, Conley
Voting Nay: None
Abstaining: None
Absent: Fowler, Japp

3. Review and Recommendation on Glacier Creek Stream and Wetland Mitigation Bank Project Construction Bids – Amanda Grint:

Project Manager Amanda Grint briefed the Directors on the history of the Glacier Creek Project and the District's ILA with UNO. Amanda stated that on August 26, 2021, bids were opened for the construction of the Glacier Creek Stream and Wetland Mitigation Bank Project, and that the low base bid of \$2,301,908 was provided by Commercial Contractors. Including the two alternates, the total bid from Commercial Contractors was \$3,631,488.75. A recommendation letter from Benesch was provided. Amanda answered Directors questions.

- **It was moved by Director Tesar and seconded by Director Sopinski that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board of Directors that the General Manager be authorized to execute a contract with Commercial Contractors for the construction of the Glacier Creek Stream and Wetland Mitigation Bank Project including two alternates, for the total bid amount of \$3,631,488.75, 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 4-yea.

Voting Yea: Bonnett, Sopinski, Tesar, Conley
 Voting Nay: None
 Abstaining: None
 Absent: Fowler, Japp

4. Review and Recommendation on Amendment No. 4 to Professional Services Contract with Benesch for the Glacier Creek Stream and Wetland Mitigation Bank Project – Amanda Grint:

Project Manager Amanda Grint reviewed the proposed contract Amendment No. 4 with Benesch for the Glacier Creek Project and summarized the proposed tasks. This amendment is estimated at \$146,979 and brings the total not to exceed contract amount to \$408,378. Construction is expected to begin in October 2021 and be completed in December 2022. Amanda answered Directors questions.

- **It was moved by Director Sopinski and seconded by Director Bonnett that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board of Directors that the General Manager be authorized to execute the proposed Professional Services Agreement Amendment No. 4 with Benesch for the Glacier Creek Stream and Wetland Mitigation Bank Project in the amount of \$146,979.00, bringing the total not to exceed contract amount to \$408,378.00, 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 4-yea.

Voting Yea: Bonnett, Sopinski, Tesar, Conley
 Voting Nay: None
 Abstaining: None
 Absent: Fowler, Japp

5. Review and Recommendation on Interlocal Agreement with City of Fremont, Dodge County, and LPNNRD for Platte River Cameras and Sensors – Paul Woodward:

Project Manager Paul Woodward reminded the Directors that in July 2020 the Board approved an ILA with the City Fremont, Dodge County and LPNNRD. This ILA was approved for cost share, assuming that a FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant for up to \$20,250 would be approved and could be applied toward the cost of cameras and sensors to observe potential ice jam and flooding events. Paul stated that while the FEMA grant was approved, the funds cannot be utilized to directly pay another federal agency. Paul summarized a new ILA reflecting the partners splitting the USGS equipment cost and annual O&M costs. This new ILA would replace the original agreement. Paul 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 provide written notice of termination of the original Interlocal Agreement effective July 15, 2020 and execute the proposed Interlocal Agreement with the City of Fremont, Dodge County, and Lower Platte North NRD for the Platte River Cameras and Sensors 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 4-yea.

Voting Yea: Bonnett, Sopinski, Tesar, Conley

Voting Nay: None

Abstaining: None

Absent: Fowler, Japp

ADJOURNMENT: Being no further business, the meeting adjourned by acclamation at 4:46 p.m.