

**Programs, Projects, and Operations  
Subcommittee Meeting Minutes  
October 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 154<sup>th</sup> Street, Omaha, NE, on October 12, 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		Patrick Bonnett	John Winkler
Tim Fowler, Vice-Chairperson		Danny Begley	Marlin Petermann
Ted Japp		Larry Bradley	Adam Charlsen, Legal Counsel
Kevyn Sopinski		Phil Davidson	Nicole Gust
Rich Tesar		Tim McCormick	Amanda Grint
		Jim Thompson	Paul Woodward
			Eric Williams
			Mike Sotak, FYRA
			Bart Pugh, Schemmer
			Other Staff Members

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

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA:**

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

**1. Review and Recommendation on Bids for FY 2022 District Vehicles and Equipment – Nicole Gust.:**

Purchasing Agent Nicole Gust presented information about the bidding process for each vehicle and equipment item. Nicole and General Manager John Winkler 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 following recommendations be approved:**

**Two, 2022, Full-size, 4WD, 1 ¼ Ton Dually Trucks:**

The staff recommends that the bid of \$60,012 from Gene Steffy for two, 2022 Ram 4500 Trucks be accepted with trade-in of the District's 2012 Ford F350, serial number 1FT7X3BTSCEB17972 and the District's 2010 Ford F350, serial number 1FDWX3HRXAE95757. The service bodies are \$15,395 each bringing the total of these two vehicles to \$90,802.

**Two, 2022, Half Ton Crew Cab Trucks:**

The staff recommends that the bid of \$72,050 from Gene Steffy for two, 2022 Ram 1500 Trucks be accepted with trade-in of the District's 2013 Ram 1500 4x4 Pickup Truck, serial number 1C6RR7FP1DS567040.

**One, 2022 Jeep Grand Cherokee:**

The staff recommends that the bid of \$27,601 from Gene Steffy for one, 2022 Jeep Grand Cherokee be accepted with trade-in of the District's 2008 Ford Ranger, serial number 1FTZR45E78PA55928.

**Equipment – Two, New, John Deere Diesel Mowers:**

The staff recommends the purchase of two, new JD Diesel Mowers from Akrs Equipment with a State Contract total price of \$32,272.02 with trade-in of the District's two, 2010,

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 Amendment No. 2 to Professional Services Contract with FYRA Engineering for WP2 – Amanda Grint:**

Project Manager Amanda Grint reviewed the District's Professional Services Contract with FYRA Engineering for the WP2 Project. Amanda stated that Amendment No. 2 will provide for professional services to finalize permitting, complete the design, prepare contract bidding documents and construction administration. Amanda summarized the tasks in Amendment No. 2 and answered Directors questions.

- **It was moved by Director Fowler and seconded by Director Sopinski 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 Amendment No. 2 to the Professional Services Agreement between the District and FYRA Engineering for the Regional Detention Site WP2 Project for the maximum amount of \$967,940, bringing the total maximum not to exceed contract amount to \$1,668,167, 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 on Interlocal Agreement with SID 347 for Sewer Connection at WP2 – Amanda Grint:**

Project Manager Amanda Grint briefed the Directors on the District's coordination efforts with SID 347 which is adjacent to the property purchased by the District for the WP2 project. Amanda stated that the District has previously granted an easement for a sanitary sewer for the SID, and she reviewed the timeline of the sewer construction as well as the need for the water quality basin embankment to be in place before the construction can begin. In order to meet the timeline, an ILA is proposed providing for the District to build these two items at the same time with the SID reimbursing 100% of the District's sanitary sewer construction costs. Amanda and Mike Sotak, FYRA, 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 execute an interlocal agreement with SID 347 of Sarpy County, Nebraska, for the Sewer Connection Project at the District's WP2 project site 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 Renewal of USGS Maintenance Agreement for Papio Floodwarning System Gages – Amanda Grint:**

Project Manager Amanda Grint presented the proposed 2022 Joint Funding Agreement with USGS for the annual renewal of the Papillion Creek Watershed flood warning system maintenance contract. The USGS will cost share \$16,875 through their Cooperative Matching Funds and \$19,670 through the Groundwater and Streamflow Information Program. The District cost share totals \$127,595 for operation and maintenance of the gages. Amanda 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 Joint Funding Agreement with the USGS in the amount of \$127,595 in District funds for the operation of the District's floodwarning system for 2022, subject to changes deemed necessary by the General Manager.**

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 on Groundwater Monitoring Joint Funding Agreement with USGS – Paul Woodward:**

Project Manager Paul Woodward reviewed the results of the 2020-2021 groundwater monitoring study of the Elkhorn and Platte rivers. Paul presented the proposed Joint Funding Agreement between the USGS and the District. The USGS will continue to operate six existing groundwater monitoring sites for the Platte and Elkhorn River Valley from Oct. 1, 2021, to Sept. 30, 2022. The total cost for all six sites is \$17,720, with the District paying \$13,350 and the USGS providing cooperative funding of approximately 25% (same as last year). Paul 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 General Manager be authorized to execute a Joint Funding Agreement with U.S. Geological Survey for a total cost to the District of \$13,350 for the continuation of groundwater monitoring in the Platte and Elkhorn River valley, 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

**6. Review and Recommendation on Platte River Bridge Trail Project Amendment 2 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 during the design process, a retaining wall was determined to be necessary to help support the trail, while maintaining a minimal impact to the area. Additional costs for this work are \$29,422.40 bringing the total project design costs to \$272,788.22. Eric stated that 80% of the design and construction of this project is provided by NDOT, and 20% is split between local partner agencies. Eric answered Directors questions.

- **It was moved by Director Japp and seconded by Director Fowler 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 total cost not to exceed \$272,788.22, 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

**7. Review and Recommendation on FY 2022 Long Range Implementation Plan (LRIP) – Eric Williams:**

Project Manager Eric Williams reviewed the FY 2022 Long Range Implementation Plan (LRIP) which summarizes the various planned programs and projects and the intended accomplishments during FY 2020 and projections for the next five fiscal years as required by state statute. Eric answered Directors questions.

- **It was moved by Director Japp and seconded by Director Tesar that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board of Directors that the proposed Fiscal Year 2022 Long Range Implementation 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

**ADJOURNMENT:** Being no further business, the meeting adjourned by acclamation at 4:32 p.m.