

**Programs, Projects, and Operations
Subcommittee Meeting Minutes
November 9, 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 November 9, 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	Kevyn Sopinski*	Danny Begley	John Winkler
Tim Fowler, Vice-Chairperson	Rich Tesar*	Larry Bradley	Marlin Petermann
Ted Japp		Phil Davidson	Brent Meyer, Legal Counsel
Patrick Bonnett**		Tim McCormick	Nicole Gust
		Jim Thompson	Eric Williams
			Paul Woodward
			Other Staff Members
			Bart Pugh, Schemmer

* Absent

** Alternate Voting Member

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

- **It was moved by Director Fowler and seconded by Director Japp that the agenda be adopted.**

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

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

PROOF OF PUBLICATION: Public notice of the meeting was posted at all District offices and published in the Omaha World-Herald on November 4, 2021. The proof of publication affidavit is included with the file copy of these minutes.

1. Review and Recommendation of West Papio Trail Millard Connection, Interlocal Agreement City of Omaha – Eric Williams:

Project Manager Eric Williams reviewed the District’s trail projects along the West Papio Creek in partnership with the Cities of Bellevue, Papillion, La Vista, and Omaha. Eric stated that this proposed ILA project with the City of Omaha would connect the remaining distance between the existing trails. Eric told the Directors that the District has been awarded federal aid funding to cover 80% of the expected total project cost, and that the remaining 20% would be evenly divided between the District and the City of Omaha. Eric answered Directors questions.

- **It was moved by Director Bonnett and seconded by Director Fowler that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board of Directors that General Manager be authorized to execute the proposed Interlocal Cooperation Agreement with the City of Omaha for the West Papio Millard Connection 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, Fowler, Japp, Conley
 Voting Nay: None
 Abstaining: None
 Absent: Sopinski, Tesar

2. Review and Recommendation of the Beltline Trail Phase 1 Construction Bids – Eric Williams:

Project Manager Eric Williams briefed the Directors on the District’s ILA with the City of Omaha for design and construction of the Beltline Trail. Eric notified the Directors that on October 27, 2021, bids were opened for construction of Phase 1 of the trail. Five bids were received, all coming below the engineer’s estimate, with the apparent low bid of \$208,474.71 being from Swain Construction Inc. Eric also reviewed the Beltline Trail, Master Plan and discussed future phases which are anticipated to be designed and constructed over the next few years. Eric answered Directors questions.

- **It was moved by Director Fowler and seconded by Director Bonnett that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board of Directors that the General Manager be authorized to execute a construction contract with Swain Construction Inc. in the amount of \$208,474.71 for the Beltline Trail Phase 1 Project, subject to changes deemed necessary by the General Manger 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, Fowler, Japp, Conley
 Voting Nay: None
 Abstaining: None
 Absent: Sopinski, Tesar

3. Review and Recommendation of Amendment to Lower Platte River Consortium Interlocal Agreement – Paul Woodward:

Project Manager Paul Woodward reminded the Directors of the District’s ILA that was entered into in August 2016, to form the Lower Platte River Consortium. Paul stated that the original term of the agreement was for three years beginning September 27, 2016, and that the District amended the agreement to allow a one year extension until November 1, 2021. The current proposed Amendment will extend the agreement to November 12, 2022. No other changes or financial contributions are proposed as part of this amendment. Paul 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 General Manager be authorized to execute the proposed Amendment to the Interlocal Agreement for the Platte River Consortium with the Lower Platte South NRD, Lower Platte North NRD, City of Lincoln, Metropolitan Utilities District, and Nebraska Department of Natural Resources, 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, Fowler, Japp, Conley
Voting Nay: None
Abstaining: None
Absent: Sopinski, Tesar

4. Review and Recommendation of Interlocal Cooperation Act Agreement Elkhorn Water Rescue Agreement (Waterloo RFD) – John Winkler and Travis Harlow, WVFD:

General Manager John Winkler reviewed the Interlocal Cooperation Act between the District and the Waterloo RFD and explained its purpose. John stated that every year the Rural Fire Department submits invoices for District review, and he presented the yearly approved totals that were eligible for reimbursement. John 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 Interlocal Cooperation Act Agreement Elkhorn River Water Rescue Funding be adopted and that the General Manager be authorized to execute the agreement 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, Fowler, Japp, Conley
Voting Nay: None
Abstaining: None
Absent: Sopinski, Tesar

ADJOURNMENT: Being no further business, the meeting adjourned by acclamation at 4:33 p.m.