



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

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 November 10, 2021. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Jim Thompson at 4:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Prior to the Pledge of Allegiance Chairperson Thompson asked Veterans in attendance to stand and be recognized and thanked all those who have served our Country.

NOTIFICATION OF OPEN MEETINGS ACT POSTING AND MEETING PROCEDURE

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

Patrick Bonnett	Ted Japp
Fred Conley	Tim McCormick
Phil Davidson	Kevyn Sopinski
Tim Fowler	Jim Thompson

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

Before Moving to adopt the Agenda, Chairperson Thompson changed Item 9.C. to Director Davidson in place of Director Fowler.

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

Roll call vote was held on motion. The motion carried on a vote of 8-yea.

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

ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA:

- **MOTION NO. 2:** It was moved by Director Fowler and seconded by Director Sopinski 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 November 10, 2021 Board of Directors Meeting are excused:

Larry Bradley
Rich Tesar.

Agenda Item 7. A.:

BE IT RESOLVED that the October 14, 2021 Papio-Missouri River NRD Board Meeting Minutes are approved as printed.

Roll call vote was held on motion. The motion carried on a vote of 8-yea.

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

PROOFS OF PUBLICATION OF MEETING NOTICE: Notice of the meeting was published in the Omaha World Herald on November 4, 2021. The District's September 10 through October 14, 2021 expenditures were published in the Douglas County Post-Gazette on October 27, 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 gave his report on NRCS activities for the month of November. Andy let the Directors know that he will be serving a 120 day detail as a Missouri River Basin and Upper Mississippi Basin Coordinator as well as an USACE Liaison. Andy said he would still be able to retain many of the supervisory roles as DC, and that Ryan Johnson has been appointed acting District Conservationist in the interim.
- B. Legislative Report: General Manager John Winkler provided an update on the status of on-going legislative activities.

- C. Lake Cunningham Trail and Recreation Improvements: Brook Bench and Marquette Ryan, Lake Cunningham Trust provided an update on the project's trail and recreation improvements and thanked the District for their contribution of \$250,000.

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

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:

A. Ad-Hoc Consultant Selection Subcommittee RFP for Professional Services for the Papillion Creek 319 Watershed Small Flood Control and Water Quality Structure Project: Director Bradley reported that the Ad-Hoc Consultant Selection Subcommittee RFP for Professional Services for the Papillion Creek 319 Watershed Small Flood Control and Water Quality Structure Project met on November 4, 2021 and gave a brief recap of the meeting.

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

Ad-Hoc Recommendation #1: Consultant Selection Interviews: Recommendation that HDR, Inc. be ranked first to negotiate a contract for the Papillion Creek 319 Watershed Small Flood Control and Water Quality Structure Project, and that FYRA Engineering be ranked second.

Roll call vote was held on motion. The motion carried on a vote of 8-yea.

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

B. Programs, Projects and Operations Subcommittee: Director Conley reported that the PPO Subcommittee met on November 9, 2021 and gave a brief recap of the meeting.

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

PPO Recommendation #1: West Papio Trail Millard Connection, Interlocal Agreement with City of Omaha: Recommendation that the General Manager be authorized to execute the proposed Interlocal Cooperation Agreement with the City of Omaha for the West Papio Trail Millard Connection Project, subject to changes deemed necessary by the General Manager and approval as to form by District Legal Counsel.

Roll call vote was held on motion. The motion carried on a vote of 8-yea.

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

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

PPO Recommendation #2: Beltline Trail Phase 1 Construction Bids: Recommendation that the General Manger be authorized to execute a 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 Manager and approval as to form by District Legal Counsel.

Roll call vote was held on motion. The motion carried on a vote of 8-yea.

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

- **MOTION NO. 6:** It was moved by Director Conley that the following recommendation be accepted:

PPO Recommendation #3: Amendment to Lower Platte River Consortium Interlocal Agreement: Recommendation 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 vote was held on motion. The motion carried on a vote of 8-yea.

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

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

PPO Recommendation #4: Interlocal Cooperation Act Agreement Elkhorn Water Rescue Agreement (Waterloo RFD): Recommendation that the Interlocal Cooperation Act Agreement Elkhorn River Water Rescue Funding be adopted and that the General Manager be authorized to execute the agreement subject to changes as to form by District Legal Counsel.

Roll call vote was held on motion. The motion carried on a vote of 8-yea.

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

C. Finance, Expenditure, and Legal Subcommittee: Director Davidson reported that the FEL Subcommittee met on November 9, 2021 and gave a brief recap of the meeting.

•• **MOTION NO. 8:** It was moved by Director Davidson that the following recommendation be accepted:

FEL Recommendation #1: Washington County Buyout Purchase Agreement – Amdor Property: Recommendation that the General Manager be authorized to execute for and on behalf of the District, the Purchase Agreement in the form as presented to this meeting, providing for the purchase by the District from Mark J. Amdor, of property located at 3622 County Road 34, Fort Calhoun, Nebraska for the purchase price of \$75,121.14, subject to changes deemed necessary by the General Manager and approval as to form by District Legal Counsel.

Roll call vote was held on motion. The motion carried on a vote of 8-yea.

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

•• **MOTION NO. 9:** It was moved by Director Fowler that the following recommendation be accepted:

FEL Recommendation #2: Douglas County Buyout Purchase Agreement, Fix Property: Recommendation that the General Manager be authorized to execute for and on behalf of the District, the Purchase Agreement in the form as presented to this meeting, providing for the purchase by the District from Michael Fix, of property located at 24253 King Lake

Road, Valley, Nebraska for the purchase price of \$24,788.31, subject to changes deemed necessary by the General Manager and approval as to form by District Legal Counsel.

Roll call vote was held on motion. The motion carried on a vote of 8-yea.

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

TREASURER'S REPORT:

- **MOTION NO. 10:** 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: (l) claims listed in the September 10 through October 14, 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 Washington County, Dakota County, and Thurston County Water Supply System, the Elkhorn Breakout Project, the Elkhorn River Stabilization Project, the Elk/Pigeon Creek Drainage Project, the Western Sarpy Drainage Project, the Papillion Creek Watershed Partnership, and the Southern Sarpy Watershed Partnership project bills listed on the September 10 through October 14, 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 8-yea.

Voting Yea: Bonnett, Conley, Davidson, Fowler, Japp, McCormick, Sopinski, Thompson
Voting Nay: None
Abstaining: None

Excused Absence: Bradley, Tesar
Absent: Begley, Bradley, Tesar

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

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT: Chairperson Thompson stated that he met with Omaha Mayor Jean Stothert regarding Trail Connectivity Plan.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT: General Manager Winkler reviewed the GM Report with the Board and noted that the report had been posted to the website. John also let the Directors know that he and Administrative Coordinator Jean Tait, had met with MAPA on redistricting, and that he would send out the Final Draft to Directors for review. The Final Draft will be brought to December Board for final approval.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

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

- November 11, 2021 P-MRNRD Offices Closed for Veteran's Day
- November 25-26, 2021 P-MRNRD Offices Closed for Thanksgiving Holiday
- December 7, 2021 P-MRNRD Subcommittee Meetings
- December 9, 2021 P-MRNRD Board of Directors Meeting
- December 24, 2021 P-MRNRD Offices Closed for Christmas
- December 31, 2021 P-MRNRD Offices Closed for New Year's Day

B. Next Meeting – The next scheduled meeting of the P-MRNRD Board of Directors will be held on December 9, 2021 at the NRC.

ADJOURNMENT: Being no further business, the Chairperson declared that the meeting was adjourned at 4:51 p.m.

NOTE: These minutes reflect the actions and votes taken at the November 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 November 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