

**Programs, Projects, and Operations  
Subcommittee Meeting Minutes  
January 11, 2022**

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 January 11, 2022. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Conley at 5:05 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>      |
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| Fred Conley, Chairperson            | Tim Fowler, Vice-Chair*            | Larry Bradley                  | John Winkler               |
| Patrick Bonnett **                  |                                    | Phil Davidson                  | Brent Meyer, Legal Counsel |
| Ted Japp                            |                                    | Tim McCormick                  | Tracy Thompson             |
| Kevyn Sopinski                      |                                    | Jim Thompson                   | Paul Woodward              |
| Rich Tesar                          |                                    |                                | John Engel, HDR            |
|                                     |                                    |                                | Lori Laster                |
|                                     |                                    |                                | Brenda Densmore, USGS      |
|                                     |                                    |                                | Kellan Strauch, USGS       |
|                                     |                                    |                                | Laurie Carrette Zook, HDR  |
|                                     |                                    |                                | Amanda Grint               |
|                                     |                                    |                                | Other Staff Members        |

\* Absent

\*\* Alternate Voting Member

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA:**

- **It was moved by Director Japp 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: Bonnett, Japp, Sopinski, Tesar, Conley

Voting Nay: None

Abstaining: None

Absent: Fowler

**PROOF OF PUBLICATION:** Public notice of the meeting was posted at all District offices and published in the Omaha World-Herald on January 6, 2022. The proof of publication affidavit is included with the file copy of these minutes.

**1. Presentation of Lower Platte River Basin Water Management Plan Update – Paul Woodward and John Engel, HDR:**

Project Manager Paul Woodward and John Engel, HDR presented the Lower Platte River Basin Water Management Plan update and answered Directors questions. No action was taken by the Subcommittee.

**2. Review and Recommendation on Little Papio Inundation Mapping – Lori Laster and Brenda Densmore and Kellan Strauch, USGS:**

Project Manager Lori Laster briefed the Directors on the United States Geological Survey (USGS) Flood Inundation Mapping (FIM) Program which provides continuous real-time flood-inundation maps and data to emergency responders, floodplain managers, the media, and the public and gave an online demonstration of the program’s features. She reported that the USGS FIM for the Big Papillion Creek was completed in 2016 and the initial modeling for the Little Papillion Creek FIM was completed at no cost to the District in 2021 by the USACE Silver Jackets. Lori presented the proposed agreement with USGS to complete the Little Papillion Creek FIM and make the tool available to the public at an estimated cost of \$100,400. The District portion will be \$69,500 with USGS providing \$30,900 in matching funds. Lori, Brenda Densmore, Kellan Strauch, and General Manager John Winkler answered Directors questions.

- **It was moved by Director Tesar and seconded by Director Bonnett that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board that the General Manager be authorized to execute a contract with USGS to complete the Little Papio Flood Inundation Mapping with a total District cost of \$69,500 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 and 1-nay.

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

**3. Review and Recommendation on WP-4 Contract Amendment with HDR, Inc. – Lori Laster and Laurie Carrette Zook, HDR:**

Project Manager Lori Laster presented the proposed Amendment #2 with HDR Engineering, Inc. (HDR) for Professional Engineering Services for modifications to the Final Design of the WP-4 Project. The contract with HDR included preliminary design of WP-4, Dam Site 19 (DS19), and Dam Site 12 (DS12), which was completed in 2018. Proposed Amendment #2 for the WP-4 project includes required trail modifications, replacement of a portion of the trail with a pedestrian bridge, extra geotechnical investigation, and modifications to the wetland and stream mitigation plan. HDR will provide the professional services on an hourly basis not to exceed amount of \$68,972 bringing the total contract amount to \$3,547,608. Lori and Laurie Carrette Zook answered Directors questions.

- **It was moved by Director Sopinski and seconded by Director Tesar that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board that the General Manager be authorized to execute Amendment #2 with HDR Engineering, Inc. for Professional Engineering Services for modifications to the Final Design of the WP4 Project in an amount not to exceed \$68,972, bringing the total contract amount to \$3,547,608 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: Bonnett, Japp, Sopinski, Tesar, Conley  
Voting Nay: None  
Abstaining: None  
Absent: Fowler

**4. Review and Recommendation of Papio PL-566 Site S-6 Easement Vacation for the WP2 Project – Amanda Grint:**

Project Manager Amanda Grint reviewed the 1981 easement obtained by the District from Northern Natural Gas Company for the construction, maintenance, operation and inspection of grade stabilization structure S-6, from the Papillion Creek PL-566 Watershed Plan, and located just upstream of Giles Road. The easement covered a large parcel of land including the Armbrust property which was purchased by the District in April 2021 and contained the actual flood pool of S-6. Since the District will soon construct the WP2 regional detention basin in place of S-6, the easement is no longer needed for the remaining Armbrust property and can be released for the current landowner. Amanda answered Directors questions.

- **It was moved by Director Tesar and seconded by Director Sopinski that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board that the General Manager be authorized to execute the proposed Release of Easement for the Papiro PL566 S-6 structure, 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: Bonnett, Japp, Sopinski, Tesar, Conley

Voting Nay: None

Abstaining: None

Absent: Fowler

**ADJOURNMENT:** Being no further business, the meeting adjourned by acclamation at 5:17 p.m.