



**PAPIO-MISSOURI RIVER  
NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES  
June 9, 2022**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**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. 154<sup>th</sup> Street, Omaha, NE on June 9, 2022. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Jim Thompson at 4:00 p.m.

**NOTIFICATION OF OPEN MEETINGS ACT POSTING AND MEETING PROCEDURE**

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

Danny Begley	Tim McCormick
Fred Conley	Rich Tesar
Tim Fowler	Jim Thompson
Ted Japp	

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA:**

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

Roll call vote was held on the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 7-yea.

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

**ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA:**

- **MOTION NO. 2:** It was moved by Director Fowler and seconded by Director McCormick 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 June 9, 2022, Board of Directors Meeting is excused:

Larry Bradley  
Phil Davidson  
Kevyn Sopinski.

Agenda Item 7. A.:

BE IT RESOLVED that the May 12, 2022, Papio-Missouri River NRD Board Meeting minutes are approved as printed.

Roll call vote was held on the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 7-yea.

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

Chairperson announced for the record that Director Bonnett arrived at 4:03 p.m.

**PROOFS OF PUBLICATION OF MEETING NOTICE:** Notice of the meeting was published in the Omaha World Herald on June 2, 2022. The District's April 15, 2022 through May 12, 2022, expenditures were published in the Burt County Plaindealer on May 31, 2022. 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, submitted a written on NRCS activities for the month of June. The written report has been posted to the District's website.

B. Nebraska Association of Resources District Board Meeting and NARD Basin Tour: Director Tesar reported the NARD Board meeting was held on June 6, 2022, in Scottsbluff, NE and gave a report of issues discussed. Director McCormick provided an update on the NARD River Basin Tour that took place on June 6-7, 2022.

C. Legislative Report – Catalyst Public Affairs: Tim Gay gave the report on legislative activities.

Reports can be heard on the District's podcast at [www.papionrd.org/meeting-podcasts/](http://www.papionrd.org/meeting-podcasts/)

**SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:**

A. Personnel, Legislative and Public Affairs Subcommittee: Director Japp reported that the PLPA Subcommittee met on June 7, 2022 and gave a brief recap of the meeting.

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

*PLPA Recommendation 1:* Government Relation Contract Renewal with Catalyst Public Affairs: Recommendation that the General Manager be authorized to execute the proposed contract, for a period, from June 30th, 2022 through June 30, 2025, with Catalyst Public Affairs, for the provision of intergovernmental and professional lobbying services per the terms and conditions outlined in the attached agreement, subject to changes deemed necessary by the General Manager.

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

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

B. Programs, Projects, and Operations Subcommittee: Director Conley reported that the PPO Subcommittee met on June 7, 2022 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:* Papio-Missouri River NRD District Policy Manual Revisions: Recommendation that the proposed revisions to the Papio-Missouri River Natural Resources District Directors Policy Manual be adopted, and that Policies 1 through 16.9 be held over until the July Board meeting for final approval, and that Policies 17.0 through 21.2 be incorporated into the District Policy Manual.

Chairperson Thompson asked the General Manager if he had an update to Director Bradley's question on the rotation of Executive Committee positions. General Manager Winkler briefed the election process for the City of Omaha, and the Lower Elkhorn and Lower Platte South NRD's. He added that the utility districts' Executive Committees are elected a little differently as their members serve six-year terms.

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

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

C. Finance, Expenditures, and Legal Subcommittee: Director Tesar reported that the FEL Subcommittee met on June 7, 2022 and gave a brief recap of the meeting.

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

*FEL Recommendation 1:* Vehicle/Equipment, Gas & Oil Account (01-01-4051) over 110%: Recommendation that account 01-01-4051 Vehicle/Equipment, Gas & Oil be allowed to exceed 110% of the budgeted amount, up to a maximum of \$180,000.

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

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

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

*FEL Recommendation 2.:* No Name Dike High Ground Sokol Camp Association Lot #38 Permanent Easement Purchase: Recommendation that the General Manager be authorized to execute the proposed Purchase Agreement with Sokol Camp Association for the purchase price of \$1,700 for Lot #38 permanent easement, for No Name Dike Flood Reduction Project High Ground Easement 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 the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 8-yea.

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

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

*FEL Recommendation 3.:* Land Acquisition for Dam Site 12 – Tract 4: Recommendation that the General Manager be authorized to execute a purchase agreement with Beyer Investments Limited Partnership, Tract 4 for the Dam Site 12 Project for the purchase price of \$3,000,000, subject to changes deemed necessary by the General Manager and approval as to form by District Legal Counsel.

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

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

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

•• **MOTION NO. 8:** It was moved by Director Fowler and seconded by Director Tesar that the following resolution be adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Treasurer is authorized to expend general funds to pay: (1) claims listed in the May 2022, 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 Dakota County, Thurston County and Washington County Rural Water System, the Elkhorn River Bank Stabilization Project, the Elkhorn Breakout Project, the Elk/Pigeon Creek Drainage Project, and the Western Sarpy Drainage District, the project bills listed on the May 2022 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	-	Begley, Bonnett, Conley, Fowler, Japp, McCormick, Tesar, Thompson
Voting Nay	-	None
Abstaining	-	None
Excused Absence	-	Bradley, Davidson, Sopinski
Absent	-	Bradley, Davidson, Sopinski

**CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT:** Chairperson Thompson turned the floor over to Director Bonnett who provided an update on the donation of surplus property. He recognized the Operation & Maintenance and Park staff for their work. General Manager Winkler gave an update on Dom's Park.

**GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT:** General Manager Winkler reviewed his report with the

Board. The written report is posted to the District’s website. Assistant General Manager Grint and Project Manager Lori Laster gave an update on the upcoming Public Open Houses for Draft Flood Map Questions that are being held on June 15 and June 21. Information on the Open Houses can be found on the District’s website.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:**

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

June 20, 2022	Juneteenth Holiday – P-MRNRD Offices Closed
July 4, 2022	4 <sup>th</sup> of July Holiday – P-MRNRD Offices Closed
July 12, 2022	P-MRNRD Directors Budget Workshop, 3:00-4:00 p.m., at NRC
July 12, 2022	P-MRNRD Subcommittee Meetings, 4:00 p.m., at NRC
July 14, 2022	P-MRNRD Board Meeting, 4:00 p.m., at NRC

B. Next Meeting – The next scheduled meeting of the P-MRNRD Board of Directors will be held on July 14, 2022, at the NRC.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Being no further business, the Chairperson declared that the meeting was adjourned at 4:31 p.m.

**NOTE:** These minutes reflect the actions and votes taken at the June 9, 2022, 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](http://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 June 9, 2022, 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.

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Richard Tesar  
District Secretary