

**Finance, Expenditure and Legal
Subcommittee Meeting Minutes
September 6, 2022**

A meeting of the Pappio-Missouri River Natural Resources District’s Finance, Expenditure and Legal Subcommittee was held at the Natural Resources Center, 8901 South 154th Street, Omaha, NE, on September 6, 2022. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Tesar at 4:43 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
Rich Tesar, Chairman		Patrick Bonnett	John Winkler
Larry Bradley, Vice-Chairman		Fred Conley	Amanda Grint
Phil Davidson		Tim Fowler	Brent Meyer, Legal Counsel
Tim McCormick		Ted Japp	Nicole Gust
		Kevyn Sopinski	Ian Ghanavati
		Jim Thompson	Martin Cleveland
			Lori Laster
			Other Staff Members

- * Absent
- ** Alternate Voting Member

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

- **It was moved by Director McCormick and seconded by Director Bradley that the agenda be adopted.**

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

Voting Yea: Bradley, Davidson, McCormick, Tesar
 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 September 1, 2022. The proof of publication affidavit is included with the file copy of these minutes.

1. P-MRNRD FY 2023 Tax Levy and Adoption of Budget – John Winkler:

General Manager John Winkler reviewed the final version of the District’s budget for FY 2023 and the budgeting process based on the mission given to the NRD by the Legislature. John answered Directors questions.

- **It was moved by Director Davidson and seconded by Director McCormick the following resolutions be adopted:**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Papio-Missouri River Natural Resources District that the attached budget document incorporated herein by reference, showing Total Requirements of \$105,050,485 as follows,

Operating Budget	\$80,135,732
Project and Operations Cash Reserves	\$24,914,753

and Property Tax Requirement of \$30,185,894.24 (\$23,807,503.04 general and \$6,378,391.20 bond) be and is hereby adopted as the Fiscal Year 2023 budget of the Papio-Missouri River Natural Resources District.

WHEREAS, Nebraska Revised Statute 77-1601.02 provides that the property tax request for the prior year shall be the property tax request for the current year for purposes of the levy set by the County Board of Equalization unless the Governing Body of the Papio-Missouri River NRD passes by a majority vote a resolution or ordinance setting the tax request at a different amount; and,

WHEREAS, a special public hearing held on September 6, 2022, as required by law to hear and consider comments concerning the property tax request; and,

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the Papio-Missouri River NRD that the property tax request for the current year be a different amount than the property tax request for the prior year.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Papio-Missouri River Natural Resources District by a majority vote, resolved that:

- 1. The FY 2023 property tax request be set at \$30,185,894.24 (\$23,807,503.04 general and \$6,378,391.20 bond).**
- 2. The total assessed value of property differs from last year's total assessed value by 8.57%.**
- 3. The tax rate which would levy the same amount of property taxes as last year, when multiplied by the new total assessed value of property, would be \$0.032852 per \$100 of assessed value.**
- 4. The Papio-Missouri River Natural Resources District proposes to adopt a property tax request that will cause its tax rate to be \$0.034758 per \$100 of assessed value.**
- 5. Based on the proposed property tax request and changes in other revenue, the total operating budget of Papio-Missouri River Natural Resources District will decrease from last year by 6%.**
- 6. And that a copy of this resolution be certified and forwarded to the County Clerks within the District prior to September 20, 2022.**

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

Voting Yea: Bradley, Davidson, McCormick, Tesar
Voting Nay: None
Abstaining: None
Absent: None

2. Vacation of Dam Site 8A Easement – Ian Ghanavati:

Project Manager Ian Ghanavati reminded the Directors that in 2006 the District acquired land and an access easement for work related to proposed Dam Site 8A. Ian stated that this existing easement impacts lots of a planned residential development and the engineer of this development has proposed a new access route and a new easement which would allow the District to vacate the existing easement while continuing to have access to the site. Ian and Assistant General Manager Amanda Grint answered Directors questions.

- **It was moved by Director McCormick and seconded by Director Davidson that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board that the General Manager be authorized to execute the proposed Vacation of Easement for the Dam Site 8A site and execute the new easement, 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: Bradley, Davidson, McCormick, Tesar
Voting Nay: None
Abstaining: None
Absent: None

3. Union Dike Improvement Project Area Residual Funds – Martin Cleveland:

Project Manager Martin Cleveland reviewed the history of Union Dike and how the District assumed maintenance of the levee in 1975. Martin stated that in 1989 the District researched the potential costs to improve Union Dike and that in order to assist in the costs the District created the Union Dike Improvement Project Levy to levy a special assessment on the benefiting landowners. He stated that Dodge County recently informed the District that there is \$1,517.60 remaining in the Union Dike fund and they are requesting a formal resolution to provide instruction on how to distribute the funds. Martin answered Directors questions.

- **It was moved by Director Davidson and seconded by Director McCormick that the General Manager be authorized to instruct Dodge County that all residual funds obtained through special assessments of the Union Dike Improvement Project Area be distributed to the Papio-Missouri River Natural Resources District and that such funds be deposited in the Papio-Missouri River Natural Resources District’s General Fund.**

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

Voting Yea: Bradley, Davidson, McCormick, Tesar
Voting Nay: None
Abstaining: None
Absent: None

4. No Name Dike High Ground Easement Purchase, Lot 1 Sokol Camp Replat 1 – Schnatz [Executive Session if needed] – Martin Cleveland:

5. Land Acquisition for Dam Site 12 [Executive Session if needed] – Lori Laster:

- **It was moved by Director Davidson and seconded by Director McCormick that the Subcommittee go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing No Name Dike High Ground Easement Purchase, Lot 1 Sokol Camp Replat 1 – Schnatz and Land Acquisition for Dam Site 12.**

Roll call was taken on the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 4-yea. The Subcommittee went into Executive Session at 4:50 p.m.

Voting Yea: Bradley, Davidson, McCormick, Tesar
Voting Nay: None
Abstaining: None
Absent: None

- **It was moved by Director Davidson and seconded by Director Bradley that the Subcommittee come out of Executive Session.**

Roll call was taken on the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 4-yea. The Subcommittee came out of Executive Session at 5:13 p.m.

Voting Yea: Bradley, Davidson, McCormick, Tesar
Voting Nay: None
Abstaining: None
Absent: None

- **It was moved by Director Davidson and seconded by Director McCormick that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board of Directors that the General Manager be authorized to execute the proposed Purchase Agreement with Andrew and Kimberly Schnatz for the purchase price of \$36,000 for Lot 1 Sokol Camp Replat 1 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 was taken on the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 4-yea.

Voting Yea: Bradley, Davidson, McCormick, Tesar
Voting Nay: None
Abstaining: None
Absent: None

- **It was moved by Director Davidson and seconded by Director Bradley that the General Manager be authorized to execute a purchase agreement providing for the purchase by the District from Gottsch Family Farms, Tract 8 for the Dam Site 12 Project for the purchase price of \$1,885,500 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.

Voting Yea: Bradley, Davidson, McCormick, Tesar
Voting Nay: None
Abstaining: None
Absent: None

ADJOURNMENT: Being no further business, the meeting adjourned by acclamation at 5:15 p.m.