

# PAPIO-MISSOURI RIVER NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES November 10, 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 November 10, 2022. The meeting was called to order by Secretary Rich Tesar at 4:00 p.m. Secretary Tesar was appointed to serve as Chairman for this meeting due to the absences of Chairman Sopinski and Vice-Chairman Bradley.

#### 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 Rich Tesar
Tim Fowler Jim Thompson

Josh Henningsen\*

### **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**:

•• MOTION NO. 1: It was moved by Director Thompson and seconded by Director

Fowler that the meeting agenda be adopted.

Roll call vote was held on motion. The motion carried on a vote of 6-yea.

Voting Yea: Bonnett, Conley, Fowler, Japp, Thompson, Tesar

Voting Nay: None Abstaining: None

Excused Absence: Bradley, Davidson, McCormick, Sopinski

Absent: Bradley, Davidson, Henningsen, McCormick, Sopinski

#### ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA:

•• MOTION NO. 2: It was moved by Director Fowler and seconded by Director Conley

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, 2022, Board of Directors Meeting are excused:

Larry Bradley Phil Davidson Tim McCormick Kevyn Sopinski.

#### Agenda Item 7. A.:

BE IT RESOLVED that the October 13, 2022, 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 6-yea.

Voting Yea: Bonnett, Conley, Fowler, Japp, Thompson, Tesar

Voting Nay: None Abstaining: None

Excused Absence: Bradley, Davidson, McCormick, Sopinski

Absent: Bradley, Davidson, Henningsen, McCormick, Sopinski

**PROOFS OF PUBLICATION OF MEETING NOTICE**: Notice of the meeting was published in the Omaha World Herald on November 3, 2022. The District's September 9 through October 13, 2022, expenditures were published in the Douglas County Post-Gazette on October 19, 2022. The Chairman 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. <u>Natural Resources Conservation Service Report:</u> Andy Bohnenkamp, District Conservationist gave a report on NRCS activities for the month of November.
- B. <u>Nebraska Association of Resources Districts:</u> Director Rich Tesar gave the report on the NARD Board of Directors meeting that was held on November 7, 2022, in Wahoo, NE.
- C. <u>Legislative Report Catalyst Public Affairs:</u> Tim Gay provided an update on the status of on-going legislative activities.

Reports can be heard on the District's podcast at <a href="https://www.papionrd.org/meeting-podcasts/">www.papionrd.org/meeting-podcasts/</a>

<sup>\*</sup> Director Henningsen arrived at the meeting at 4:03 p.m.

#### **SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:**

A. <u>Programs, Projects and Operations Subcommittee</u>: Director Conley reported that the PPO Subcommittee met on November 8, 2022, and gave a brief recap of the meeting.

•• MOTION NO. 3: It was moved by Director Conley that the following

recommendation be adopted:

PPO Recommendation #1: Agreement with Westwood Solutions, LLC for Donation at Glacier

<u>Creek:</u> Recommendation that the General Manager be authorized to execute the Prairie Mitigation Agreement, subject to changes deemed necessary by the General Manager and approval as to form

by District Legal Counsel.

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

Voting Yea: Bonnett, Conley, Fowler, Henningsen, Japp, Thompson, Tesar

Voting Nay: None Abstaining: None

Excused Absence: Bradley, Davidson, McCormick, Sopinski Absent: Bradley, Davidson, McCormick, Sopinski

B. <u>Finance</u>, <u>Expenditure</u>, <u>and Legal Subcommittee</u>: Director Tesar reported that the FEL Subcommittee met on November 8, 2022, and gave a brief recap of the meeting.

•• MOTION NO. 4: It was moved by Director Tesar that the following recommendation

be accepted:

FEL Recommendation #1: Amendments to the Nebraska Association of Resources Districts

<u>Foundation's By-Laws:</u> Recommendation that the Amendments made to the Nebraska Association of Resources Districts Foundation's By-Laws, as adopted by the Nebraska Association of Resources District's Board of Directors at their November 7, 2022,

meeting be approved.

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

Voting Yea: Bonnett, Conley, Fowler, Henningsen, Japp, Thompson, Tesar

Voting Nay: None Abstaining: None

Excused Absence: Bradley, Davidson, McCormick, Sopinski Absent: Bradley, Davidson, McCormick, Sopinski

• MOTION NO. 5: It was moved by Director Tesar that the following recommendation

be accepted:

FEL Recommendation #2: No Name Dike High Ground Easement Purchase Lot #54 - Boicourt:

Recommendation that the General Manager be authorized to execute the proposed Purchase Agreement with Kenneth and Jean Boicourt,

Trustees for the purchase price of \$12,300 for Lot 54 Sokol Camp 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 7-yea.

Voting Yea: Bonnett, Conley, Fowler, Henningsen, Japp, Thompson, Tesar

Voting Nay: None Abstaining: None

Excused Absence: Bradley, Davidson, McCormick, Sopinski Absent: Bradley, Davidson, McCormick, Sopinski

•• MOTION NO. 6: It was moved by Director Tesar that the following recommendation

be accepted:

FEL Recommendation #3: No Name Dike High Ground Easement Purchase Lot #53 -

Blankman: Recommendation that the General Manager be authorized to execute the proposed Purchase Agreement with Joseph H. and Lisa Blankman for the purchase price of \$9,020 for Lot 53 Sokol Camp 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 7-yea.

Voting Yea: Bonnett, Conley, Fowler, Henningsen, Japp, Thompson, Tesar

Voting Nay: None Abstaining: None

Excused Absence: Bradley, Davidson, McCormick, Sopinski Absent: Bradley, Davidson, McCormick, Sopinski

•• MOTION NO. 7: It was moved by Director Tesar that the following recommendation

be accepted:

FEL Recommendation #4: No Name Dike High Ground Easement Purchase Lots #41 & 42 -

Bogacz: Recommendation that the General Manager be authorized to execute the proposed Purchase Agreement with Allan Bogacz for the purchase price of \$27,170 for Lots 41 and 42 Sokol Camp 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 7-yea.

Voting Yea: Bonnett, Conley, Fowler, Henningsen, Japp, Thompson, Tesar

Voting Nay: None Abstaining: None

Excused Absence: Bradley, Davidson, McCormick, Sopinski Absent: Bradley, Davidson, McCormick, Sopinski

#### TREASURER'S REPORT:

•• <u>MOTION NO. 8</u>:

It was moved by Director Fowler and seconded by Director Thompson 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 October 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 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 October 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 7-yea.

Voting Yea: Bonnett, Conley, Fowler, Henningsen, Japp, Thompson, Tesar

Voting Nay: None Abstaining: None

Excused Absence: Bradley, Davidson, McCormick, Sopinski Absent: Bradley, Davidson, McCormick, Sopinski

**<u>LEGAL UPDATE:</u>** Brent Meyer gave an update on the No Name Dike filing with the Douglas County Board of Appraisers. Another update will be presented to the Board in December.

# <u>CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT – APPOINTMENT of STANDING SUBCOMMITTEES:</u>

•• MOTION NO. 9: It was moved by Director Tesar and seconded by Director Fowler that the following resolution be adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Standing Subcommittee appointments, as presented by the Secretary be approved.

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

Voting Yea: Bonnett, Conley, Fowler, Henningsen, Japp, Thompson, Tesar

Voting Nay: None Abstaining: None

Excused Absence: Bradley, Davidson, McCormick, Sopinski Absent: Bradley, Davidson, McCormick, Sopinski

**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.

## **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:**

A. <u>Future Meetings</u>: The Secretary reviewed the following upcoming meetings with the Directors:

November 11, 2022 Veteran's Day – Papio NRD Offices Closed

November 24-25, 2022 Thanksgiving Holiday – Papio NRD Offices Closed

December 6, 2022 Papio NRD Subcommittee Meetings

December 8, 2022 Papio NRD Board of Directors Meeting

B. Next Meeting – The next scheduled meeting of the Papio NRD Board of Directors will be held on Thursday, December 8, 2022 at the NRC.

**ADJOURNMENT**: Being no further business, the Secretary declared that the meeting was adjourned at 4:42 p.m.

**NOTE**: These minutes reflect the actions and votes taken at the November 10, 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 <a href="https://www.papionrd.org">www.papionrd.org</a>.

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, 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.

Richard Tesar
District Secretary