

**Programs, Projects, and Operations
Subcommittee Meeting Minutes
December 6, 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 154th Street, Omaha, NE, on December 6, 2022. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Conley at 4:35 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
Fred Conley, Chairman		Patrick Bonnett	John Winkler
Tim Fowler, Vice Chairman		Larry Bradley	Amanda Grint
Ted Japp		Phil Davidson	Brent Meyer, Legal Counsel
Rich Tesar		Josh Henningsen	Tracy Thompson
Jim Thompson		Tim McCormick	Eric Williams
		Kevyn Sopinski	Ian Ghanavati
			Lindy Rogers, Houston Engineering
			Other Staff Members

- * Absent
- ** Alternate Voting Member

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

- **It was moved by Director Fowler and seconded by Director Tesar that the agenda be adopted.**

Roll call was taken on the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 5-yea.

Voting Yea: Fowler, Japp, Tesar, Thompson, Conley
 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 December 1, 2022. The proof of publication affidavit is included with the file copy of these minutes.

1. Amendment 4 with Schemmer for Platte River Bridge Trail – Eric Williams:

Project Manager Eric Williams presented the proposed Amendment 4 with Schemmer for the Platte River Bridge Trail project which began in January 2019. He reported that adjustments to the trail cross section design are needed for final plan review by Nebraska Department of Transportation (NDOT). The additional costs for this work are \$44,087.24 bringing the total project design costs for this agreement to \$320,864.55. Eric stated that the bid letting should occur in time for construction in 2023 and reminded the Directors that this is a federal aid project, with 80% of the design and construction provided by NDOT, and the remaining 20% split between local partner agencies. Eric answered Directors questions.

- **It was moved by Director Thompson and seconded by Director Fowler that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board that the Board adopt the Resolution provided by NDOT authorizing the General Manager to execute a Supplemental Agreement between the District and Schemmer Associates for the Platte River Bridge Trail project, with total cost not to exceed \$320,864.55, 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: Fowler, Japp, Tesar, Thompson, Conley
 Voting Nay: None
 Abstaining: None
 Absent: None

2. Glacier Creek Mitigation Credit Prices – Ian Ghanavati:

Project Manager Ian Ghanavati reviewed the District’s Wetlands and Stream Mitigation Banking Program that allows for credits to be used to mitigate for adversely impacted wetlands and streams. These credits are awarded to the District through the creation or enhancement of wetlands/streams and can be used on District projects or sold to other agencies and private individuals. Ian reported that the Glacier Creek project is scheduled for completion in the spring of 2023 and identified the bank service area where site credits may be sold. He presented the proposed Glacier Creek Mitigation Credit Prices of \$100,000 per wetland credit (acre) and \$97 per stream credit. Ian stated that the prices are comparable to mitigation banks in other service areas as well as being comparable to the land and construction cost of on-site mitigation, and that the total sale of all units would result in a 15% return on the Glacier Creek Project. Ian answered Directors questions.

- **It was moved by Director Fowler and seconded by Director Thompson that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board that the General Manager be authorized to set and sell the Glacier Creek wetland credits at a price of \$100,000/credit and the stream credits at a price of \$97/credit.**

Roll call was taken on the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 5-yea.

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

3. Change Order 15 with Graham Construction for Missouri River Levee Improvements – Amanda Grint and Lindy Rogers, Houston Engineering:

Assistant General Manager Amanda Grint presented the proposed Change Order 15 with Graham Construction for Missouri River Levee Improvements in the amount of \$1,734,507.27. She stated that Change Order 15 covers major railroad closure structure work, additional gate well stems, grading, fencing and cleanup work which increases the contract price to \$28,295,434.65, or 24%, over the original contract price. Amanda and Lindy Rogers answered Directors questions and indicated that the majority of the Change Order 15 covered the railroad closure structure work.

- **It was moved by Director Thompson and seconded by Director Fowler that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board that the General Manager be authorized to approve Change Order 15 with Graham Construction Inc. for Modifications to the Missouri River R-613 and R-616 Federal Levee Systems, bringing the total construction contract price to \$28,295,434.65.**

Roll call was taken on the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 5-yea.

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

4. Agreement with Lower Elkhorn and Lower Platte South NRDs for River Observation Cameras – Amanda Grint:

Assistant General Manager Amanda Grint presented the proposed 3-year Agreement between the District, the Lower Platte South NRD (LPSNRD) and the Lower Elkhorn NRD (LENRD) for River Observation Cameras at key locations along the Platte River to directly observe potential ice jam and flooding situations. She reported that in 2021, cameras that were installed along the Platte River at Columbus, Schuyler, North Bend, Fremont and Leshara, provided valuable information on ice breakup and movement through the Platte system. Amanda stated that the USGS has provided a cost share and agreement to install and maintain the three additional cameras at the request of the NRDs, two on the Elkhorn River at Winslow and West Point and one additional camera on the Platte River at Ashland. Amanda reviewed the cost breakdown for the three-year agreement in which the USGS would contribute to each gage and provide the equipment and maintenance and the NRDs would split the local cost share. Amanda answered Directors questions.

- **It was moved by Director Thompson and seconded by Director Fowler that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board of Directors that the General Manager be authorized to execute the proposed Interlocal Agreement with the Lower Platte South NRD and the Lower Elkhorn NRD and the proposed agreement with USGS for the Elkhorn/Platte River Cameras 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 5-yea.

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

ADJOURNMENT: Being no further business, the meeting adjourned by acclamation at 5:02 p.m.