

**Programs, Projects, and Operations  
Subcommittee Meeting Minutes  
January 10, 2023**

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 10, 2023. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Conley at 4:08 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	Lori Laster
		Kevyn Sopinski	Troy Meyer, HDR Engineering
			Justin Novak
			Other Staff Members

- \* Absent
- \*\* Alternate Voting Member

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA:**

- **It was moved by Director Fowler and seconded by Director Thompson 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 January 5, 2023. The proof of publication affidavit is included with the file copy of these minutes.

**1. WP-4 Project Construction Bids – Lori Laster:**

Project Manager Lori Laster reminded the Directors that two bids for the West Papio Regional Basin 4 (WP-4) project located at approximately 204th St. and Schram Rd. in Gretna were rejected by the Board in July 2022 as costs were over the engineer’s estimate. Since that time District Staff has worked with HDR and JEO to refine the plans. The current engineer’s construction estimate is \$10,308,602.50. The project has been rebid and Lori presented the summary from the bid opening on January 4, 2023. Three bids were received from Graham Construction, Valley Corp, and General Excavating, ranging from \$10,275,505 to \$12,693,710. HDR and JEO evaluated the bids and recommended the contract be awarded to General Excavating LLC from Lincoln, Nebraska which provided the lowest bid of \$10,275,505 and meets all requirements. Lori reported that portions of the project will be funded by the City of Gretna and the

Nebraska Game and Parks Commission. The District will also receive funding of up to \$5,335,650 from FEMA's Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) program. Lori answered Directors questions.

- **It was moved by Director Tesar and seconded by Director Fowler that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board of Directors that the General Manager be authorized to execute a construction contract with General Excavating for the WP-4 Regional Basin project in an amount not to exceed \$10,275,505, 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. Amendments to Appendix H, Rules and Regulations for the Rural Water Systems – Justin Novak:**

Project Manager Justin Novak presented the proposed updates to the District Policy Manual, Appendix H, Rules and Regulations Rural Water Supply Systems. He reviewed the changes which include revising billing due dates, and instituting a Water Emergency Plan which defines the level of emergency actions that can be taken due to water shortages and drought. Justin answered Directors questions.

Director Henningsen proposed revisions to the non-essential water usage under Level 3 of the Water Emergency Plan. There was additional discussion.

- **It was moved by Director Fowler and seconded by Director Japp to amend Staff Recommendation that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board that the proposed updates to the District's Policy Manual, Appendix H – Rules and Regulations Rural Water Systems be approved, with the revision that non-essential water usage under Level 3 of the Water Emergency Plan be specifically identified, subject to the changes deemed necessary by the General Manager and approval as to form by District Legal Counsel.**

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

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

- **It was moved by Director Thompson and seconded by Director Tesar that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board that the proposed updates to the District's Policy Manual, Appendix H – Rules and Regulations Rural Water Systems be approved, with the revision that non-essential water usage under Level 3 of the Water Emergency Plan be specifically identified, subject to the changes deemed necessary by the General Manager and approval as to form by District Legal Counsel.**

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

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

**3. Mentored Youth Hunting Agreement with Nebraska Game and Parks – Justin Novak:**

Project Manager Justin Novak presented the proposed Mentored Youth Hunting Agreement with Nebraska Game & Parks Commission (NGPC) that allows hunting on District-owned property. The District has been working with NGPC to identify new areas for the youth program which include allowing a muzzle loader season at Vencil's Island, and adding new property from District buyouts along the R613-R616 levee systems for archery only seasons. Justin stated that the proposed agreement with the revisions is for 5 years and the previous agreement expires in January 2023. Directors' concerns were addressed.

**It was moved by Director Fowler and seconded by Director Tesar that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board of Directors that the General Manager be authorized to execute the proposed Youth Mentored Hunting Agreement with the Nebraska Game & Parks Commission, 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 4:42 p.m.