

**Programs, Projects, and Operations
Subcommittee Meeting Minutes
February 7, 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 154th Street, Omaha, NE, on February 7, 2023. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Conley at 4:00 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	Rich Tesar*	Larry Bradley	John Winkler
Patrick Bonnett **		Phil Davidson	Amanda Grint
Tim Fowler, Vice-Chairman		Josh Henningsen	Brent Meyer, Legal Counsel
Ted Japp		Tim McCormick	Tracy Thompson
Jim Thompson		Kevyn Sopinski	Eric Williams
			Martin Cleveland
			Justin Novak
			Mark McLaughlin, RDG
			Lindy Rogers, Houston Engineering
			Vicki Twerdochlib, HDR
			Neal Sellers, Sarpy Co.
			Dan Fricke, JEO
			Other Staff Members

* Absent

** Alternate Voting Member

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

- **It was moved by Director Thompson and seconded by Director Japp that the agenda be adopted.**

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

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

PROOF OF PUBLICATION: Public notice of the meeting was posted at all District offices and published in the Omaha World-Herald on February 2, 2023. The proof of publication affidavit is included with the file copy of these minutes.

1. NEAT Trail Connections Presentation – Eric Williams and Mark McLaughlin, RDG:

Project Manager Eric Williams and Mark McLaughlin, RDG, gave a presentation on the NEAT Trail Connections and answered questions. No action was taken.

2. Interlocal Agreement with Lower Platte South NRD for River Observation Cameras – Amanda Grint:

Assistant General Manager Amanda Grint presented the proposed three-year Interlocal Agreement with the Lower Platte South NRD (LPSNRD) for the Elkhorn/Platte River Cameras project. She reported that the Lower Elkhorn NRD (LENRD) did not approve the agreement approved by the Board in December 2022 and reviewed the revised cost breakdown in which USGS would contribute to each gage and provide the equipment and maintenance while the District and LPSNRD would split the local cost share of the camera on the Platte River at Ashland. The District would pay the local cost share of the remaining two cameras. Amanda answered Directors questions.

- **It was moved by Director Fowler and seconded by Director Bonnett 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 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: Bonnett, Fowler, Japp, Thompson, Conley
Voting Nay: None
Abstaining: None
Absent: Tesar

3. Construction Bids for No Name Dike – Martin Cleveland and Lindy Rogers, Houston Engineering:

Project Manager Martin Cleveland and Lindy Rogers, Houston Engineering, presented the bid summary for construction of the No Name Dike Culvert Rehabilitation Project at Station 47+65. Four bids were opened on January 25, 2023, and ranged from \$146,100.00 to \$194,158.00. He reported that after a review of the bids, the low bidder, Bauer Infrastructure, LLC, was informed that their bid was rejected because of a missing acknowledgement of Addendum #1. The next low bid of \$176,025.00 was received from Nelson & Rock Contracting, Inc., and included all required bid documents. The Engineer's cost estimate, prepared by Houston Engineering, is \$161,315.70. Martin and Lindy answered Directors questions.

- **It was moved by Director Fowler and seconded by Director Japp that the Programs, Projects and Operations Subcommittee recommend to the Board of Directors that the General Manager be authorized to execute a contract with Nelson and Rock Contracting Inc. in the amount of \$176,025.00 for the construction of the No Name Dike Culvert Rehabilitation Project at Station 47+65, 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: Bonnett, Fowler, Japp, Thompson, Conley
Voting Nay: None
Abstaining: None
Absent: Tesar

4. Kramper Lake Water Main Extension Bids – Justin Novak:

Project Manager Justin Novak presented the bid summary for construction of the Kramper Lake Water Main Extension project, for upgrades to the Dakota County Rural Water System (DCRW) including a new booster pump station, 75,000/gallon standpipe, and 15 miles of new water main. Two bids were opened January 26, 2023, at the Dakota City Field Office, Dakota City, Nebraska. The low bid of \$3,094,108.31

was submitted by Penro Construction Co., Inc. The Engineer's cost estimate, prepared by Olsson, is \$3,339,600. Justin reported that funding for the project approved through the USDA Rural Utility Services includes a Water System Revenue Bond of \$1,954,000, and a USDA Rural Development Grant of \$1,762,000. The DCRW Contribution is \$200,000. Justin answered Directors questions.

- **It was moved by Director Fowler and seconded by Director Japp that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board of Directors that the General Manager be authorized to execute a contract with Penro Construction Co., Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$3,094,108.31 for the construction of Kramper Lake Water Main Extension 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: Bonnett, Fowler, Japp, Thompson, Conley
Voting Nay: None
Abstaining: None
Absent: Tesar

5. Elkhorn River Improvement Project Area Assessment – Eric Williams:

Project Manager Eric Williams presented the proposed Elkhorn River Improvement Project Area (IPA) Operation and Maintenance Assessment which requires a Board resolution each year for Douglas County to collect these assessments on benefited properties in the Elkhorn River IPA. He stated that this special assessment is collected at the rate of \$20,000 per year until the O&M Fund reaches a balance of \$250,000. Eric answered Directors questions.

- **It was moved by Director Bonnett and seconded by Director Fowler that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board that a special assessment for the operation and maintenance of the Elkhorn River Bank Stabilization Improvement Project Area be levied against the benefited parcels in the total amount of \$20,000 for calendar year 2023.**

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

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

6. Interlocal Agreement with Sarpy County for Buffalo Road Project – Eric Williams:

Project Manager Eric Williams presented the proposed Interlocal Agreement with Sarpy County for the Buffalo Road Channel Project, which had been approved by the Board in April 2022 under the Urban Drainageway Program (UDP) for the amount of \$1,291,566. Eric reported that Sarpy County is requesting an increase in the total cost share funding up to \$1,500,000 (*UDP maximum*) because a recent design update indicates that the total project cost is expected to increase from \$2,152,610 to more than \$2,500,000 due to inflation and increased material costs. He stated that the new agreement has the same reimbursement specifications as the original agreement and that Sarpy County staff understands that any additional costs beyond the current estimate would be outside the guidelines of the UDP and would be solely the responsibility of the County. Eric and Vicki Twerdochlib, HDR, answered Directors questions.

- **It was moved by Director Fowler and seconded by Director Bonnett that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board of Directors that the General Manager be authorized to execute the Interlocal Agreement with Sarpy County for the Buffalo Road Channel Project for a total amount up to \$1,500,000 with initial reimbursement funding no earlier than FY 2023, 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 and 1-nay.

Voting Yea: Bonnett, Fowler, Thompson, Conley

Voting Nay: Japp

Abstaining: None

Absent: Tesar

ADJOURNMENT: Being no further business, the meeting adjourned by acclamation at 4:44 p.m.