

**Programs, Projects, and Operations
Subcommittee Meeting Minutes
March 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 March 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	Tim Fowler, Vice-Chairman*	Larry Bradley	John Winkler
Patrick Bonnett **		Phil Davidson	Amanda Grint
Ted Japp		Josh Henningsen	Brent Meyer, Legal Counsel
Rich Tesar		Tim McCormick	Tracy Thompson
Jim Thompson		Kevyn Sopinski	Lori Laster
			Other Staff Members

* Absent

** Alternate Voting Member

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

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

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

1. Amendments to Appendix K, Rules and Regulations for District Recreation Areas – John Winkler:

General Manager John Winkler presented the proposed amendments to District Policy Appendix K, Rules and Regulations for District Recreation Areas. He reviewed the proposed changes which include removing Prairie Queen Recreation Area from District sites as this facility was transferred to the City of Papillion; amending camping regulations to reflect that camp sites with electrical hook-ups are only reserved for Recreational Vehicles; and other minor housekeeping changes.

- **It was moved by Director Tesar and seconded by Director Thompson that the Subcommittee recommend to the full Board of Directors that the proposed amendments to Appendix K-Rules and Regulations for District Recreation Areas are hereby approved with any changes deemed necessary by the General Manager and District Legal Counsel.**

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

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

2. Revised Lower Platte Collective Groundwater Modeling Interlocal Agreement – Amanda Grint:

Assistant GM Amanda Grint presented the proposed amendment to the Lower Platte River Basin Sub-Regional Groundwater Modeling Interlocal Cooperation Agreement that was approved in October 2022 between the Lower Platte North NRD (LPNNRD), Lower Platte South NRD (LPSNRD), Nebr. Dept. of Natural Resources (NeDNR) and the Papio NRD for the Lower Platte River Groundwater Modeling Collective (Collective). She reported that the anticipated Water Sustainability Fund (WSF) grant of \$282,900 was not awarded due to being categorized in the large projects category. Amanda stated that the Collective will apply for a WSF small projects category grant in March (maximum of \$250,000) and that each party will need to increase their contribution by \$8,225.00 to fully fund the expected \$660,000 cost of the project. She outlined the revised cost breakdown in the proposed amendment: NeDNR \$196,725; WSF \$250,000; LPSNRD, LPNNRD, and Papio NRD: \$71,091.67 each (\$23,697.22 annual payment each for three years). The agreement is in effect until 12/31/2025 with the possibility of one-year term extensions.

- **It was moved by Director Tesar and seconded by Director Japp that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board that the General Manager be authorized to approve the amendment to the Lower Platte River Basin Sub-Regional Groundwater Modeling Interlocal Cooperation Agreement 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, Japp, Tesar, Thompson, Conley
Voting Nay: None
Abstaining: None
Absent: Fowler

3. Delegation of Authority for the CDBG-DR Infrastructure Match Program – Amanda Grint and Lori Laster:

Project Manager Lori Laster presented the proposed Delegation of Authority for the CDBG-DR Infrastructure Match Program. Lori reviewed the process used to obtain federal funding through FEMA and the Dept. of Housing and Urban Development through the Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) Infrastructure Match Program. She reported that the District is eligible to apply and if approved, the District could be eligible for up to \$850,000 (the 25% local share) for the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) projects (buyouts), and \$102,018.45 (the 5% local share) for the Public Assistance projects. Lori explained that these CDBG-DR funding applications require signature from the District's Board Chair and rather than coordinating meetings with the Board Chair for signatures, staff is requesting that the Board delegate the signatory authority to the General Manager for these applications to allow staff more flexibility in the submission process. Amanda, Lori, and GM Winkler answered Directors questions.

- **It was moved by Director Tesar and seconded by Director Bonnett that the General Manager be authorized to execute and file applications for the Infrastructure Match Program and be authorized to represent and act for the Papio-Missouri River Natural Resources District in all dealings with the State of Nebraska for all matter pertaining to this grant.**

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

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

Voting Nay: None

Abstaining: None

Absent: Fowler

ADJOURNMENT: Being no further business, the meeting adjourned by acclamation at 4:08 p.m.