



**PAPIO-MISSOURI RIVER  
NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES  
March 9, 2023**

**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 March 9, 2023. The meeting was called to order by Vice-Chairman Larry Bradley at 4:00 p.m.

**NOTIFICATION OF OPEN MEETINGS ACT POSTING AND MEETING PROCEDURE**

**QUORUM CALL:** The following Directors were present for the Quorum Call:

Patrick Bonnett	Josh Henningsen
Larry Bradley	Ted Japp
Fred Conley	Rich Tesar
Phil Davidson	Jim Thompson

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA:**

- **MOTION NO. 1:** It was moved by Director Tesar and seconded by Director Davidson that the meeting agenda be adopted.

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

Voting Yea	-	Conley, Davidson, Henningsen, Japp, Tesar, Thompson, Bradley
Voting Nay	-	None
Abstaining	-	None
Excused Absence	-	Fowler, McCormick, Sopinski
Absent	-	Fowler, McCormick, Sopinski

Director Bonnett was not called on during the roll call vote, thus reflecting a non-vote for the Adoption of the Agenda.

**ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA:**

- **MOTION NO. 2:** It was moved by Director Tesar 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 March 9, 2023, Board of Directors Meeting are excused:

Tim Fowler  
Tim McCormick  
Kevyn Sopinski.

Agenda Item 7. A. and 7.B.:

BE IT RESOLVED that the February 9, 2023, Papio-Missouri River NRD Board Meeting minutes and the February 8, 2023, Dakota County Rural Water Advisory Board Meeting minutes are approved as printed.

Roll call vote was held on the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 8-yea.

Voting Yea - Bonnett, Conley, Davidson, Henningsen, Japp, Tesar, Thompson, Bradley  
Voting Nay - None  
Abstaining - None  
Excused Absence - Fowler, McCormick, Sopinski  
Absent - Fowler, McCormick, Sopinski

**PROOFS OF PUBLICATION OF MEETING NOTICE:** Notice of the meeting was published in the Omaha World Herald on March 2, 2023. The District's January 13, 2023 through February 9, 2023, expenditures were published in the Washington County Enterprise on February 17, 2023. The Vice-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. Natural Resources Conservation Service Report: Andy Bohnenkamp, District Conservationist, submitted a written report of NRCS activities for the month of March. It is attached to the file copy of the meeting minutes.
- B. Nebraska Association of Resources Districts: Director Tesar gave a report on the NARD Board of Directors meeting that was held in Lincoln, Nebraska on March 6, 2023.
- C. Nebraska Natural Resources Commission: Director Bradley gave a report on the NNRC that was held in Kearney, Nebraska on February 15, 2023.
- D. Legislative Report – Catalyst Public Affairs: Tim Gay provided an update to ongoing Legislative activities.

Reports can be heard on the District's podcast <https://www.papionrd.org/about/meeting-podcasts/>

**SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:**

A. Programs, Projects and Operations Subcommittee: Director Conley reported that the PPO Subcommittee met on March 7, 2023, 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:* Amendments to Appendix K Rules and Regulation for District Recreation Areas: Recommendation that the proposed amendments to Appendix K, Rules and Regulations for District Recreation Areas be approved, subject to changes deemed necessary by the General Manager and District Legal Counsel.

Roll call vote was held on the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 8-yea.

Voting Yea - Bonnett, Conley, Davidson, Henningsen, Japp, Tesar, Thompson, Bradley  
Voting Nay - None  
Abstaining - None  
Excused Absence - Fowler, McCormick, Sopinski  
Absent - Fowler, McCormick, Sopinski

- **MOTION NO. 4:** It was moved by Director Conley that the following recommendation be adopted:

*PPO Recommendation 2:* Revised Lower Platte Collective Groundwater Modeling Interlocal Agreement: Recommendation 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 vote was held on the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 8-yea.

Voting Yea - Bonnett, Conley, Davidson, Henningsen, Japp, Tesar, Thompson, Bradley  
Voting Nay - None  
Abstaining - None  
Excused Absence - Fowler, McCormick, Sopinski  
Absent - Fowler, McCormick, Sopinski

- **MOTION NO. 5:** It was moved by Director Conley that the following recommendation be adopted:

*PPO Recommendation 3:* Delegation of Authority for the CDBG-DR Infrastructure Match Program: Recommendation 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 vote was held on the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 8-yea.

Voting Yea - Bonnett, Conley, Davidson, Henningsen, Japp, Tesar, Thompson, Bradley  
Voting Nay - None  
Abstaining - None  
Excused Absence - Fowler, McCormick, Sopinski  
Absent - Fowler, McCormick, Sopinski

B. Ad-Hoc Consultant Selection Subcommittee Meeting RFP for Papillion Creek Watershed Partnership Management Plan Update: Director Davidson reported that the Ad-Hoc Consultant Selection Subcommittee met on March 7, 2023, and gave a brief recap of the meeting.

•• **MOTION NO. 6:** It was moved by Director Davidson that the following recommendation be adopted:

*Ad-Hoc Recommendation 1:* Initial Screening of Proposals for Consultant Selection Interviews: Recommendation that the Subcommittee request interviews with HDR Engineering, Inc. with Embris Group and Houston Engineering, Inc. with RDG Planning and Design; in the order presented on April 6, 2023 at 4:00 p.m.

Roll call vote was held on the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 8-yea.

Voting Yea - Bonnett, Conley, Davidson, Henningsen, Japp, Tesar, Thompson, Bradley  
Voting Nay - None  
Abstaining - None  
Excused Absence - Fowler, McCormick, Sopinski  
Absent - Fowler, McCormick, Sopinski

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

•• **MOTION NO. 7:** It was moved by Director Bonnett 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: (l) claims listed in the February 2023, 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 Dakota County, Thurston County and Washington County Rural Water System, the Elkhorn River Bank Stabilization Project, the Elkhorn Breakout Project, the Elk/Pigeon Creek Drainage Project, and the Western Sarpy Drainage District, the project bills listed on the February 2023, 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 the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 8-yea.

Voting Yea - Bonnett, Conley, Davidson, Henningsen, Japp, Tesar, Thompson, Bradley  
Voting Nay - None  
Abstaining - None  
Excused Absence - Fowler, McCormick, Sopinski  
Absent - Fowler, McCormick, Sopinski

**CHAIRMAN’S REPORT:** Vice-Chairman Bradley stated he had nothing additional to report.

**GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT:** GM Winkler reviewed his report with the Board. The report is posted to the District’s website.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:**

A. **Future Meetings:** The Vice-Chairman reviewed the following upcoming meetings with the Directors:

April 6, 2023	Ad-Hoc Consultant Selection Subcommittee Meeting – Interview Selected Firms, 4:00 p.m., at NRC
April 11, 2023	Papio NRD Subcommittee Meetings, 4:00 p.m., NRC
April 13, 2023	Papio NRD Board of Directors Meeting, 4:00 p.m., NRC

B. **Next Meeting** – The next scheduled meeting of the Papio NRD Board of Directors will be held on April 13, 2023, at the NRC.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Being no further business, the Vice-Chairman declared that the meeting was adjourned at 4:32 p.m.

**NOTE:** These minutes reflect the actions and votes taken at the March 9, 2023, 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 [www.papionrd.org](http://www.papionrd.org).

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 March 9, 2023, 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.

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Richard Tesar  
District Secretary