

**Programs, Projects, and Operations  
Subcommittee Meeting Minutes  
April 11, 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 April 11, 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	Patrick Bonnett **	Larry Bradley	John Winkler
Tim Fowler, Vice-Chairman		Phil Davidson	Amanda Grint
Ted Japp		Josh Henningsen	Brent Meyer, Legal Counsel
Rich Tesar		Tim McCormick	Tracy Thompson
Jim Thompson		Kevyn Sopinski	Martin Cleveland
			Lori Laster
			Eric Williams
			Pat Engelbert, HDR Engineering
			John Petersen, JEO
			Other Staff Members

Director Davidson arrived at 4:31 p.m.

\* Absent

\*\* Alternate Voting Member

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA:**

- **It was moved by Director Tesar 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 April 6, 2023. The proof of publication affidavit is included with the file copy of these minutes.

**1. Wehrspann Sediment Dam Evaluation – Martin Cleveland:**

Project Manager Martin Cleveland and Pat Engelbert, HDR, reviewed the 2022 Wehrspann Sediment Dam inspection report from Nebraska Dept. of Natural Resources Dam Safety Division (NDNR Dam Safety) that indicates the dam has been given an assessment rating of “poor” due to an inadequate spillway capacity and that “corrective action is necessary.” Martin presented the proposed professional agreement with HDR Engineering to evaluate and prepare a preliminary design to restore the dam to a satisfactory rating with a

maximum not to exceed cost of \$143,860. He indicated that this amount is beyond the fee limit of \$100,000 for consultant selection without a Request for Proposals (RFP) as per Board Policy 15.2 Purchasing-Professional Services. Martin advised that because HDR Engineering is the most qualified to design repairs for Wehrspann Sediment Dam Project, staff recommends that the Board waive the RFP process and approve the proposed agreement. Martin and Pat answered Directors questions.

- **It was moved by Director Tesar and seconded by Director Fowler that the Programs, Projects, and Operation Subcommittee recommend to the Board of Directors that Policy 15.2 Purchasing-Professional Services be waived and that the General Manager be authorized to execute the proposed Professional Services Agreement with HDR Engineering for the Wehrspann Sediment Dam Evaluation, with the maximum not to exceed amount of \$143,860, 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. Contract Amendment 4 with HDR for WP4 – Lori Laster:**

Project Manager Lori Laster presented the proposed Contract Amendment #4 with HDR Engineering for Professional Engineering Services for modifications to the Final Design of the WP4 Project in an amount not to exceed \$64,872, bringing the total contract amount to \$3,663,826. She reported that this amendment includes additional bidding services for rebidding the project in December 2022, which included some modifications to the design plans, and additional right-of-way services for platting the land acquisition as required by the City of Gretna. Lori answered Directors questions.

- **It was moved by Director Fowler and seconded by Director Tesar that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board that the General Manager be authorized to execute Amendment #4 with HDR Engineering, Inc. for Professional Engineering Services for modifications to the Final Design of the WP4 Project in an amount not to exceed \$64,872, bringing the total contract amount to \$3,663,826 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

## **3. Interlocal Agreement with City of Omaha and CHI for Sorensen Trail – Eric Williams:**

Project Manager Eric Williams presented the proposed Interlocal Agreement with the City of Omaha, CHI Health, and the District for the proposed Sorensen Trail to be developed along an abandoned rail corridor north of Sorensen Parkway near CHI Health Immanuel. Eric stated that this is intended to be a step toward the larger regional vision of connecting the Keystone Trail on the west to the Riverfront Trail on the east. He reviewed the details of the Agreement in which the District will design and construct the trail, the City of Omaha will receive the completed project and provide ongoing operations and maintenance, and CHI Health will provide the land rights along the railroad corridor. Eric answered Directors questions.

- **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 execute the Interlocal Agreement with the City of Omaha and CHI Health for the Sorensen Trail, 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

**4. Platte River Bridge Trail Agreement – Eric Williams:**

Project Manager Eric Williams presented the proposed Trail Agreement with State of Nebraska, Dept. of Transportation (NDOT) for the Platte River Bridge Trail Project which is a trail connection to be constructed on the east side of the northbound lanes of the Hwy 34/75 bridge over the Platte River within the NDOT District 2 Right of Way. Eric reviewed the agreement details and answered Directors questions.

- **It was moved by Director Tesar and seconded by Director Thompson that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board that the General Manager be authorized to execute the Trail Agreement with State of Nebraska, Department of Transportation for the Platte River Bridge Trail 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

**5. Platte River Bridge Trail Final Plans and Cost Estimate – Eric Williams:**

Project Manager Eric Williams presented proposed Resolution G from NDOT which confirms that the District approves the preliminary Plans, Specifications, and Estimates (PS&E) plan submitted by Schemmer for the Platte River Bridge Trail project including the updated cost estimate of \$4,071,900.04. He reported that the PS&E documents are being processed by NDOT for final modifications and construction bid. Eric reminded Directors this project has 80% federal funding for the total project cost and local agencies will divide the 20% local share per the interlocal agreement signed in 2017 and stated that the updated total estimate has been provided to the local partners which include Bellevue, Plattsmouth, Sarpy County, Cass County, Lower Platte South NRD and the Papio NRD. Eric answered Directors questions.

- **It was moved by Director Fowler and seconded by Director Tesar that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board that the proposed resolution be adopted authorizing the General Manager to signify the approval of the Plans, Specifications, and Estimates (PS&E) package, including the updated cost estimate, for the Platte River Bridge Trail Project.**

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

**6. FY 2024 Cost Share Programs – Eric Williams:**

Project Manager Eric Williams reported that due to the funding amount approved for multi-year projects, no new applications were accepted for the Urban Drainageway Program for consideration in FY 2024.

**a. Urban Conservation Assistance Program.**

Project Manager Eric Williams reviewed the applications for this program:

- City of Omaha, Pacific Street Bridge Over Big Papio
- SID 276 Portal Ridge, Channel Improvements
- SID 503 West Dodge Station, Channel Improvements
- SID 555 Andresen Meadows Estates, Bank Stabilization

The total budget for this program in FY 2023 budget was \$60,000. The total funding request for FY 2024 is \$120,000. Eric 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 applications from the City of Omaha for \$30,000 and SID 276 Portal Ridge for \$30,000, SID 503 West Dodge Station for \$30,000, and SID 555 Andersen Meadows Estates for \$30,000, for a total of \$120,000 be approved, subject to funding in the FY 2024 Budget.**

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

**b. Recreation Area Development Program.**

Project Manager Eric Williams reviewed the applications for this program:

- City of Blair, Generation Park Restrooms
- Village of Hubbard, Park Restroom Renovation
- La Vista, Central Park East Playground
- City of Omaha, Adams Park Picnic Facilities
- City of Omaha, Munnely Park Renovation
- Papillion, Schwer Park Playground Renovation
- Papillion, Trail Wayfinding Study and Plan
- South Sioux City, Curry Park Playground

The total budget for this program in FY 2023 budget was \$297,500. The total funding request for FY 2024 is \$325,750. Eric answered Directors questions.

- **It was moved by Director Fowler and seconded by Director Thompson that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board of Directors that the applications from Blair for \$50,000, Hubbard for \$14,750, La Vista for \$50,000, Omaha for \$50,000 and \$50,000, Papillion for \$50,000 and \$11,000, and South Sioux City for \$50,000, for a total of \$325,750, be approved, subject to funding in the FY 2024 Budget.**

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

**c. Trails Assistance Program.**

Project Manager Eric Williams reviewed the applications for this program:

- Fort Calhoun, Trail System Phase 3 & 4
- Omaha, Keystone Trail Democracy to Somerset
- SID 313 Garden Oaks, Trail Improvements
- SID 328 Sumtur Crossing, Trail Connections
- South Sioux City, Cardinal School Trail Connection

The total budget for this program in FY 2023 budget was \$688,822. The total funding request for FY 2024 is \$1,019,330. Eric 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 applications from Fort Calhoun for \$42,716, Omaha for \$557,279, SID 313 Garden Oaks for \$250,000, SID 328 Sumtur Crossing for \$114,000, and South Sioux City for \$55,335, for a total of \$1,019,330 be approved, subject to funding in the FY 2024 Budget.**

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 4:54 p.m.