



**PAPIO-MISSOURI RIVER  
NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES  
May 11, 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 May 11, 2023. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Kevyn Sopinski 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	Ted Japp
Larry Bradley	Tim McCormick
Fred Conley	Kevyn Sopinski
Phil Davidson	Rich Tesar
Tim Fowler	Jim Thompson
Josh Henningsen	

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA:**

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

Roll call vote was held on the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 11-yea.

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

**ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA:**

- **MOTION NO. 2:** It was moved by Director Bradley and seconded by Director Fowler 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 May 11, 2023, Board of Directors Meeting is excused:

None to Date.

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the April 13, 2023, Papio-Missouri River NRD Board Meeting minutes and the April 12, 2023, Dakota 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 11-yea.

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

**PROOFS OF PUBLICATION OF MEETING NOTICE:** Notice of the meeting was published in the Omaha World Herald on May 4, 2023. The District's March 10, 2023 through April 13, 2023, expenditures were published in the Washington County Enterprise on April 21, 2023. The 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 on NRCS activities for the month of May. The report is posted to the District's website.

B. Nebraska Association of Resources District Board Meeting and NARD Basin Tour: Director Tesar reported the next NARD Board meeting will be held June 12, 2023 at the Holiday Inn, Kearney. He added that the 2023 Annual Basin Tour will take place June 12-13, 2023. The Central Platte NRD will be hosting this event.

C. Legislative Report – Catalyst Public Affairs: Tim Gay reviewed the report of legislative activities. He addressed Directors questions. His written report is posted to the District's website.

Reports can be heard on the District's podcast at [www.papionrd.org/meeting-podcasts/](http://www.papionrd.org/meeting-podcasts/)

**SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:**

A. Programs, Projects, and Operations Subcommittee: Director Conley reported that the PPO Subcommittee met on May 9, 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:* FY 2024 Equipment Requirements: Recommendation that the proposed FY 2024 Equipment Requirements be approved, subject to funding in the FY 2024 Budget.

Roll call vote was held on the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 11-yea.

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

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

*PPO Recommendation 2:* Chalco Hills Recreation Area Soccer Complex Lease: Recommendation that the District enter into a new Management/Lease Agreement with OFC Properties in an amount of \$12,000 per year beginning July 1, 2023 and expiring June 30, 2028, per the terms and conditions outlined in the proposed agreement.

Roll call vote was held on the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 11-yea.

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

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

*PPO Recommendation 3:* Delegation of Authority for CRP Contract at WP-2: Recommendation that the following Resolution be adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED, the General Manager and the Secretary of the Papio-Missouri River Natural Resources District, Omaha, Nebraska, be authorized to execute documents required to release the Conservation Reserve Program contract with Farm Services Agency.

The following motion was introduced and adopted this 11th Day of May, 2023, by the Board of the Papio-Missouri River Natural Resources District, Omaha, Nebraska.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY:

The Board of the Papio-Missouri River Natural Resources District, Omaha, Nebraska, resolves that the General Manager and Secretary are authorized and directed to execute any and all documents between the Board of the Papio-Missouri River Natural Resources District, Omaha, Nebraska and the Farm Service Agency so as to release any contracts on land purchased for the WP2 Flood Control Project.

If the General Manager or the Secretary should change because of an election or other reasons during the processing of the Farm Service Agency documents, the Board of the Papio-Missouri River Natural Resources District, Omaha, Nebraska will not need to amend this resolution so the presiding General Manager and Secretary can sign any form(s) and document(s) to finalize the Farm Service Agency release of contract.

Roll call vote was held on the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 11-yea.

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

B. Finance, Expenditures, and Legal Subcommittee: Director Tesar reported that the FEL Subcommittee met on May 9, 2023 and gave a brief recap of the meeting.

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

*FEL Recommendation 1:* Account over 110% Washington County Rural Water Professional Services: Recommendation that account 10-01-4400 Washington County Rural Water-Professional Services be allowed to exceed 110% of the budgeted amount, up to a maximum of \$40,000.

Roll call vote was held on the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 11-yea.

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

C. Ad-Hoc Consultant Selection Subcommittee – RFP for Papillion Creek Watershed Partnership Management Plan Update: Director McCormick reported that the Ad-Hoc Consultant Selection Subcommittee met on May 9, 2023 and gave a brief recap of the meeting.

- **MOTION NO. 7:** It was moved by Director Tesar that the following recommendation be adopted:

*Ad-Hoc Recommendation 1:* Contract with Houston Engineering for Papillion Creek Watershed Partnership Management Plan Update: Recommendation the General Manager be authorized to execute a contract with Houston Engineering, Inc. to provide professional services for the Papillion Creek Watershed Partnership Plan Update for a maximum, not-to-exceed fee of \$269,958, subject to changes deemed necessary by the General Manager and approval as to form by District Legal Counsel.

Director Henningsen asked for confirmation that the contract for the PCWP Management Plan Update was with Houston Engineering, Inc only. Amanda Grint confirmed and added that the work being done by RDG Planning and Design would be as a subcontractor to Houston Engineering, Inc. and will not require a separate contract.

Roll call vote was held on the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 11-yea.

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

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

- **MOTION NO. 8:** It was moved by Director Fowler and seconded by Director Bradley that the following resolution be adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Treasurer is authorized to expend general funds to pay: (1) claims listed in the April 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 April 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 motion. The motion carried on a vote of 11-yea.

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

**CHAIRMAN' REPORT:** Chairman Sopinski gave the floor to Director Thompson to provide an update on the Earth Day and Arbor Day celebrations.

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

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:**

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

May 23, 2023 E-Waste Recycling, 539 South 13th Street, Tekamah, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.  
E-Waste Recycling, 1060 Wilber Street, Blair, 3 p.m. – 6 p.m.

May 25, 2023 E-Waste Recycling, 1505 Broadway, Dakota City, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.  
E-Waste Recycling, 106 South Costello, Walthill, 3 p.m. – 5 p.m.

May 29, 2023 Papio NRD Offices Closed for Memorial Day

June 6, 2023 Papio NRD Subcommittee Meetings, 4:00 p.m., at NRC

June 8, 2023 Papio NRD Board Meeting, 4:00 p.m., at NRC

June 19, 2023 Papio NRD Offices Closed for Juneteenth

B. Next Meeting – The next scheduled meeting of the Papio NRD Board of Directors will be held on June 8, 2023, at the NRC.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Being no further business, the Chairman declared that the meeting was adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

**NOTE:** These minutes reflect the actions and votes taken at the May 11, 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 May 11, 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