

**Programs, Projects, and Operations
Subcommittee Meeting Minutes
June 6, 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 June 6, 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	John Winkler
Tim Fowler, Vice-Chairman		Larry Bradley	Amanda Grint
Ted Japp		Josh Henningsen	Brent Meyer, Legal Counsel
Rich Tesar		Tim McCormick	Tracy Thompson
Jim Thompson		Kevyn Sopinski	Ian Ghanavati
			Sara Mechtenberg and Mike Sotak, Houston Engineering
			Other Staff Members

- * Absent
- ** Alternate Voting Member

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

- **It was moved by Director Tesar and seconded by Director Fowler 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 June 1, 2023. The proof of publication affidavit is included with the file copy of these minutes.

1. Southern Sarpy Watersheds Partnership Presentation - Ian Ghanavati and Sara Mechtenberg, Houston Engineering, Inc.:

Project Manager Ian Ghanavati and Sara Mechtenberg, Houston Engineering, Inc. gave an informational presentation on the proposed Watershed Management Plan for the Southern Sarpy Watersheds Partnership and answered Directors questions. No action was taken.

2. Lower Platte Weed Management Agency Bids -Amanda Grint:

Assistant General Manager Amanda Grint presented the bid summary for the aerial application of herbicide by helicopter in the Lower Platte, Elkhorn River, and tributaries for invasive or nuisance vegetation. One bid was opened on May 31, 2023. The apparent low bidder is Hexagon Helicopters Inc., with an estimated

annual cost to spray two hundred acres of \$125,625.00. She stated that the contract will be in effect for three years and the total number of acres sprayed each year varies between one hundred acres and approximately five hundred acres. The combined annual funding for this work from the District, Lower Platte South NRD, and Lower Platte North NRD is \$90,000 with additional funding by state grants or reimbursed by landowners responsible for invasive weed control. Amanda reported that the contract had been bid last year but due to issues with the contractor's work, the contract was terminated after one year. Amanda, John Winkler, and Brent Meyer answered Directors questions.

- **It was moved by Director Thompson and seconded by Director Tesar that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board that the General Manager be authorized to execute a contract with Hexagon Helicopters Inc., for the aerial application of herbicide by helicopter for the unit prices listed in Exhibit A of the proposed contract, 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

ADJOURNMENT: Being no further business, the meeting adjourned by acclamation at 4:41 p.m.