

**Programs, Projects, and Operations  
Subcommittee Meeting Minutes  
August 8, 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 August 8, 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.

<b>Subcommittee Members Present</b>	<b>Subcommittee Members Absent</b>	<b>Other Directors Present</b>	<b>Others Present</b>
Fred Conley, Chairman	Tim Fowler, Vice-Chairman *	Phil Davidson	John Winkler
Patrick Bonnett **	Rich Tesar *	Josh Henningsen	Amanda Grint
Ted Japp	Jim Thompson *	Kevyn Sopinski	Brent Meyer, Legal Counsel
			Tracy Thompson
			Philip Paitz
			Mikaela Cherry, USGS
			Brenda Densmore, USGS
			Martin Cleveland
			Lindy Rogers, Houston Engineering, Inc.
			Ian Ghanavati
			Other Staff Members

\* Absent

\*\* Alternate Voting Member

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA:**

- **It was moved by Director Japp and seconded by Director Bonnett that the agenda be adopted.**

Roll call was taken on the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 3-yea.

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

**PROOF OF PUBLICATION:** Public notice of the meeting was posted at all District offices and published in the Omaha World-Herald on August 4, 2023. The proof of publication affidavit is included with the file copy of these minutes.

**1. Presentation of the 2022 Groundwater Quality Monitoring Results – Philip Paitz and Mikaela Cherry, USGS:**

Groundwater Engineer Philip Paitz and Mikaela Cherry, USGS presented the 2022 Groundwater Quality Monitoring Results. No action was taken.

**2. Contract with JEO Consulting Group for Groundwater Modeling – Philip Paitz:**

Groundwater Engineer Philip Paitz presented the proposed Professional Services Agreement with JEO Consulting for the Lower Platte River Basin Sub-Regional Groundwater Modeling project, in an amount not to exceed \$612,823.60. He indicated that the interlocal group is comprised of the Papio NRD, Lower Platte North NRD, Lower Platte South NRD, and the Nebr. Dept. of Natural Resources (NeDNR). Philip reviewed the consultant selection process and scope of the 3-year agreement. He stated that the group was awarded a WSF grant for \$250,000 and that the remaining \$362,823.60 balance will be shared by each NRD contributing a total of \$63,024.03 and NeDNR contributing a total of \$173,751.51. Philip and Amanda Grint answered Directors questions.

- **It was moved by Director Japp and seconded by Director Bonnett that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board that the General Manager be authorized to execute a Professional Services Agreement with JEO Consulting for the Lower Platte River Basin Sub-Regional Groundwater Modeling project, in an amount not to exceed \$612,823.60, 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 3-yea.

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

**3. Amendment No. 2 with Houston Engineering for Little Papio Culverts Group B – Martin Cleveland:**

Project Manager Martin Cleveland presented proposed Amendment No. 2 to the Professional Services agreement with Houston Engineering, Inc. for the Little Papio Channel Culverts Rehabilitation Project Group B in the amount of \$532,630 for construction administration/observation services which brings the revised not to exceed fee for the total agreement to \$1,439,650. He reminded the Directors that the Little Papio Culverts project began in 2020 and was split into Group A and Group B to expediate the USACE review process and start Group A culvert construction sooner. Martin reported that Group A should be completed this month and that part of the culverts are owned by the District and part of the culverts are owned by the City of Omaha. He stated that the City is currently reimbursing the Papio NRD for their portion of the Group A culvert expenses and indicated that a similar agreement is anticipated for the Group B culvert expenses. Martin answered Directors questions.

- **It was moved by Director Japp and seconded by Director Bonnett that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board that the General Manager be authorized to execute the Amendment No. 2 to the Professional Services agreement for construction administration/observation services with Houston Engineering, Inc. for the Little Papio Channel Culverts Rehabilitation Project Group B culverts for the amount of \$532,630, for a revised not to exceed fee of \$1,439,650 for the total 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 3-yea.

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

**4. Interlocal Agreement with City of Gretna for WP2 – Ian Ghanavati:**

Project Manager Ian Ghanavati presented the proposed Interlocal Agreement with the City of Gretna for West Papillion Regional Basin 2 (WP-2), located near 180<sup>th</sup> and Giles. He reviewed the responsibilities of the City and the District in the Agreement for the design, construction, ownership, and operation and maintenance of WP-2. Ian reported the final design is near completion and construction is planned to begin in October 2023. Ian answered Directors questions.

- **It was moved by Director Bonnett and seconded by Director Japp that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board that the General Manager be authorized to execute the proposed West Papillion Regional Basin 2 Interlocal Agreement with the City of Gretna, subject to such other terms and conditions as the General Manager determines necessary and Legal Counsel approves as to form.**

Roll call was taken on the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 3-yea.

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

**ADJOURNMENT:** Being no further business, the meeting adjourned by acclamation at 4:33 p.m.