



**PAPIO-MISSOURI RIVER
NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES
July 13, 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. 154th Street, Omaha, NE, on July 13, 2023. The meeting was called to order by Chairman 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
Fred Conley	Tim McCormick
Tim Fowler	Kevyn Sopinski
Josh Henningsen	Rich Tesar
	Jim Thompson

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 9-yea.

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

ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA:

- **MOTION NO. 2:** It was moved by Director Fowler and seconded by Director McCormick 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 absence(s) of the following Director(s) from the July 13, 2023, Board of Directors Meeting are excused:

Larry Bradley
Phil Davidson.

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the June 8, 2023, Papio-Missouri River NRD Board Meeting minutes and the June 14, 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 9-yea.

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

PROOFS OF PUBLICATION OF MEETING NOTICE: Notice of the meeting was published in the Omaha World Herald on July 6, 2023. The District's May 12 through June 8, 2023, expenditures were published in the Burt County Plaindealer on June 20, 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 gave the report on NRCS activities for the month of July.

B. Nebraska Association of Resources District: Director Fowler briefed the Board on the activities and discussions held at the NARD Board of Directors meeting that was held on June 12th, 2023, in Kearney, Nebraska. Directors McCormick and Bonnett provided an update on the NRDs Basin Tour of the Central Platte Basin.

C. Legislative Report: General Manager Winkler provided the Legislative Report. A copy of Catalyst Public Affairs 2023 Interim Studies that are of interest to the Natural Resources Districts was distributed to Board members. The report is also posted to the District's website.

The audio of these reports can be heard on the District’s podcast at www.papionrd.org/meeting-podcasts/.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:

A. Programs, Projects and Operations Subcommittee: Director Conley reported that the PPO Subcommittee met on July 11, 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: Construction Award for Golfing Green Drive Trail Connection: Recommendation that the General Manager be authorized to execute a construction contract with Ideal Construction Company Inc. in the amount of \$103,275.50 for the Golfing Green Drive Trail Connection Project, 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 9-yea.

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

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

PPO Recommendation #2: Interlocal Agreement with City of Blair – WCRW #2 Supplementary Water Main Connection Evaluation: Recommendation that the General Manager be authorized to execute the proposed Interlocal Agreement with the City of Blair – Washington County Rural Water #2 Supplementary Water Main Connection Evaluation, 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 9-yea.

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

B. Finance, Expenditures and Legal Subcommittee: Director Tesar reported that the FEL Subcommittee met on July 11, 2023, and gave a brief recap of the meeting.

The 1st draft of the FY 2024 Budget was reviewed by the Subcommittee. No action was taken.

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

FEL Recommendation #1: FY2024 Budget Lid Computation 1% Resolution):
Recommendation that the following resolution be adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of the Papio-Missouri River NRD approves an additional increase of 1% in Total Restricted Funds Authority, pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 13-518 through 13-522.

This motion requires the affirmative vote of 75% of the members of the governing body constituting the quorum in order to pass. The following individual addressed the Board:

- Ken Beckstrom, 15429 Hamilton Street, Omaha, Nebraska, 68154

Roll call vote was held on the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 8-yea and 1-nay.

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

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

FEL Recommendation #2: District Accounts over 110%: Recommendation that the following accounts be allowed to exceed 110% of the budgeted amount: Account 01-01-4392 Attorney Fees and Legal Costs up to a maximum of \$113,423.65, Account 12-01-4090 DCRW Water Purchases up to a maximum of \$105,094.20, Account 11-01-4090 TCRW Water Purchases up to a maximum of \$55,098.55, and Account 10-01-4090 WCRW Water Purchases up to a maximum of \$444,811.75.

Roll call vote was held on the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 9-yea.

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

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

FEL Recommendation #3 Land Acquisition WP 1: Recommendation that the General Manager be authorized to execute a purchase agreement with 18818 Fort LLC for the purchase of 0.76 acres for the construction of the WP-1 flood control reservoir project for the total amount of \$49,400, subject to changes deemed necessary by the General Manager and approval as to form by District Legal Counsel.

The following individual addressed the Board:

- Ken Beckstrom, 15429 Hamilton Street, Omaha, Nebraska, 68154

Roll call vote was held on the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 9-yea.

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

TREASURER'S REPORT:

•• **MOTION NO. 8:** It was moved by Director Fowler 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: (1) claims listed on the June 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 Supply System, the Elkhorn River Bank Stabilization Project, the Elkhorn Breakout Project, the Elk/Pigeon Creek Drainage Project, the Western Sarpy Drainage District, the Papillion Creek Watershed Partnership, and the Southern Sarpy Watershed Partnership project bills listed on the June 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 9-yea.

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

CHAIRMAN’S REPORT:

A. Appointment of Ad-Hoc Consultant Selection Subcommittee RFP for District Hazard Mitigation Plan Update:

•• **MOTION NO. 9:** It was moved by Chairman Sopinski and seconded by Director Thompson that the following resolution be adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Ad-Hoc Consultant Selection Subcommittee appointments, as presented by the Chairman are hereby approved.

Roll call was held on the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 9-yea.

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

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT: The General Manager gave his monthly report to the Board. The July GM Report is posted to the District’s website.

ELECTION OF PAPIO-MISSOURI RIVER NRD OFFICERS:

A. **Chairman:** Director McCormick nominated Director Sopinski for Chairman. There were no other nominations. Nominations were closed, and Director Sopinski was elected as Chairman by acclamation.

B. **Vice-Chairman:** The floor was opened for nominations for Vice-Chairman. Director Thompson nominated Director McCormick for Vice-Chairman. There were no other nominations. Nominations were closed, and Director McCormick was elected as Vice-Chairman by acclamation.

C. **Secretary:** The floor was opened for nominations for Secretary. Director Thompson nominated Director Tesar as Secretary. There were no other nominations. Nominations were closed, and Director Tesar was elected as Secretary by acclamation.

D. **Treasurer:** The floor was opened for nominations for Treasurer. Director Sopinski nominated

Director Fowler as Treasurer. There were no other nominations. Nominations were closed and Director Fowler was elected as Treasurer by acclamation.

Treasurer Fowler ratified his appointment of Assistant Treasurer to Director Bonnett.

ELECTION OF NARD DIRECTOR AND ALTERNATE DIRECTOR:

The floor was opened for nominations for NARD Director and Alternate Director. Director Fowler nominated Director Tesar as NARD Director. There were no other nominations. Nominations were closed and Director Tesar was elected as NARD Director by acclamation. Director Tesar nominated Director Fowler as the NARD Alternate Director. There were no other nominations. Nominations were closed, and Director Fowler was elected as NARD Alternate Director by acclamation.

- **MOTION NO. 10:** It was moved by Chairman Sopinski and seconded by Director Thompson that the following resolution be adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED that the following directors be and are hereby elected officers of the Papio-Missouri River Natural Resources District for the coming year and until a successor has been elected: Kevyn Sopinski, Chairman; Tim McCormick, Vice-Chairman; Rich Tesar, Secretary; and Tim Fowler, Treasurer.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Treasurer’s written designation of Patrick Bonnett as Assistant Treasurer is concurred by the Board of Directors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Director Rich Tesar is hereby elected the Nebraska Association of Resources Districts Director for the coming year and that Director Tim Fowler is hereby elected the Nebraska Association of Resources Districts Alternate Director for the coming year.

Roll call vote was held on the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 9-yea.

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

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

A. Future Meetings/Events:

August 8, 2023	Papio NRD Subcommittee Meetings
August 10, 2023	Papio NRD Board Meeting

B. Next Meeting – The next scheduled meeting of the Papio NRD Board of Directors will be held on August 10, 2023, at the NRC. Chairman Sopinski state the September 14, 2023, Board of

Directors meeting will be held at the Dakota City office (1505 Broadway, Dakota City, NE.)

ADJOURNMENT: Being no further business, the Chairman declared that the meeting was adjourned at 4:51 p.m.

NOTE: These minutes reflect the actions and votes taken at the July 13, 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.

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 July 13, 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.

Richard Tesar
District Secretary