

**Programs, Projects, and Operations
Subcommittee Meeting Minutes
September 12, 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 September 12, 2023. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Conley at 4:10 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		Phil Davidson	Brent Meyer, Legal Counsel
Rich Tesar		Tim McCormick	Tracy Thompson
Jim Thompson		Kevyn Sopinski	Martin Cleveland
			Ian Ghanavati
			Eric Williams
			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 September 7, 2023. The proof of publication affidavit is included with the file copy of these minutes.

1. Interlocal Agreement with Dakota County for the Replacement of Pigeon Jones Watershed Structure No. 11 – Martin Cleveland:

Project Manager Martin Cleveland presented the proposed Interlocal Cooperation Agreement with Dakota County, Nebraska for the Replacement of Pigeon Jones Watershed Structure No. 11 (PJ11), also referred to as the Simmon Road Structure owned by Dakota County and built in 1999 as per Road Structure Program guidelines by Dakota County with cost share funding from the Papio NRD. He reviewed the Papio NRD’s 2022 construction of Pigeon Jones Watershed Structure No. 12A (PJ12A), located approximately 2600 ft. downstream of PJ11. Martin reported that due to the new dam’s permanent pool elevation, water flow issues resulted in a submerged principal spillway at PJ11 and stated that the existing PJ11 dam and principal spillway culvert needs to be replaced with a road culvert at a higher elevation than the PJ12A conservation

pool to resolve the water flow situation. He reported that Dakota County approved the proposed agreement on Sept. 5, 2023, and would be responsible for any needed right-of-way and operation & maintenance, and Papio NRD would be responsible for all estimated engineering costs of \$40,000 and construction costs of \$166,000. Martin 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 the General Manager be authorized to execute the proposed Interlocal Cooperation Agreement with Dakota County, Nebraska for Replacement of Pigeon Jones Watershed Structure No. 11, 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. Amendment No. 3 with Houston Engineering for Southern Sarpy Watersheds Partnership – Ian Ghanavati:

Project Manager Ian Ghanavati presented the proposed Amendment No. 3 with Houston Engineering for the Southern Sarpy Watersheds Partnership in an amount not to exceed \$75,975 bringing the total contract not to exceed amount to \$1,289,533. He reviewed the previous contract amendments and briefed the Directors on the proposed Amendment No. 3 tasks which include the preparation and submittal of a Preliminary Investigation Feasibility Report for Natural Resources Conservation Services funding. Ian stated that the Watershed Plan should be completed and adopted by the Partners by July of 2024. Ian 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 the proposed Amendment No. 3 with Houston Engineering for the Southern Sarpy Watersheds Partnership in an amount not to exceed \$75,975 bringing the total contract not to exceed amount to \$1,289,533, 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 5-yea.

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

3. Platte River Bridge Trail, Construction Contract Bid and Resolution – Eric Williams:

Project Manager Eric Williams presented the proposed resolution which would authorize the General Manager to execute a construction contract with Hawkins Construction Inc. in the amount of \$3,346,061.60 for the Platte River Bridge Trail Project (PRBT). He reported that the Nebraska Dept. of Transportation (NDOT) advertised the project's request for bids and that five (5) bids were opened on August 24, 2023, ranging from \$3,346,061.60 to \$4,806,466.94 with the apparent low bidder as Hawkins Construction Company. Eric reminded the Directors that the PRBT is a federal aid project, with federal funds covering 80% of the cost and the remaining 20% covered by local partners according to the interlocal agreement between the Papio NRD, Sarpy County, Cass County, City of Bellevue, City of Plattsmouth, and the Lower

Platte South NRD. He indicated that construction should begin in fall 2023 with the expected completion by fall 2024. Eric answered Directors questions.

- **It was moved by Director Thompson and seconded by Director Fowler that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board that the attached resolution be adopted authorizing the General Manager to execute a construction contract with Hawkins Construction Inc. in the amount of \$3,346,061.60 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

ADJOURNMENT: Being no further business, the meeting adjourned by acclamation at 4:30 p.m.