



**PAPIO-MISSOURI RIVER  
NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES  
October 12, 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 October 12, 2023. The meeting was called to order by Vice-Chairman Tim McCormick 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	Josh Henningsen
Larry Bradley	Ted Japp
Fred Conley	Tim McCormick
Phil Davidson	Rich Tesar
Tim Fowler	Jim Thompson

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA:**

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

Roll call vote was held on motion. The motion carried on a vote of 10-yea.

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

**ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA:**

- **MOTION NO. 2:** It was moved by Director Fowler and seconded by Director Conley 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 of the following Director from the October 12, 2023, Board of Directors Meeting is excused:

Kevyn Sopinski.

Agenda Item 7. A.:

BE IT RESOLVED that the September 14, 2023, Papio-Missouri River NRD Board Meeting Minutes are approved as printed.

Roll call vote was held on motion. The motion carried on a vote of 10-yea.

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

**PROOFS OF PUBLICATION OF MEETING NOTICE:** Notice of the meeting was published in the Omaha World Herald on October 4, 2023. The District's August 11-September 14, 2023, expenditures were published in the Dakota County Star on September 21, 2023. The Vice-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 October.
- B. Nebraska Association of Resources Districts: Director Rich Tesar gave the report on the 2023 NARD Annual Meeting that was held on September 25-26, 2023, in Kearney, NE. Directors Bonnett and Thompson gave their input on the highlights of the event.
- C. Legislative Report: GM Winkler provided an update on the status of on-going legislative activities.

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 October 10, 2023, and gave a brief recap of the meeting.

Groundwater Management Engineer Philip Paitz and Tyler Martin from Nebraska Department of Natural Resources gave an update on the 2022 Voluntary Integrated Management Plan Annual Report. No action was taken by the Subcommittee.

•• **MOTION NO. 3:** It was moved by Director Conley that the following recommendation be accepted:

*PPO Recommendation #1:* Amendment to Lower Platte River Consortium Interlocal Agreement: Recommendation that the General Manager be authorized to execute the proposed Lower Platte River Consortium Interlocal Agreement with the Lower Platte South NRD, Lower Platte North NRD, City of Lincoln, Metropolitan Utilities District, and Nebraska Department of Natural Resources, subject to changes deemed necessary by the General Manager and approval as to form by District Legal Counsel.

Roll call was held on the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 10-yea.

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

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

*PPO Recommendation #2:* Platte River Bridge Obstruction Removal Professional Services Contact with Houston Engineering: Recommendation that the General Manager be authorized to execute the proposed contract with Houston Engineering for \$249,238.00 for the completion of the scope of services identified in Exhibit 1. Furthermore, it is recommended that the Board of Directors waive District Policy 15.2 Purchasing – Professional Services; with changes deemed necessary by the General Manager and Legal Counsel.

Roll call vote was held on the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 10-yea.

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

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

*PPO Recommendation #3:* WP2 Construction Bids: Recommendation that the General Manager be authorized to execute a construction contract with Valley Corporation for the West Papillion Regional Basin 2 (WP2) project in an amount not-to-exceed \$7,117,243.80, 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 10-yea.

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

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

*PPO Recommendation #4:* Elkhorn River Trail Bridge Program Agreement with NDOT: Recommendation that the General Manager be authorized to execute the proposed LPA Program Agreement with the Nebraska Department of Transportation for the Elkhorn River Trail Bridge Project, subject to changes deemed necessary by the General Manager and approval as to form by District Legal Counsel.

Project Manager Eric Williams addressed questions that were raised during the Tuesday afternoon Subcommittee meeting. Director Tesar offered an amended motion to include wording that the proposed Elkhorn River Trail Bridge Project not to be placed on the current Elkhorn Crossing Recreation Area site. After discussion, Director Tesar withdrew his amended motion.

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

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

\*Director Henningsen was out of the room during the roll call vote.

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

*PPO Recommendation #5:* FY 2024 Long Range Implementation Plan (LRIP): Recommendation that proposed Fiscal Year 2024 Long Range Implementation Plan be approved.

Roll call vote was held on the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 10-yea.

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

**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: (l) claims listed in the September 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 Washington County, Dakota County, and Thurston County Water Supply System, the Elkhorn River Stabilization Project, the Elk/Pigeon Creek Drainage Project, the Western Sarpy Drainage Project, the Papillion Creek Watershed Partnership, and the Southern Sarpy Watershed Partnership project bills listed on the September 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 10-yea.

Voting Yea: Bonnett, Bradley, Conley, Davidson, Fowler, Henningsen, Japp, Tesar, Thompson, McCormick  
Voting Nay: None  
Abstaining: None

Excused Absence: Sopinski  
Absent: Sopinski

**CHAIRMAN’S REPORT – PAPIO NRD BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING SCHEDULE FOR 2024:**

- **MOTION NO. 9:** It was moved by Director Fowler and seconded by Director Conley that the following resolution be adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED that the following be adopted as the schedule for Papio-Missouri River NRD Board of Directors meetings for calendar year 2024:

January 11, 2024	July 11, 2024
February 8, 2024	August 8, 2024
March 14, 2024	September 12, 2024
April 11, 2024	October 10, 2024
May 9, 2024	November 14, 2024
June 13, 2024	December 12, 2024

Roll call vote was held on the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 10-yea.

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

**GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT:** General Manager Winkler reviewed the GM Report with the Board and noted that the report had been posted to the website. He briefed the Board on the purchase of a 2024, Half-Ton Extended Cab Truck using the District’s Informal Competitive Bid Policy 15.6.B. He concluded his report by recognizing Director Fowler and various staff members for their years of service as presented at the NARD’s Annual Meeting.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:**

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

November 7, 2023	Papio NRD Subcommittee Meetings
November 9, 2023	Papio NRD Board of Directors Meeting
November 10, 2023	Papio NRD Offices Closed – Veteran’s Day
November 23-24, 2023	Papio NRD Offices Closed – Thanksgiving Holiday

B. Next Meeting: The next scheduled meeting of the Papio NRD Board of Directors will be held on Thursday, November 9, 2023, at the NRC.

**ADJOURNMENT**: Being that there was no further business, Vice-Chairman McCormick declared that the meeting was adjourned at 4:31 p.m.

**NOTE**: These minutes reflect the actions and votes taken at the October 12, 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 October 12, 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