



Final: December 8, 2023

**Papio-Missouri River  
Natural Resources District  
Board of Directors Meeting  
December 14, 2023  
4:00 p.m.**

**AGENDA**

\* = Board action required

\*\* = Items to be approved with adoption of Consent Agenda

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

1. **Meeting Called to Order** - Chairman Kevyn Sopinski
2. **Notification of Open Meetings Act Posting and Meeting Procedure** - Chairman Kevyn Sopinski
3. **Quorum Call**
  - \*\* A. Excused Absences
- \*4. **Adoption of Agenda**
- \*5. **Adoption of Consent Agenda** (All agenda items indicated by a double asterisk will comprise the consent agenda and will be acted on in a single motion. Items may be deleted from the consent agenda by request of any Board member.)
6. **Proofs of Publication of Meeting Notice**
- \*\*7. **Approval of Minutes:**
  - A. Approval of November 9, 2023, Papio-Missouri River NRD Board Meeting Minutes
  - B. Approval of November 8, 2023, Dakota County Rural Water Advisory Board Meeting Minutes
8. **Agency/Association Reports and Presentations:**
  - A. Natural Resources Conservation Service Report (written report) – Kristin Schlueter, District Conservationist

- B. Nebraska Association of Resources Districts – Director Rich Tesar
- C. Nebraska Natural Resources Commission – Director Larry Bradley
- D. Legislative Update – Catalyst Public Affairs

**9. Public Hearing on Acquisition of Real Property for Dam Site 12 -- John Winkler**

**10. Subcommittee Reports:**

- \*A. Personnel, Legislative & Public Affairs Subcommittee (December 12, 2023) – Director Ted Japp
  - 1. Amendments to the Papio NRD’s 2024 Pay Program Administration Manual
  - 2. Amendments to the Papio NRD’s 2024 Employee Handbook
- \*B. Programs, Projects, and Operations Subcommittee (December 12, 2023) – Director Fred Conley
  - 1. Bids for Silver Creek Watershed Dam Sites 30 & 33 Improvement Projects
  - 2. MoPac Trail Permanent Easement to Plains Sand and Gravel
  - 3. Papillion Creek Watershed Agreement with Natural Resources Conservation Service
- \*C. Finance, Expenditure and Legal Subcommittee (December 12, 2023) – Director Rich Tesar
  - 1. Fiscal Year 2023 Audit
  - 2. Kramper Lake Water Main Extension Project
    - a. USDA Loan Resolution Form
    - b. USDA Grant Agreement Form

**\*11. Treasurer's Report -- Director Tim Fowler**

- A. District
- B. Washington County Rural Water Supply System
- C. Thurston County Rural Water Supply
- D. Dakota County Rural Water Supply
- E. Elkhorn River Improvement Project Area
- F. Elk/Pigeon Creek Drainage Project
- G. Western Sarpy Drainage Improvement Project Area
- H. Papillion Creek Watershed Partnership
- I. Southern Sarpy Watershed Partnership

**12. Chairman’s Report -- Chairman Kevyn Sopinski**

A. Nebraska Association of Resources Districts Director Service Award

- Director Tim Fowler 20 years

B. Employee Service Awards

- Martin Cleveland, Construction Engineer 45 years
- Bill Warren, O&M/Park Superintendent 45 years
- John Zaugg, Field Representative 40 years
- Marty Nissen, Engineering Aide/Drafter 35 years
- Jean Friends Tait, Administrative Coordinator 30 years
- Ryan Trapp, Assistant O&M Superintendent 25 years
- Lance Olerich, Water Supply Superintendent 20 years
- Carey Fry, Senior Accountant 15 years
- Bill Brush, IT Manager 10 years
- Kyra Peterson, District Accountant 5 years

**13. General Manager’s Report -- John Winkler**

**14. Informational Items:**

A. Future Meetings:

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| December 25, 2023    | Papio NRD Offices Closed for Christmas                  |
| January 1, 2024      | Papio NRD Offices Closed for New Year’s Day             |
| January 9, 2024      | Papio NRD Subcommittee Meetings, 4:00 p.m., at NRC      |
| January 11, 2024     | Papio NRD Board Meeting, 4:00 p.m., at NRC              |
| January 15, 2024     | Papio NRD Offices Closed for Martin Luther King Jr. Day |
| January 23-24, 2024  | NARD Legislative Conference, Lincoln, NE                |
| February 10-14, 2024 | NACD’s 78 <sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting, San Diego, CA   |

B. Next Meeting – The next scheduled meeting of the Papio NRD Board of Directors will be held on January 11, 2024, at the NRC.

**15. Adjournment**

**PAPIO-MISSOURI RIVER NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT  
BOARD MEETINGS  
RIGHT TO SPEAK**

The following rules and regulations shall govern the conduct and privilege to speak of persons attending open meetings of the District:

- A. Prior to the convening of the meeting, the General Manager shall post an agenda at the door of the meeting room.
- B. A Request to Address the Board sheet shall be posted with the agenda and citizens wishing to speak at the meeting shall so indicate on this sheet and specify the agenda item or items on which they desire to be heard.
- C. During the consideration of each agenda item the Chairperson shall call upon citizens who have indicated a desire to be heard on such item, in the order in which the Chairperson shall determine. The Chairperson, in his or her discretion, may also allow other citizens to be heard after all those who have given prior indication of a desire to speak have been heard on such item.
- D. Every citizen speaking at the meeting shall begin his or her remarks by stating his or her name and postal address.
- E. All citizens' remarks shall be directed to the Chairperson who shall determine by whom any appropriate response shall be made.
- F. The Chairperson may limit or allot the time allowed for the remarks of citizens called upon to be heard and may rule any such citizen out of order for exceeding such limitation, or for remarks which are repetitious or irrelevant.

Papio-Missouri River Natural Resources District Directors' Policy Handbook  
Operations Policy 4.8 Board Meetings - Right to Speak  
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