



**PAPIO-MISSOURI RIVER
NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES
November 9, 2023**

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: A regular meeting of the Papiro-Missouri River Natural Resources District Board of Directors was held at the Natural Resources Center, 8901 S. 154th Street, Omaha, NE on November 9, 2023. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Kevyn 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
Larry Bradley	Tim McCormick
Fred Conley	Kevyn Sopinski
Phil Davidson	Rich Tesar
Josh Henningsen	Jim Thompson

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

- **MOTION NO. 1:** It was moved by Director Tesar and seconded by Director Conley 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, Henningsen, Japp, McCormick, Tesar, Thompson, Sopinski
Voting Nay:	None
Abstaining:	None
Excused Absence:	Fowler
Absent:	Fowler

ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA:

- **MOTION NO. 2:** It was moved by Director Bradley 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 absences of the following Director(s) from the November 9, 2023, Board of Directors Meeting are excused:

Tim Fowler.

Agenda Item 7. A.:

BE IT RESOLVED that the October 12, 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, Henningsen, Japp, McCormick, Tesar, Thompson, Sopinski
Voting Nay:	None
Abstaining:	None
Excused Absence:	Fowler
Absent:	Fowler

PROOFS OF PUBLICATION OF MEETING NOTICE: Notice of the meeting was published in the Omaha World Herald on November 3, 2023. The District's September 15 through October 12, 2023, expenditures were published in the Omaha World Herald on November 2, 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 introduced Kristin Schlueter, as the new NRCS District Conservationist to the Board of Directors. Kristin provided the Directors with a brief bio of her 20 years of experience with the NRCS. She then updated the Board on the NRCS activities for the month of November.
- B. Nebraska Association of Resources Districts: Director Rich Tesar stated he was unable to attend the NARD Board of Directors meeting that was held on November 6, 2023, in Grand Island, NE. He had nothing further to report.
- C. Legislative Report – Catalyst Public Affairs: Tim Gay 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/

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:

A. Programs, Projects and Operations Subcommittee: Director Conley reported that the PPO Subcommittee met on November 7, 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: Renewal of USGS Maintenance Agreement for Papio Floodwarning System Gages: Recommendation that the General Manager be authorized to execute the proposed Joint Funding Agreement with the USGS in the amount of \$137,450 for the operation of the District’s floodwarning system for 2024, 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, NE 68154

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

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

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

PPO Recommendation #2: Interlocal Agreement with City of Omaha for WP1: Recommendation that the General Manager be authorized to execute the proposed Papio Watershed Regional Flood Control Detention Basin WP1 Interlocal Agreement with the City of Omaha, 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, Henningsen, Japp, McCormick, Tesar, Thompson, Sopinski
Voting Nay: None
Abstaining: None
Excused Absence: Fowler
Absent: Fowler

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

PPO Recommendation #3: Amendment 4 with Houston Engineering for WP2 Professional Services: Recommendation that the General Manager be authorized to execute the proposed Amendment 4 with Houston Engineering for the West Papillion Regional Basin Number WP2 project in an amount not-to-exceed \$113,235, bringing the total contract not-to-exceed amount to \$1,842,937, 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, Henningsen, Japp, McCormick, Tesar, Thompson, Sopinski
Voting Nay: None
Abstaining: None
Excused Absence: Fowler
Absent: Fowler

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

PPO Recommendation #4: Groundwater Monitoring Joint Funding Agreement with USGS: Recommendation that the General Manager be authorized to execute a Joint Funding Agreement with U.S. Geological Survey for a total cost to the District of \$14,200 for the continuation of groundwater monitoring in the Platte and Elkhorn River valley, 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 7-yea and 3-nay.

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

B. Finance, Expenditure, and Legal Subcommittee: Director Tesar reported that the FEL Subcommittee met on November 7, 2023, and gave a brief recap of the meeting.

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

FEL Recommendation #1: WP4 Professional Services Account 02-03-4400-565 over 110%: Recommendation that account 02-03-4400-565, WP4 Professional Services be allowed to exceed 110% of the budgeted amount not-to-exceed \$627,475.

Roll call was held on the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 9-yea and 1-nay.

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

TREASURER'S REPORT:

•• **MOTION NO. 8:** It was moved by Director Bonnett 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 in the October 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 October 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, Henningsen, Japp,
McCormick, Thompson, Tesar, Sopinski
Voting Nay: None
Abstaining: None
Excused Absence: Fowler
Absent: Fowler

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT: Chairman Sopinski informed the Directors of the Christmas Toy Drive for the Offutt Airman's Attic and that those donations need to be received by December 1st.

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. Additional updates were provided by Directors Bonnett, Thompson, and Tesar and can be heard on the District's podcast at www.papionrd.org/meeting-podcasts/.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

A. **Future Meetings:** Chairman Sopinski reviewed the following upcoming meetings with the Directors:

November 10, 2023	Papio NRD Offices Closed – Veteran's Day
November 23-24, 2023	Papio NRD Offices Closed – Thanksgiving Holiday
December 12, 2023	Papio NRD Subcommittee Meetings
December 14, 2023	Papio NRD Board of Directors Meeting

B. **Next Meeting** – The next scheduled meeting of the Papio NRD Board of Directors will be held on Thursday, December 14, 2023, at the NRC.

ADJOURNMENT: Being no further business, the Chairman declared that the meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

NOTE: These minutes reflect the actions and votes taken at the November 9, 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 November 9, 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