

**Programs, Projects, and Operations
Subcommittee Meeting Minutes
December 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 December 12, 2023. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Conley at 4:11 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		Josh Henningsen	Brent Meyer, Legal Counsel
Rich Tesar		Tim McCormick	Tracy Thompson
Jim Thompson		Kevyn Sopinski	Justin Novak
			Eric Williams
			Brian Buckingham, Plains Sand & Gravel
			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 December 7, 2023. The proof of publication affidavit is included with the file copy of these minutes.

1. Bids for Silver Creek Watershed Dam Sites 30 & 33 Improvement Projects – Justin Novak:

Project Manager Justin Novak presented the bid summary for the Silver Creek Watershed Dam Sites 30 & 33 Improvement Projects, located near Tekamah, NE that consists of repairs to dam deficiencies found by the NeDNR during their annual dam inspection. Six (6) bids were opened on November 16, 2023, and ranged from \$144,100.50 to \$342,055.00. The Engineer’s cost estimate prepared by Olsson was \$236,715.00. Olsson recommends that the apparent low bid of \$144,100.50 submitted by CDS Enterprise, LLC from Arlington, Nebraska be accepted. Justin and GM Winkler answered Directors questions.

- **It was moved by Director Tesar and seconded by Director Fowler that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board that the General Manager be authorized to execute a contract with CDS Enterprise in an amount of \$144,100.50 for Silver Creek Watershed Dam Sites 30 & 33**

Improvement Projects, 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 4-yea and 1-nay.

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

2. MoPac Trail Permanent Easement to Plains Sand and Gravel – Eric Williams:

Project Manager Eric Williams presented the proposed MoPac Trail Permanent Easement to Plains Sand and Gravel (Advantage Investment Properties, LLC) for vehicular and pedestrian ingress and egress due to their new mining operation east of Hwy 50, south of Springfield, NE, near the intersection with Cornish Road. He explained that the proposed access to the property would be an updated crossing over the MoPac Trail and answered Directors questions. Brian Buckingham from Plains Sand and Gravel was also in attendance to answer questions.

- **It was moved by Director Fowler and seconded by Director Tesar that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board of Directors that the General Manager be authorized to grant a Permanent Easement submitted to Advantage Investment Properties, LLC for vehicular and pedestrian ingress and egress, 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

3. Papillion Creek Watershed Agreement with Natural Resources Conservation Service – Amanda Grint:

Assistant GM Amanda Grint presented the proposed Papillion Creek Watershed Supplemental Watershed Agreement No. 9 with NRCS which officially updates the 1967 PL-566 Work Plan for the Papiro Watershed. She explained that the agreement allows the District to move forward with federal funding to complete six remaining grade stabilization structures and one flood control structure in the Work Plan. She indicated that the plan update, environmental assessment, and agreement will be placed on public notice for 30 days and answered Directors questions.

- **It was moved by Director Tesar and seconded by Director Thompson that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board of Directors that the General Manager be authorized to execute the proposed Papillion Creek Watershed Supplemental Watershed Agreement No. 9 with NRCS subject to changes deemed necessary by the General Manager and 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

ADJOURNMENT: Being no further business, the meeting adjourned by acclamation at 4:32 p.m.