



**PAPIO-MISSOURI RIVER
NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES
January 11, 2024**

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 January 11, 2024. 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	Josh Henningsen
Larry Bradley	Ted Japp
Fred Conley	Tim McCormick
Phil Davidson	Kevyn Sopinski
Tim Fowler	Rich Tesar
	Jim Thompson

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

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

Roll call vote was held on the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 11-yea.

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

ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA:

- **MOTION NO. 2:** It was moved by Director McCormick and seconded by Director Bradley 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 January 11, 2024, Board of Directors Meeting is excused:

None to Date.

Agenda Item 7. A.:

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

Roll call vote was held on the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 11-yea.

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

PROOFS OF PUBLICATION OF MEETING NOTICE: Notice of the meeting was published in the Omaha World Herald on January 4, 2024. The District's November 10, 2023 – December 14, 2023, expenditures were published in the Sarpy County Times on December 20, 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: Kristin Schlueter, District Conservationist gave a report on NRCS activities for the month of January.
- B. Nebraska Association of Resources Districts: Director Tesar reported the NARD's Legislative Conference is scheduled to be held on January 23-24, 2024, in Lincoln, NE.
- C. Legislative Report – Catalyst Public Affairs: Tim Gay briefed the Board on the 2nd Regular session of the 108th Nebraska Legislature. Tim also briefed the Board on the Bills of Interest to the Papio NRD.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:

- A. Personnel, Legislative and Public Affairs Subcommittee: Director Japp reported that the PLPA Subcommittee met on January 9, 2024, and gave a brief recap of the meeting.

PLPA Program Update: Papio NRD's Affirmative Action Program: This was a program update. No action was required by the Board.

B. Programs, Projects and Operations Subcommittee: Director Conley reported that the PPO Subcommittee met on January 9, 2024, 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: Update to Appendix K – Rules and Regulations for Papio NRD Recreation Areas: Recommendation that the proposed amendments to Appendix K – Rules and Regulations for District Recreation Areas be approved, with changes deemed necessary by the General Manager and District Legal Counsel.

Roll call vote was held on the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 11-yea.

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

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

PPO Recommendation 2: Little Papillion Creek Channel Stabilization Project: Recommendation that the General Manager be authorized to execute a contract with Ashland Road Excavating, LLC in a not-to-exceed amount of \$129,947.50 for the construction of the Little Papillion Creek Channel Stabilization Project, 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 11-yea.

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

TREASURER'S REPORT:

•• **MOTION NO. 5:** It was moved by Director Fowler and seconded by Director Bradley 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 December, 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 Dakota County, Thurston County and Washington County Rural Water System, the Elkhorn River Bank Stabilization Project, the Elk/Pigeon Creek Drainage Project, and the Western Sarpy Drainage District, the project bills listed on the December, 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 the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 11-yea.

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

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

A. Appointment of Ad-Hoc Consultant Selection Subcommittee RFP for Big Papio and Tributaries Culverts Rehabilitation Project:

- **MOTION NO. 6:** It was moved by Tesar and seconded by Director Conley that the following resolution be adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Ad-Hoc Consultant Selection Subcommittee appointments, as presented by the Chair are hereby approved.

Roll call was held on the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 11-yea.

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

Excused Absence - None
Absent - None
Absent - None

The Chair stated he was optimistic and looking forward to working with directors and staff in 2024.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT: GM Winkler reviewed the GM Report with the Board. The written report is posted to the District's website.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

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

January 15, 2024	Papio NRD Offices Closed for Martin Luther King Jr. Day
January 23-24, 2024	NRD's Legislative Conference, Lincoln, NE
February 6, 2024	Papio NRD Subcommittee Meetings, 4:00 p.m., at NRC
February 8, 2024	Papio NRD Board Meeting, 4:00 p.m., at NRC
February 19, 2024	Papio NRD Offices Closed for President's Day

B. Next Meeting – The next scheduled meeting of the Papio NRD Board of Directors will be held on February 8, 2024, at the NRC.

ADJOURNMENT: Being no further business, the Chairman declared that the meeting was adjourned at 4:40 p.m.

NOTE: These minutes reflect the actions and votes taken at the January 11, 2024, 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 January 11, 2024, 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