

**Programs, Projects, and Operations
Subcommittee Meeting Minutes
March 12, 2024**

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 March 12, 2024. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Fred Conley at 4:00 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		Larry Bradley	John Winkler
Tim Fowler, Vice-Chairman		Patrick Bonnett	Amanda Grint
Ted Japp		Phil Davidson	Brent Meyer, Legal Counsel
Rich Tesar		Tim McCormick	Nicole Gust
Jim Thompson			Eric Williams
			Bart Pugh, Schemmer & Associates
			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 March 6, 2024. The proof of publication affidavit is included with the file copy of these minutes.

1. Amendment to the Second Amended Agreement for the Lower Platte River Phragmites Management Program – Amanda Grint:

Assistant General Manager Amanda Grint briefed the Directors on the history of the District’s Interlocal Agreement with LPSNRD and LPNDRD to fund the Lower Platter River Phragmites Management Project. She stated that the amended agreement includes the use of drones for aerial spraying. Amanda answered Directors questions.

- **It was moved by Director Thompson and seconded by Director Fowler that the Subcommittee recommend to the full Board that the General Manager be authorized to execute the Amended Interlocal Agreement with Lower Platte South NRD and Lower Platte North NRD for the Lower Platte River Phragmite Management Program. The District will keep a**

selected qualified bidders list to have competitive bids and qualified bidders ready for the Program, 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

2. Contract Amendment No. 5 with Schemmer for Platte River Bridge – Eric Williams:

Project Manager Eric Williams reviewed the District’s role as the lead agency in an Interlocal Agreement to design and construct the Platte River Bridge Trail Project. Eric stated that plans were completed, and bids accepted in the Fall of 2023. Hawkins was selected as the construction contractor. During the initial stages of construction reviews showed that work was needed that was not included in the original design contract with Schemmer. Eric told the Directors that a CWO has been approved by NDOT and documents to amend the original contract with Schemmer are being prepared. Eric answered Directors questions.

- **It was moved by Director Fowler and seconded by Director Thompson that the Subcommittee recommend that the Board of Directors adopt the Resolution provided by NDOT authorizing the General Manager to execute a Supplemental, Agreement between the District and Schemmer & Associates for the Platte River Bridge Trail project, with total cost not to exceed \$19,562.55, 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. Elkhorn River Trail Bridge Agreements – Eric Williams:

Project Manager Eric Williams reminded the Directors that in October 2023 the District entered into an agreement with NDOT for the Elkhorn River Trail Bridge project following Board approval. Eric stated that the District has worked with NDOT on the scope and fee for professional services agreements on preliminary engineering and environmental service work. He said that following the completion of these tasks, amendments to the professional services agreements will be made to include scope and fee for the remainder of the design work to prepare the project for bidding and construction. Eric answered Directors questions.

a. Professional Services Agreement with Schemmer for Design:

- **It was moved by Director Tesar and seconded by Director Fowler that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board of Directors that the General Manager be authorized to waive District Policy 15.2 Purchasing – Professional Services and execute the proposed Preliminary Engineering Services Agreement with Schemmer & Associates for the Elkhorn River Trail Bridge project, with cost not to exceed \$99,208.70, 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

b. Environmental Services Agreement with Jacobs:

- **It was moved by Director Fowler and seconded by Director Thompson that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board of Directors that the General Manager be authorized to execute the proposed Environmental Services Agreement with Jacobs Engineering Group, Inc. for the Elkhorn River Trail Bridge project, with cost not to exceed \$9,548.72, 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

ADJOURNMENT: Being no further business, the meeting adjourned by acclamation at 4:39 p.m.