

**Programs, Projects, and Operations  
Subcommittee Meeting Minutes  
April 9, 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 154<sup>th</sup> Street, Omaha, NE, on April 9, 2024. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Fred Conley at 4:14 p.m.

**QUORUM CALL:** Quorum call was taken. The following subcommittee members were in attendance.

<b>Subcommittee Members Present</b>	<b>Subcommittee Members Absent</b>	<b>Other Directors Present</b>	<b>Others Present</b>
Fred Conley, Chairman	Tim Fowler, Vice-Chairman*	Larry Bradley	John Winkler
Ted Japp	Patrick Bonnett *	Tim McCormick	Amanda Grint
Rich Tesar			Adam Charlsen, Legal Counsel
Jim Thompson			Nicole Gust
			Justin Novak
			Martin Cleveland
			Ian Ghanavati
			Eric Williams
			Lori Laster
			Lindy Rogers, Houston Eng.
			Jacob Garder, Houston Eng.
			Other Staff Members

\* Absent

\*\* Alternate Voting Member

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA:**

- **It was moved by Director Tesar and seconded by Director Thompson that the agenda be adopted.**

Roll call was taken on the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 4-yea.

Voting Yea: Japp, Tesar, Thompson, Conley

Voting Nay: None

Abstaining: None

Absent: Bonnett, Fowler

**PROOF OF PUBLICATION:** Public notice of the meeting was posted at all District offices and published in the Omaha World-Herald on April 4, 2024. The proof of publication affidavit is included with the file copy of these minutes.

**1. Amendments to Appendix H, Rules and Regulations - Rural Water Supply Systems – Justin Novak:**

Project Manager Justin Novak let the Directors know that while there have been significant increases in the cost of operations, maintenance, and materials in the Rural Water Supply Systems over the last few years,

water rates have not changed since 2013. Justin reviewed the amendments to Appendix H and stated that while growth changes are needed, the District is trying to accomplish this with minimal impact to our customers. Justin and GM John Winkler answered Directors questions.

- **It was moved by Director Thompson and seconded by Director Tesar that the Subcommittee recommend to the full Board that the proposed updates and rates to the District’s Policy Manual, Appendix H- Rules and Regulations- Rural Water Supply Systems be approved, 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.

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

## **2. Papio NRD Policy Manual Revisions – Amanda Grint:**

Assistant General Manager Amanda Grint reviewed the proposed updated District Policy Manual with the Directors. Amanda noted that any approved revisions to Policies 1.0 – 16.9 will be held over for final approval at the May Board meeting and Policies 17.0 – 22.4, including appendices, if approved, would take effect upon Board approval. Amanda, GM John Winkler and Project Manager Justin Novak answered Directors questions.

- **It was moved by Director Thompson and seconded by Director Tesar that the Subcommittee recommend that the Board of Directors that the proposed revisions to the Papio-Missouri River Natural Resources District Directors Policy Manual be adopted and Policies 1 through 16.9 be held over until the May Board meeting for final approval and that Policies 17.0 through 21.2 be incorporated into the District Policy Manual**

Roll call was taken on the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 4-yea.

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

## **3. Interlocal Agreement with City of Omaha for the Little Papio Culverts Group B – Martin Cleveland:**

Project Manager Martin Cleveland briefed the Directors on the history of the Little Papio Creek Project. Martin reminded them that in May of 2021 the Board approved the LP Creek Channel Culverts Project ILA with Omaha for Design and Drainage Structure Rehab, and that during the design phase the culverts were divided into Groups A and B. Martin reviewed the proposed Amendment to the ILA with Omaha for Construction of Drainage Structure Rehab for Group B Culverts construction related expenditures. Martin, GM John Winkler, Asst. GM Amanada Grint and Lindy Rogers, Houston Eng., answered Directors questions.

- **It was moved by Director Thompson and seconded by Director Japp that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board of Directors that the General Manager be authorized to execute the proposed Amendment to Interlocal Cooperation Agreement with the City of Omaha for Construction of Drainage Structure Rehabilitation for Little Papio Creek Levee/Channel Project, with a reimbursement maximum not to exceed amount of \$4,650,157.22, subject to**

**changes deemed necessary by the General Manager and approval as to form by Papio NRD Legal Counsel.**

Roll call was taken on the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 4-yea.

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

**4. Southern Sarpy Watersheds Partnership Interlocal Agreement – Ian Ghanavati:**

Project Manager Ian Ghanavati reminded the Directors that the current ILA for the SSWP was approved in 2019 and will expire on June 30, 2024. Ian reviewed the current proposed five-year ILA for the continuation of SSWP, including its future Plans and Policies, and stated that the SSWP will continue to re-evaluate its Watershed Management Plan and funding requirements in regular five-year intervals. Ian and Project Manager Lori Laster answered Directors questions.

- **It was moved by Director Thompson and seconded by Director Japp that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board of Directors that the General Manager be authorized to execute the proposed five-year Interlocal Agreement for the continuation of the Southern Sarpy Watersheds Partnership between the communities of Bellevue, Gretna, Papillion, Springfield, Sarpy County and the Papio NRD, subject to such other terms and conditions as the General Manager determines necessary and Legal Counsel approves as to form.**

Roll call was taken on the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 4-yea.

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

**5. Dam Site 7 Interlocal Agreement for Rainwood Road Phases 1 & 2 – Ian Ghanavati:**

Project Manager Ian Ghanavati reminded the Directors that in 2018 the NRD completed a preliminary design of Dam Site 7 which is expected to be constructed in 2030. Ian reviewed the proposed Interlocal Cooperation Agreement with the Directors which designates responsibilities and funding allocations for Phase 1 and Phase 2 of Rainwood Road as well as identifying a future Phase 3. Ian stated that beyond any dedication of owned right-of-way or easements and review and approval of the project plans, the NRD has no financial obligations or any other obligations per the ILA. Ian and Asst. GM Amanda Grint answered Directors questions.

- **It was moved by Director Japp and seconded by Director Thompson that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board that the General Manager be authorized to execute the proposed Interlocal Cooperation Agreement (Rainwood Road from 166th Street to 156th Street) with Douglas County, SID 623, SID 633, and Bennington Public Schools District, subject to such other terms and conditions as the General Manager determines necessary and Legal Counsel approves as to form.**

Roll call was taken on the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 4-yea.

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

**6. Giles Road Siphon Replacement Project, Right of Way License Agreement with City of Omaha – Eric Williams:**

Project Manager Eric Williams reminded the Directors that the District acquired an abandoned ROW from Union Pacific along West Papio Creek as a corridor to construct a section of the WP Trail. He stated that the City of Omaha is requesting access to a portion of this ROW to install, maintain and access an underground sewer line, manhole and outlet structure. Eric specified that all work is being done by the City of Omaha at no cost to the District. All questions were addressed.

- **It was moved by Director Thompson and seconded by Director Japp that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board of Directors that the General Manager be authorized to execute the License Agreement with the City of Omaha for use of District right of way near Harry Andersen Ave and 110th Street north of Giles Road, subject to changes deemed necessary by the General Manager and approved as to form by District Legal Counsel.**

Roll call was taken on the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 4-yea.

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

**7. FY 2025 Cost Share Programs – Eric Williams:**

**a. Urban Drainageway Program**

Project Manager Eric Williams reviewed the applications for this program:

- Omaha, Eagle Run Creek
- Papillion, Matthies and Delmar Creek
- Ralston, Ralston Creek

The original total funding request for FY 2025 was \$1,718,000 and was changed during the course of discussion to \$1,200,000. Eric answered Directors questions.

- **It was moved by Director Thompson and seconded by Director Japp that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board of Directors that the application from the City of Ralston for \$1,200,000 be approved, subject to funding in the FY 2025 Budget.**

Roll call was taken on the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 4-yea.

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

**b. Recreation Area Development Program**

Project Manager Eric Williams reviewed the applications for this program:

- Bennington, Disc Golf Course
- Bennington, Park and Trail Master Plan
- Homer, Splash Pad
- Omaha, Lee Valley Park Sprayground
- Omaha, Zorinsky Lake Inclusive Playground

- Papillion, City Park Upgrades
- South Sioux City, Basketball Courts
- Valley, Park Renovation Phase 1

The total funding request for FY 2025 is \$320,678. Eric answered Directors questions.

- **It was moved by Director Thompson and seconded by Director Japp that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board of Directors that the applications from the City of Bennington for \$19,119 and \$27,500, the Village of Homer for \$24,059, the City of Omaha for \$50,000 and \$50,000, the City of Papillion for \$50,000, South Sioux City for \$50,000, and the City of Valley for \$50,000 for a total of \$320,678 be approved, subject to funding in the FY 2025 Budget.**

Roll call was taken on the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 3-yea.

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

**c. Flood Mitigation Planning and Mapping Assistance Program**

Project Manager Eric Williams reviewed the application for this program:

- Tekamah, Northeast Urban Drainage Plan

The total funding request for FY 2025 is \$38,750. Eric answered Directors questions.

- **It was moved by Director Thompson and seconded by Director Japp that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board of Directors that the application from the City of Tekamah for \$38,750 be approved, subject to funding in the FY 2025 Budget.**

Roll call was taken on the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 4-yea.

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

**d. Trails Assistance Program**

Project Manager Eric Williams reviewed the applications for this program:

- Fort Calhoun, Connecting Fort Calhoun
- OPS, Westview Arboretum Trail
- SID 305, Pioneer View Trail Connections
- South Sioux City, C Street Trail Expansion

The total funding for FY 2025 is \$816,297. Eric answered Directors questions.

- **It was moved by Director Thompson and seconded by Director Japp that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board of Directors that the applications from the City of Fort Calhoun for \$345,189, Omaha Public Schools for \$90,312, SID 305 for \$253,344, and South Sioux City for \$127,452 for a total of \$816,297 be approved, subject to funding in the FY 2025 Budget.**

Roll call was taken on the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 4-yea.

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

**ADJOURNMENT:** Being no further business, the meeting adjourned by acclamation at 5:42 p.m.