

**Programs, Projects, and Operations
Subcommittee Meeting Minutes
August 6, 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 August 6, 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	Rich Tesar*	Larry Bradley	John Winkler
Tim Fowler, Vice-Chairman		Phil Davidson	Amanda Grint
Patrick Bonnett**		Josh Henningsen	Brent Meyer, Legal Counsel
Ted Japp		Tim McCormick	Nicole Gust
Jim Thompson			Martin Cleveland
			Terry Schumacher
			Philip Paitz
			Mikaela Cherry, USGS
			Ginny McGuire, USGS
			Mike Placke, JEO
			Matt McConnell, HDR
			Anthony Strewn
			Other Staff Members

* Absent

** Alternate Voting Member

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

- **It was moved by Director Fowler and seconded by Director Japp that the agenda be adopted.**

Roll call was taken on the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 5-yea.

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

PROOF OF PUBLICATION: Public notice of the meeting was posted at all District offices and published in the Omaha World-Herald on August 1, 2024. The proof of publication affidavit is included with the file copy of these minutes.

1. USGS Groundwater Quality Presentation – Philip Paitz and Mikaela Cherry, USGS:

Project Manager Philip Paitz and Mikaela Cherry, USGS, presented the 2023 Papio-Missouri River NRD Groundwater Quality Monitoring Results and answered Directors questions. No action was taken by the Subcommittee.

2. Agreement with Omni on Little Papio R-14 Replacement – Martin Cleveland:

Project Manager Martin Cleveland reviewed the Little Papio Creek Levee/Channel Project with the Directors and let them know that OMG Midwest submitted a redevelopment plan to the NRD which is required by USACE for work within 500 ft of a channel/levee project. As part of this plan, they will be installing a new 36-inch diameter storm sewer in the development. The NRD planned on rehabilitating the existing 24-inch diameter culvert with its Culvert Group B project. As a result of the OMG development plans it is now proposed that OMG Midwest install a new 36-inch culvert at the existing 24-inch culvert's location and the Papio NRD will provide a cost reimbursement for the portion of the replacement cost equal to the Papio NRD installing a new 24-inch culvert. Martin presented the proposed Cost Share Agreement with OMG Midwest and answered Directors questions.

- **It was moved by Director Fowler and seconded by Director Japp that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board of Directors that the General Manager be authorized to execute the proposed Cost Share Agreement with OMG Midwest Inc. DBA Omni Engineering for Replacement of Little Papio Creek Levee/Channel Project Drainage Structure LP R-14 with a reimbursement maximum not to exceed amount of \$253,656, 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 5-yea.

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

3. Grant Agreement with NRCS for the Davis Creek Watershed WFPO Project – Terry Schumacher:

Land & Water Programs Coordinator Terry Schumacher reminded the Directors that in October 2021, the Board approved JEO Consulting Group for professional services needed to complete the PIFR for the Davis Creek WFPO project. Terry stated that in July 2024, the District received notice that NRCS approved the Notice of Grant Agreement Award submitted for the Watershed Work Plan in the amount of \$900,853. Terry and Mike Placke, JEO, answered Directors questions.

- **It was moved by Director Thompson and seconded by Director Fowler that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board that the General Manager be authorized to execute the Proposed Notice of Grant Agreement Award with the Natural Resource Conservation Service for the Watershed Work Plan in the Davis Creek Watershed WFPO Project in an amount of \$900,853, 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, Bonnett, Japp, Thompson, Conley
Voting Nay: None
Abstaining: None
Absent: Tesar

4. Amendment No. 1 with JEO Consulting Group for the Davis Creek Watershed WFPO Project – Terry Schumacher:

Land & Water Programs Coordinator Terry Schumacher reviewed the proposed Amendment No.1 with JEO for the Davis Creek Watershed WFPO Project which would bring the total contract not to exceed amount to \$832,510. Terry stated that the NRCS and the District have a proposed grant agreement which outlines that NRCS shall pay 100% of the costs for the Watershed Work Plan. All questions were addressed.

- **It was moved by Director Thompson and seconded by Director Fowler that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board that the General Manager be authorized to execute the Proposed Amendment No. 1 with JEO Consulting Group for the Davis Creek Watershed WFPO Project in an amount not to exceed \$803,980 bringing the total contract not to exceed amount to \$832,510, 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, Bonnett, Japp, Thompson, Conley
Voting Nay: None
Abstaining: None
Absent: Tesar

ADJOURNMENT: Being no further business, the meeting adjourned by acclamation at 4:38 p.m.