

**Programs, Projects, and Operations  
Subcommittee Meeting Minutes  
September 10, 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 September 10, 2024. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Fred Conley at 4:08 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>      |
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| Fred Conley, Chairman               | Rich Tesar*                        | Larry Bradley                  | John Winkler               |
| Tim Fowler, Vice-Chairman           |                                    | Tim McCormick                  | Amanda Grint               |
| Patrick Bonnett**                   |                                    |                                | Brent Meyer, Legal Counsel |
| Ted Japp                            |                                    |                                | Nicole Gust                |
| Jim Thompson                        |                                    |                                | Eric Williams              |
|                                     |                                    |                                | Ian Ghanavati              |
|                                     |                                    |                                | John Zaugg                 |
|                                     |                                    |                                | Zachary Irvine             |
|                                     |                                    |                                | Jeff Salberg               |
|                                     |                                    |                                | Anthony Strawn             |
|                                     |                                    |                                | Other Staff Members        |

- \* Absent
- \*\* Alternate Voting Member

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA:**

- **It was moved by Director Japp and seconded by Director Thompson 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 September 5, 2024. The proof of publication affidavit is included with the file copy of these minutes.

**1. Interlocal Agreement with Lower Platte South NRD, Sarpy County, Cass County and SID 101 for Platte River Obstruction Removal Cost Share – John Winkler:**

General Manager John Winkler briefed the Directors on the District’s work on the Platte River Obstruction Removal, and on the CDBG-DR grant that was awarded to the District which will pay for 90% of the obstruction removal costs. John broke down the Interlocal Agreement to pay for the 10% local match required by the CDBG-DR funding agreement and answered Directors questions.

- **It was moved by Director Thompson and seconded by Director Fowler that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board of Directors that the General Manager be authorized to execute the proposed Interlocal Agreement to provide the required 10% cost share for the Federal CDBG-DR grant with the funding sources and not to exceed amounts outlined in the memorandum; with any 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, Bonnett, Japp, Thompson, Conley  
 Voting Nay: None  
 Abstaining: None  
 Absent: Tesar

**2. Interlocal Agreement with Lower Platte South NRD and Nebraska Game & Parks Commission for Removal of Tree Debris Lied Bridge Cost Share – Eric Williams:**

Project Manager Eric Williams reminded the Directors of the District’s collaboration with LPSNRD to construct the MoPac Trail along the former Missouri Pacific Railroad line and briefed them on the initial ILA with the District, LPSNRD and NGPC. Eric stated that due to multiple high-water events the proposed amendment includes completing the needed debris removal which the District would contract for as well as seek federal funds for the work. NGPC and LPSNRD would each reimburse the District for one third of this work. Eric 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 Amendment to the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement with the Lower Platte South Natural Resources District, and the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission for the Trail Over Platte River Bridge (Lied Bridge), 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

**3. Contract Amendment No. 1 with Felsburg, Holt & Ullevig for Sorenson to Girard Trail – Eric Williams:**

Project Manager Eric Williams Reminded the Directors that the District approved an ILA with Alegent Health and the City of Omaha for design and construction of the Sorenson Trail, Girard Connection, and that a contract for design was executed with FHU. Eric stated that through the examination of the existing drainage infrastructure area, FHU expects that additional design may be needed for stormwater management on and around the trail. The initial contract was in the amount of \$97,798 and the amendment is for \$39,015 with a new contract not to exceed \$136,813. Eric answered Directors questions.

- **It was moved by Director Thompson and seconded by Director Bonnett that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board of Directors that the General Manger be authorized to execute the proposed Amendment No. 1 to the Professional Services Agreement between the District and Felsburg, Holt & Ullevig for the Sorenson to Girard Trail Connection Project for the maximum amount of \$39,015 bringing the total maximum not to exceed contract amount to \$136,813, subject to changes deemed necessary by the General Manger 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. Contract Amendment No. 2 with JEO Consulting for Southern Sarpy Stormwater Inspections – Ian Ghanavati:**

Project Manager Ian Ghanavati reminded the Directors that in January 2020 the Board approved JEO for professional services providing construction stormwater inspections to the SSWP and that this contract was amended in December 2020 to extend the inspection service to January 2025. Ian stated that the SSWP and JEO have agreed that the existing contract should be amended to extend the length of service through 2027, and that this proposed contract amendment was approved by the SSWP at their September 2024 meeting. The total not-to-exceed fee of the proposed Amendment No. 2 is \$663,160 bringing the total not-to-exceed fee to \$1,531,733. Ian, Assistant General Manager Amanda Grint, and General Manager John Winkler answered Directors questions.

- **It was moved by Director Fowler and seconded by Director Thompson that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board that the General Manager be authorized to execute the proposed Amendment No. 2 with JEO Consulting for Southern Sarpy Stormwater Inspections in an amount not to exceed \$663,160 bringing the total contract not to exceed amount to \$1,531,733, 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 5-yea.

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

**5. Nikolas Erosion and Sediment Control Complaint – John Zaugg:**

Field Representative John Zaugg briefed the Directors on a Nebraska Erosion and Sediment Control Act complaint received by the District. John stated that he inspected the property in question and that while erosion was noted, sediment damage was not present and therefore recommended dismissal of this complaint. John let the Directors know that he and the property owner would be meeting with NRCS to work on a solution. John and Legal Counsel Brent Meyer answered Directors questions.

- **It was moved by Director Thompson and seconded by Director Fowler that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board of Directors dismissal of this complaint due to the fact that this complaint is a non-violation of the District’s Erosion and Sediment Control Program.**

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 4:36 p.m.