

**Programs, Projects, and Operations  
Subcommittee Meeting Minutes  
April 8, 2025**

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 8, 2025. 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.

<b>Subcommittee Members Present</b>	<b>Subcommittee Members Absent</b>	<b>Other Directors Present</b>	<b>Others Present</b>
Fred Conley, Chairman		Brian Adams	John Winkler
Tim Fowler, Vice-Chairman		Larry Bradley	Amanda Grint
Phil Davidson		Anne Hubbard	Brent Meyer, Legal Counsel
Rich Tesar		Zach Irvine	Nicole Gust
Jim Thompson		Tim McCormick	Philip Paitz
		Rod Storm	Ian Ghanavati
			Eric Williams
			Mikaela Cherry, USGS
			Casey Lee, USGS
			Chris Hobza, USGS
			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, Davidson, 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 April 3, 2025. 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 USGS Groundwater Quality Monitoring Results from 2024 and answered Directors questions. No action was taken by the Subcommittee.

**2. Joint Funding Agreements for Water Quality Monitoring – Amanda Grint:**

Assistant General Manager Amanda Grint gave the history of the District’s involvement in the joint funding for Water Quality Monitoring and stated that the data collected is publicly available over the internet in real time and that historical data is also available. Amanada let the Directors know that the agreement has been increased to cover a five-year plan, and she broke down the costs for each fiscal year. All questions were addressed.

**a. Lower Platte River Corridor Gages:**

- **It was moved by Director Tesar and seconded by Director Davidson that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board of Directors that the General Manager be authorized to execute the Joint Funding Agreement with Lower Platte South Natural Resources District for the Lower Platte River Corridor Gages in the amount of \$39,600 in FY 2026, \$43,400 in FY 2027, \$46,200 in FY 2028, \$49,200 in FY2029 and \$37,400 in FY 2030 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, Davidson, Tesar, Thompson, Conley  
Voting Nay: None  
Abstaining: None  
Absent: None

**b. Leshara Gage:**

- **It was moved by Director Tesar and seconded by Director Davidson that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board of Directors that the General Manager be authorized to execute the Joint Funding Agreement with Lower Platte South Natural Resources District for the Leshara Gage in the amount of \$8,000 in FY 2026, \$6,400 in FY 2027, \$6,400 in FY 2028, \$6,400 in FY2029 and \$5,000 in FY 2030, 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, Davidson, Tesar, Thompson, Conley  
Voting Nay: None  
Abstaining: None  
Absent: None

**3. Contractor Agreement with University of Nebraska-Omaha for Glacier Creek Management Activities – Ian Ghanavati:**

Project Manager Ian Ghanavati reviewed the Glacier Creek Wetland and Stream Mitigation Bank project and the District’s partnership with UNO. Ian stated that a proposal was completed in August 2024 to provide UNO with a \$35,000 Budget for vegetation management in FY 2025 which was reviewed and approved by legal counsel of both partners. The District recommends that the contract be executed, and that UNO be eligible for payment of all management work completed in FY 2025, which includes \$9,679 in costs to date. If approved, the agreement will run until July 2025 at which time a new agreement will be drafted for FY 2026 management. Ian answered Directors questions.

- **It was moved by Director Fowler and seconded by Director Davidson that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board of Directors that the General Manager be authorized to execute the proposed Contractor Agreement with the University of Nebraska-Omaha, 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, Davidson, Tesar, Thompson, Conley  
Voting Nay: None  
Abstaining: None  
Absent: None

**4. FY 2026 Cost Share Program – 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
- SSC, Drainage Improvements at Crystal Cove
- **It was moved by Director Davidson and seconded by Director Fowler that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board of Directors that the applications from the City of Omaha for \$450,000, the City of Papillion for \$218,000, and South Sioux City for \$213,883 for a total of \$881,883 be approved, subject to funding in the FY 2026 Budget.**

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

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

**b. Recreation Area Development Program:**

Project Manager Eric Williams reviewed the applications for this program:

- Fort Calhoun, Ballfield ADA Restrooms
- Omaha, Churchich Park Playground
- Omaha, Dahlman Park Improvements
- Papillion, City Park Upgrades
- SSC, Baumer Park Playground
- SSC, Freedom Park Play Structure
- **It was moved by Director Davidson and seconded by Director Fowler that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board of Directors that the applications from Fort Calhoun for \$50,000, the City of Omaha for \$50,000 and \$50,000, the City of Papillion for \$50,000, and South Sioux City for \$50,000 and \$50,000 for a total of \$300,000 be approved, subject to funding in the FY 2026 Budget.**

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

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

**c. Trails Assistance Program:**

Project Manager Eric Williams reviewed the applications for this program:

- Douglas County, Trails Master Plan
  - Ralston, Ralston Creek Trail
  - Sarpy County, Giles Road Trail
  - SID 313, Garden Oaks Trail
  - SID 405, Deer Creek Trail Phase 3
  - SSC, YMCA Trail
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- **It was moved by Director Davidson and seconded by Director Tesar that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board of Directors that the applications from Douglas County for \$19,688, City of Ralston for \$180,475, Sarpy County for \$178,500, SID 313 for \$250,000, SID 405 for \$135,086, and South Sioux City for \$30,000 for a total of \$793,751 be approved, subject to funding in the FY 2026 Budget.**

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

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

**ADJOURNMENT:** Being no further business, the meeting adjourned by acclamation at 4:57 p.m.