



**PAPIO-MISSOURI RIVER
NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES
March 13, 2025**

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: A regular meeting of the Papio-Missouri River Natural Resources District Board of Directors was held at the Natural Resources Center, 8901 S. 154th Street, Omaha, NE on March 13, 2025. The meeting was called to order by Vice-Chairman Larry Bradley at 4:00 p.m.

NOTIFICATION OF OPEN MEETINGS ACT POSTING AND MEETING PROCEDURE

QUORUM CALL: The following Directors were present for the Quorum Call:

Brian Adams	Anne Hubbard
Larry Bradley	Zach Irvine
Fred Conley	Rod Storm
Phil Davidson	Rich Tesar
Tim Fowler	Jim Thompson

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

- **MOTION NO. 1:** It was moved by Director Tesar and seconded by Director Conley that the meeting agenda be adopted.

Roll call vote was held on the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 10-yea.

Voting Yea	-	Adams, Conley, Davidson, Fowler, Hubbard, Irvine, Storm, Tesar, Thompson, Bradley
Voting Nay	-	None
Abstaining	-	None
Excused Absence	-	McCormick
Absent	-	McCormick

ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA:

- **MOTION NO. 2:** It was moved by Director Tesar and seconded by Director Fowler that the following resolution be adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED that the following resolutions on the consent agenda are hereby adopted.

Agenda Item 3.A.:

BE IT RESOLVED that the absences of the following Director(s) from the March 13, 2025, Board of Directors Meeting is excused:

Tim McCormick.

Agenda Item 7. A.:

BE IT RESOLVED that the February 13, 2025, Papio-Missouri River NRD Board Meeting minutes are approved as printed.

Roll call vote was held on the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 10-yea.

Voting Yea	-	Adams, Conley, Davidson, Fowler, Hubbard, Irvine, Storm, Tesar, Thompson, Bradley
Voting Nay	-	None
Abstaining	-	None
Excused Absence	-	McCormick
Absent	-	McCormick

PROOFS OF PUBLICATION OF MEETING NOTICE: Notice of the meeting was published in the E-edition of the Omaha World Herald on March 6, 2025, and posted to the District's website. The District's January 10 – February 13, 2025, expenditures were published in the Sarpy County Times on February 26, 2025. The Vice-Chairman ordered the Proofs of Publication recorded in the minutes of this meeting. (They are contained as part of the file copy of these minutes.)

AGENCY AND ASSOCIATION REPORTS:

- A. Natural Resources Conservation Service Report: Kristin Schlueter, District Conservationist, submitted a written report on NRCS activities for the month of March. Her report has been posted to the District's website.
- B. Nebraska Association of Resources Districts:
 - 1. Director Tesar gave a report on the NARD Board of Directors meeting that was held in Lincoln, Nebraska on March 10, 2025.
 - 2. Director Fowler gave a report on the NACD 79th Annual Meeting that was held in Salt Lake City, Utah on February 7-12, 2025.
- C. Legislative Report – Catalyst Public Affairs: General Manager Winkler gave an update to on-going Legislative activities.

Agency reports can be heard on the District’s Podcast at www.papionrd.org/meeting-podcasts/ .

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:

A. Programs, Projects, and Operations Subcommittee: Director Conley reported that the PPO Subcommittee met on March 11, 2025, and gave a brief recap of the meeting.

- **MOTION NO. 3:** It was moved by Director Conley that the following recommendation be adopted:

PPO Recommendation 1: Beltline Trail Phase 4 Construction Bids: Recommendation that the General Manager be authorized to execute a construction contract with Spencer Management, LLC in the amount of \$471,500.70 (Four Hundred and seventy-one thousand, five hundred dollars and seventy cents) for the Beltline Trail Phase 4 Project, subject to changes deemed necessary by the General Manager and approval as to form by District Legal Counsel.

Roll call vote was held on the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 10-yea.

Voting Yea - Adams, Conley, Davidson, Fowler, Hubbard, Irvine, Storm, Tesar, Thompson, Bradley
Voting Nay - None
Abstaining - None
Excused Absence - McCormick
Absent - McCormick

- **MOTION NO. 4:** It was moved by Director Conley that the following recommendation be adopted:

PPO Recommendation 2: Contract Amendment No. 6 with HDR for WP-4 Project: Recommendation that the General Manager be authorized to execute Amendment No. 6 with HDR Engineering, Inc. for Professional Engineering Services for modifications to the Final Design of the WP-4 Project in an amount not-to-exceed \$118,026 (One hundred and eighteen thousand and twenty-six dollars), bringing the total contract amount to \$3,995,052 (Three million, nine hundred and ninety-five thousand and fifty-two dollars), subject to changes deemed necessary by the General Manager and approval as to form by District Legal Counsel.

Roll call vote was held on the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 10-yea.

Voting Yea - Adams, Conley, Davidson, Fowler, Hubbard, Irvine, Storm, Tesar, Thompson, Bradley
Voting Nay - None
Abstaining - None
Excused Absence - McCormick
Absent - McCormick

- **MOTION NO. 5:** It was moved by Director Conley that the following recommendation be adopted:

PPO Recommendation 3: Final Design Contract with HDR for DS-12 Project: Recommendation that District Policy 15.2 Purchasing – Professional Services be waived and that the General Manager be authorized to execute a contract with HDR Engineering, Inc. for Professional Engineering Services for the Final Design of the Dam Site 12 Project in an amount not-to-exceed \$844,999 (Eight hundred and forty-four thousand, nine hundred and ninety-nine dollars), subject to changes deemed necessary by the General Manager and approval as to form by District Legal Counsel.

Roll call vote was held on the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 10-yea.

Voting Yea - Adams, Conley, Davidson, Fowler, Hubbard, Irvine, Storm, Tesar, Thompson, Bradley
Voting Nay - None
Abstaining - None
Excused Absence - McCormick
Absent - McCormick

- **MOTION NO. 6:** It was moved by Director Conley that the following recommendation be adopted:

PPO Recommendation 4: Design Agreement between US Department of the Army and Papio NRD for the DS-19 Project: Recommendation that the General Manager be authorized to execute the proposed Design Agreement with the US Department of the Army for the Papillion Creek and Tributaries Lakes, Dam Site 19 Design, to provide the non-federal contribution in an amount not-to-exceed \$861,538 (Eight hundred and sixty-one thousand, five hundred and thirty-eight dollars), subject to changes deemed necessary by the General Manager and approval as to form by District Legal Counsel.

Roll call vote was held on the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 10-yea.

Voting Yea - Adams, Conley, Davidson, Fowler, Hubbard, Irvine, Storm, Tesar, Thompson, Bradley
Voting Nay - None
Abstaining - None
Excused Absence - McCormick
Absent - McCormick

- **MOTION NO. 7:** It was moved by Director Conley that the following recommendation be adopted:

PPO Recommendation 5: Interlocal Agreement with SID 347 for WP-2 Trail Connection: Recommendation that the General Manager be authorized to execute the proposed WP-2 Trail Connection Interlocal Agreement with Sanitary Improvement District No. 347, subject to changes deemed necessary by the General Manager and approval as to form by District Legal Counsel.

Roll call vote was held on the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 10-yea.

Voting Yea - Adams, Conley, Davidson, Fowler, Hubbard, Irvine, Storm, Tesar, Thompson, Bradley
Voting Nay - None
Abstaining - None
Excused Absence - McCormick
Absent - McCormick

B. Finance, Expenditure and Legal Subcommittee: Director Tesar reported that the FEL Subcommittee met on March 11, 2025, and gave a brief recap of the meeting.

•• **MOTION NO. 8:** It was moved by Director Tesar that the following recommendation be adopted:

FEL Recommendation 1: Private Levee Cost Share Agreement between the Papio NRD and Michael McEvoy for Lake Platte View, Lot 2: Recommendation that Legal Counsel is authorized to file condemnation for the necessary easement rights on Lake Platte View Lot 2 to reduce flood risks to surrounding residence, infrastructure and farms, if no agreement is reached with Michael McEvoy and the District for a cost share through District Program 17.45, Private Levee Program.

Roll call vote was held on the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 10-yea.

Voting Yea - Adams, Conley, Davidson, Fowler, Hubbard, Irvine, Storm, Tesar, Thompson, Bradley
Voting Nay - None
Abstaining - None
Excused Absence - McCormick
Absent - McCormick

TREASURER'S REPORT:

•• **MOTION NO. 9:** It was moved by Director Fowler and seconded by Director Thompson that the following resolution be adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Treasurer is authorized to expend general funds to pay: (1) claims listed in the February 2025 financial report; and, (2) any claims made prior to the next Board meeting for (a) earned salaries of District employees, (b) withholding taxes, (c) social security payments, (d) retirement

program contributions, (e) utilities, (f) registration fees and expenses for upcoming meetings and conferences, (g) certified completed CAP and Special Project Area applications, (h) invoices which offer a credit or discount for payment made prior to the next Board meeting, (i) postage, and, (j) building and grounds contract expenses.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Treasurer is authorized to pay, from the respective operating accounts of the Washington County, Dakota County, and Thurston County Water Supply System, the Elkhorn River Stabilization Project, the Elk/Pigeon Creek Drainage Project, the Western Sarpy Drainage Project, the Papillion Creek Watershed Partnership, and the Southern Sarpy Watersheds Partnership project bills listed on the February 2025 financial report, and future claims for project utilities.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the financial reports be affixed to and made a part of the minutes.

Roll call vote was held on the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 10-yea.

Voting Yea	-	Adams, Conley, Davidson, Fowler, Hubbard, Irvine, Storm, Tesar, Thompson, Bradley
Voting Nay	-	None
Abstaining	-	None
Excused Absence	-	McCormick
Absent	-	McCormick

TAKE FROM THE TABLE AND CONSIDERATION OF DAM SITE NAMING RESOLUTIONS PROPOSED AT THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING ON FEBRUARY 13, 2025

•• **MOTION NO. 10:** It was moved by Director Thompson and seconded by Director Davidson that the following resolution be adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Dam Site Naming Resolutions proposed at the Board of Directors Meeting be taken from the table for further consideration, discussion, and action.

Roll call vote was held on the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 9-yea and 1-abstaining.

Voting Yea	-	Adams, Conley, Davidson, Fowler, Hubbard, Irvine, Storm, Thompson, Bradley
Voting Nay	-	None
Abstaining	-	Tesar
Excused Absence	-	McCormick
Absent	-	McCormick

- **MOTION NO. 11:** It was moved by Director Thompson and seconded by Director Davidson that the following recommendation be adopted:

West Papillion Basin #1, Marlin Petermann Recreation Area: The Board of Directors recommend that the West Papillion Regional Basin Number 1 be named Marlin Petermann Recreation Area and in conjunction with the Nebraska State Historical Society, the Papio-Missouri River NRD will provide an appropriate marker recognizing the accomplishments of Marlin Petermann.

The following individual addressed the Board:

- Michael Petermann, 4651 Deer Creek Road, Wamego, KS

Directors shared personal memories and experiences they had with Marlin Petermann. Marlin’s biography has been posted to the District’s website.

Roll call vote was held on the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 10-yea.

Voting Yea	-	Adams, Conley, Davidson, Fowler, Hubbard, Irvine, Storm, Tesar, Thompson, Bradley
Voting Nay	-	None
Abstaining	-	None
Excused Absence	-	McCormick
Absent	-	McCormick

- **MOTION NO. 12:** It was moved by Director Thompson and seconded by Director Fowler that the following recommendation be adopted:

West Papillion Basin #2, Sergeant Mad Bear (Kuruks Tičaris) Recreation Area: The Board of Directors recommend that the West Papillion Regional Basin Number 2 be named Sergeant Mad Bear Recreation Area and in conjunction with the Nebraska State Historical Society, the Papio-Missouri River NRD will provide an appropriate marker recognizing the accomplishments of Sergeant Mad Bear.

Directors gave input on the history of Sergeant Mad Bear (Kuruks Tičaris).

Roll call vote was held on the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 10-yea.

Voting Yea	-	Adams, Conley, Davidson, Fowler, Hubbard, Irvine, Storm, Tesar, Thompson, Bradley
Voting Nay	-	None
Abstaining	-	None
Excused Absence	-	McCormick
Absent	-	McCormick

- **MOTION NO. 13:** It was moved by Director Thompson and seconded by Director Davidson that the following recommendation be adopted:

West Papillion Basin #4, Pitarisaru Recreation Area: The Board of Directors recommend that the West Papillion Regional Basin Number 4 be named Pitarisaru Recreation Area and in conjunction with the Nebraska State Historical Society, the Papio-Missouri River NRD will provide an appropriate marker recognizing the accomplishments of Pitarisaru.

General Manager Winkler reviewed the names that were submitted for consideration in the naming of the West Papillion Basin #4. The following individual addressed the Board:

- Paul Gilligan, 4161 Cass Street, Omaha, NE

- **MOTION NO. 14:** A substitute motion was made by Director Tesar and seconded by Director Irvine to name the West Papillion #4 Regional Basin, Forest City Recreation Area.

Roll call vote was held on the substitute motion. The substitute motion carried on a vote of 9-yea and 1-nay.

Voting Yea	-	Adams, Conley, Davidson, Fowler, Hubbard, Irvine, Storm, Tesar, Bradley
Voting Nay	-	Thompson
Abstaining	-	None
Excused Absence	-	McCormick
Absent	-	McCormick

There was discussion by Directors.

- **MOTION NO. 15:** A motion was made by Director Tesar and seconded by Director Irvine to approve the substitute motion, naming the West Papillion #4 Regional Basin, Forest City Recreation Area.

Roll call vote was held on the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 8-yea and 2-nay.

Voting Yea	-	Adams, Conley, Davidson, Fowler, Hubbard, Irvine, Storm, Tesar
Voting Nay	-	Thompson, Bradley
Abstaining	-	None
Excused Absence	-	McCormick
Absent	-	McCormick

- **MOTION NO. 16:** It was moved by Director Thompson and seconded by Director Conley that the following recommendation be adopted:

Dam Site 19, Dr. Susan La Flesche Picotte Recreation Area: The Board of Directors recommend that the Dam Site Number 19 be

named Dr. Susan La Flesche Picotte Recreation Area and in conjunction with the Nebraska State Historical Society, the Papio-Missouri River NRD will provide an appropriate marker recognizing the accomplishments of Dr. Susan La Flesche Picotte.

The following individual addressed the Board:

- Elizabeth Lovejoy Brown, Executive Director, Dr. Susan La Flesche Picotte Center, PO Box 36, Walthill, NE

Directors gave input on the history of Dr. Susan La Flesche Picotte and their support in naming Dam Site Number 19, Dr. Susan La Flesche Picotte Recreation Area.

Roll call vote was held on the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 10-yea.

Voting Yea	-	Adams, Conley, Davidson, Fowler, Hubbard, Irvine, Storm, Tesar, Thompson, Bradley
Voting Nay	-	None
Abstaining	-	None
Excused Absence	-	McCormick
Absent	-	McCormick

CHAIRMAN’S REPORT:

A. Appointment of Ad-Hoc Consultant Selection Subcommittee RFP for the Oakleaf Grade Stabilization:

- **MOTION NO. 17:** It was moved by Director Conley and seconded by Director Adams that the following resolution be adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Ad-Hoc Consultant Selection Subcommittee appointments, as presented by the Vice-Chairman are hereby approved.

Roll call was held on the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 10-yea.

Voting Yea	-	Adams, Conley, Davidson, Fowler, Hubbard, Irvine, Storm, Tesar, Thompson, Bradley
Voting Nay	-	None
Abstaining	-	None
Excused Absence	-	McCormick
Absent	-	McCormick

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT: GM Winkler reviewed his report with the Board and noted that the report had been posted to the website.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

A. Future Meetings: The Vice-Chairman reviewed the following upcoming meetings with the Directors:

April 8, 2025 Papio NRD Subcommittee Meetings, 4:00 p.m., at NRC

April 10, 2025 Papio NRD Board Meeting, 4:00 p.m., at NRC

B. Next Meeting – The next scheduled meeting of the Papio NRD Board of Directors will be held on April 10, 2025, at the NRC.

ADJOURNMENT: Being no further business, the Vice-Chairman declared that the meeting was adjourned at 5:02 p.m.

NOTE: These minutes reflect the actions and votes taken at the March 13, 2025, Board of Directors Meeting of the Papio-Missouri River Natural Resources District and are not an official transcript of the meeting. The audio cast of this meeting can be found on our website at www.papionrd.org.

I, the undersigned, Secretary of the Papio-Missouri River Natural Resources District, hereby certify that the foregoing are true and correct minutes of a meeting of the Board of Directors of the District held on March 13, 2025, that all of the subjects included in the foregoing proceedings were contained in the agenda for the meeting, kept continually current and readily available for public inspection at the office of the District; that such subjects were contained in said agenda at least twenty-four hours prior to said meeting; that at least one copy of all reproducible material discussed at the meeting was available at the meeting for examination and copying by members of the public; that the minutes were in written form and available for public inspection within ten working days and prior to the next convened meeting of said body; and, that all news media requesting notification of the meeting of said body were provided advance notification of the time and place of said meeting.

Richard Tesar
District Secretary