

**Programs, Projects, and Operations  
Subcommittee Meeting Minutes  
May 6, 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 May 6, 2025. The meeting was called to order by Vice-Chairman Tim Fowler 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>
Tim Fowler, Vice-Chairman	Fred Conley, Chairman*	Brian Adams	John Winkler
Zach Irvine**	Phil Davidson*	Anne Hubbard	Amanda Grint
Rich Tesar		Tim McCormick	Brent Meyer, Legal Counsel
Rod Storm**			Nicole Gust
Jim Thompson			Eric Williams
			Terry Schumacher
			Mark Dethlefs, EGA
			Phil Green, City Administrator of Blair
			Tim Matten Brink, Easterseals, Nebraska
			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: Irvine, Tesar, Thompson, Fowler

Voting Nay: None

Abstaining: None

Absent: Davidson, Storm

**PROOF OF PUBLICATION:** Public notice of the meeting was posted at all District offices and published in the Omaha World-Herald on April 25, 2025. The proof of publication affidavit is included with the file copy of these minutes.

**1. FY 2026 Equipment Requirements – Nicole Gust:**

Purchasing Agent Nicole Gust explained the process used to determine the equipment replacement budget for FY 2026 and described each of the items proposed for purchase. Nicole answered Directors questions.

- **It was moved by Director Tesar and seconded by Director Irvine that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board of Directors to approve the proposed FY 2026 Equipment Requirements subject to funding in the FY 2026 Budget.**

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

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

Director Storm arrived at the meeting at 4:06 p.m.

## **2. Sorensen to Girard Trail – Eric Williams:**

Project Manager Eric Williams reviewed the history of the Sorensen to Girard Trail project with the Directors and stated that the scope of work identified in Amendment 3 to Professional Service Agreement with Felsburg, Holt & Ullevig, covers drainage updates as well as updates to both plans and construction bid quantities. Eric also reviewed the Construction Change Order 1 with Navarro Lawn & Landscape and stated that the total amount covered under Change order 1 is \$243,317.30 bringing the updated construction contract to \$1,162,840. Eric answered Directors questions.

### **a. Contract Amendment 3 to Professional Service Agreement with Felsburg, Holt & Ullevig:**

- **It was moved by Director Thompson and seconded by Director Irvine that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board of Directors that the General Manager be authorized to execute the proposed Amendment No. 3 to the Professional Services Agreement between the District and Felsburg, Holt & Ullevig for the Sorensen to Girard Trail Connection Project for the maximum amount of \$19,100 bringing the total maximum not to exceed contract amount to \$189,441, 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: Irvine, Storm, Tesar, Thompson, Fowler  
 Voting Nay: None  
 Abstaining: None  
 Absent: Davidson

### **b. Construction Change Order 1 with Navarro Lawn & Landscape, Inc.:**

- **It was moved by Director Storm and seconded by Director Thompson that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board of Directors that the General Manager be authorized to execute the proposed Change Order No. 1 to the construction contract between the District and Navarro Lawn & Landscape for the Sorensen to Girard Trail Project for the maximum amount of \$243,317.30 bringing the total contract amount to \$1,162,840, 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: Irvine, Storm, Tesar, Thompson, Fowler  
 Voting Nay: None  
 Abstaining: None  
 Absent: Davidson

### **3. Interlocal Agreement with City of Blair for Water Quality Basin Cost Share – John Winkler:**

General Manager John Winkler, Phil Green, City Administrator of Blair, and Tim Metten Brink, Easterseals, NE, briefed the Directors on the City of Blair's ongoing problems with Cauble Creek, as well as Blair's unique opportunity to partner with Easterseals Nebraska to improve the situation. The Papio NRD's will contribute \$367,000 to the project which was already budgeted in the last fiscal year (2024-2025) budget in anticipation of this ILA. All Director questions were addressed.

- **It was moved by Director Thompson and seconded by Director Storm that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board of Directors that the General Manager be authorized to execute the proposed Interlocal Agreement to provide the City of Blair with a cost share of a not to exceed \$367,000 for the Cauble Creek project; 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: Irvine, Storm, Tesar, Thompson, Fowler  
Voting Nay: None  
Abstaining: None  
Absent: Davidson

### **4. Amendment No. 1 for the Silver Creek Watershed Site 35A Small Flood Control and Water Quality Project – Terry Schumacher:**

Land and Water Programs Coordinator Terry Schumacher briefed the Directors on the Silver Creek Watershed Site 35A Small Flood Control and Water Quality Project and reminded the Directors that the Board approved an agreement with Houston Engineering, Inc. Terry gave an update on the next phase of the project as well as a scope of services agreement for Amendment No. 1 of the project for a total not to exceed amount of \$837,596, bringing the total contract to \$994,022. Terry, John Winkler, General Manager and Amanda Grint, Asst. General Manager answered Directors questions.

- **It was moved by Director Storm and seconded by Director Irvine that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board of Directors that the General Manager be authorized to execute the proposed Amendment No. 1 with Houston Engineering, Inc. for the Silver Creek Watershed Site 35A Project, in an amount not to exceed \$837,596 bringing the total contract not to exceed amount of \$994,022, 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: Irvine, Storm, Tesar, Thompson, Fowler  
Voting Nay: None  
Abstaining: None  
Absent: Davidson

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