



**PAPIO-MISSOURI RIVER
NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES
May 8, 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 May 8, 2025. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Tim McCormick 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	Zach Irvine
Larry Bradley	Tim McCormick
Fred Conley	Rod Storm
Phil Davidson	Rich Tesar
Tim Fowler	Jim Thompson
Anne Hubbard	

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

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

Roll call vote was held on the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 11-yea.

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

ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA:

- **MOTION NO. 2:** It was moved by Director Fowler and seconded by Director Tesar 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 May 8, 2025, Board of Directors Meeting are excused:

None to Date.

Agenda Item 7. A. and 7.B.:

BE IT RESOLVED that the April 10, 2025, Papio-Missouri River NRD Board Meeting minutes and the April 9, 2025 Dakota County Rural Water Advisory Board Meeting minutes are approved as printed.

Roll call vote was held on the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 11-yea.

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

PROOFS OF PUBLICATION OF MEETING NOTICE: Notice of the meeting was published in the Omaha World Herald on April 25, 2025. The District's March 14, 2025 through April 10, 2025, expenditures were published in the Washington County Enterprise on April 18, 2025. The 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 May.
- B. Nebraska Association of Resources Districts: Director Tesar informed the Board that Chairman McCormick would be representing the District at the NARD Board Meeting and the NRD Basin Tour of the Niobrara Basin. Both events are being held in Valentine, NE.
- C. Legislative Report – Catalyst Public Affairs: Tim Gay gave the Legislative Report. His written summary of legislative issues was distributed to Directors, and a copy of the summary report is contained in the file copy of these minutes.

Reports can be heard on the District's podcast <https://www.papionrd.org/about/meeting-podcasts/>

PUBLIC HEARING ON PRIVATE LEVEE COST SHARE AGREEMENT – McEvoy PROPERTY:

Chairman McCormick appointed General Manager Winkler as the Hearing Officer. Hearing Officer Winkler called the hearing to order at 4:12 p.m. and submitted the following exhibits for the record:

- Exhibit 1** Agenda
- Exhibit 2** Proof of Publication of Hearing Notice
 - ◆ Omaha World Herald, April 25, 2025
- Exhibit 3** Site Map of Lake Platte View Lot 2, McEvoy Property

Brent Meyer, Husch Blackwell, stated the Public Hearing was being held in accordance with Neb. Rev. Statute § 25-2504. The District explained the nature and necessity of the proposed land acquisition. Assistant General Manager Amanda Grint explained that the purpose of the project is to restore high ground that was breached in the 2019 flood to pre-flood conditions in order to reduce flood risk and damage from the Platte River in western Douglas County, NE. This location was chosen because it is the last unrepaired breach that extends Union Dike and No Name Dike south to Highway 92. When repaired, the high ground helps to protect public infrastructure and residential properties within the Papio NRD District.

For this project, it is necessary to acquire property for the construction, operation and maintenance of high ground for the Private Levee Cost Share Program. The District proposes to acquire fee simple title to restore high ground on this property.

At this hearing, the District will hear and consider any objections from any person. Hearing Officer Winkler opened the floor to the public. No one from the public came forward to offer testimony.

Hearing Officer Winkler closed the Public Hearing at 4:16 p.m. and returned the floor to Chairman McCormick.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:

A. Ad-Hoc Consultant Selection Subcommittee RFP for the Oakleaf Grade Stabilization Project: Director Davidson reported that the Ad-Hoc Consultant Selection Subcommittee met on May 1, 2025, and gave a brief recap of the meeting.

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

Ad-Hoc Recommendation 1.: Consultant Selection Interviews: Recommendation that Benesch be ranked first to negotiate a contract for professional services necessary to design and permit a series of grade control structures within the Oakleaf Subdivision and that Embris Group be ranked second.

Roll call vote was held on the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 8-yea, 2-nay, and 1-abstaining.

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

B. Programs, Projects and Operations Subcommittee: Director Fowler reported that the PPO Subcommittee met on May 6, 2025, and gave a brief recap of the meeting.

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

PPO Recommendation 1.: FY 2026 Equipment Requirements: Recommendation that the proposed FY 2026 Equipment Requirements be approved, subject to funding in the FY 2026 Budget.

Roll call vote was held on the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 11-yea.

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

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

PPO Recommendation 2.a.: Sorensen to Girard Trail – Contract Amendment 3 to Professional Services Agreement with Felsburg, Holt & Ullevig: Recommendation 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 to 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 vote was held on the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 11-yea.

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

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

PPO Recommendation 2.b.: Sorensen to Girard Trail – Construction Change Order 1 with Navarro Lawn & Landscape, Inc.: Recommendation 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 vote was held on the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 11-yea.

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

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

PPO Recommendation 3.: Interlocal Agreement with City of Blair for Water Quality Basin Cost Share: Recommendation that the General Manager be authorized to execute the proposed Interlocal Agreement with the City of Blair to provide a cost share of a not-to-exceed \$367,000 for the Cauble Creek project; with 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 11-yea.

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

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

PPO Recommendation 4.: Amendment No. 1 for the Silver Creek Watershed Site 35A Small Flood Control and Water Quality Project: Recommendation 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 \$837,596.00, bringing the total contract not-to-exceed amount to \$994,022.00, 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 11-yea.

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

C. Finance, Expenditure and Legal Subcommittee: Director Bradley reported that the FEL Subcommittee met on May 6, 2025, and gave a brief recap of the meeting.

- **MOTION NO. 9:** It was moved by Director Bradley that the following recommendation be adopted:

FEL Recommendation 1.: District Legal Services: Recommendation that the Board approve the proposed legal services agreement with Husch Blackwell, per the terms and conditions outlined in said agreement, for a period to begin upon execution of agreement from May 9, 2025 to June 30, 2028, 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 11-yea.

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

- **MOTION NO. 10:** It was moved by Director Bradley that the following recommendation be adopted:

FEL Recommendation 2.: Seventh (and final) Addendum to General Manager Agreement: Recommendation that the Board approve the Seventh Addendum to the General Manager Employment Agreement which would extend the term of employment from May 2025 to December 31, 2031 with all other terms under the Agreement remaining the same, subject to approval as to form by District Legal Counsel.

Roll call vote was held on the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 11-yea.

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

- **MOTION NO. 11:** It was moved by Director Bradley that the following recommendation be adopted:

FEL Recommendation 3.a.: Douglas County Buyout Acquisitions – 24116 Curtis Avenue: Recommendation that the General Manager be authorized to execute for and on behalf of the District the Purchase Agreement providing for the purchase by the District from Don Vencil, of property located at 24116 Curtis Avenue, Valley, Nebraska for the purchase price of

\$16,830, subject to changes deemed necessary by the General Manager and approval as to form by District Legal Counsel.

Director Hubbard asked about the number of people that still live in the King Lake area. Project Manager Lori Laster stated there are approximately 250 privately owned parcels in the area and 100-150 family occupied units.

Roll call vote was held on the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 11-yea.

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

- **MOTION NO. 12:** It was moved by Director Bradley that the following recommendation be adopted:

FEL Recommendation 3.b.: Douglas County Buyout Acquisitions – 6320 Riverside Drive: Recommendation that the General Manager be authorized to execute for and on behalf of the District the Purchase Agreement providing for the purchase by the District from Don Vencil, of property located at 6320 Riverside Drive, Valley, Nebraska for the purchase price of \$65,000, 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 11-yea.

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

- **MOTION NO. 13:** It was moved by Director Bradley that the following recommendation be adopted:

FEL Recommendation 3.c.: Douglas County Buyout Acquisitions – Riverside Drive Parcel: Recommendation that the General Manager be authorized to execute for and on behalf of the District the Purchase Agreement providing for the purchase by the District from Don Vencil, of Douglas County Parcel ID 1508800001 in King Lake, Valley, Nebraska for the purchase price of \$5,440, subject to changes deemed necessary by the General Manager and approval as to form by District Legal Counsel.

Directors Tesar and Thompson gave input on why the district should not purchase the vacant parcel.

Roll call vote was held on the motion. The motion failed on a vote of 4-yea and 7-nay.

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

- **MOTION NO. 14:** It was moved by Director Bradley that the following recommendation be adopted:

FEL Recommendation 3.d.: Douglas County Buyout Acquisitions – 24637 Camellia: Recommendation that the General Manager be authorized to execute for and on behalf of the District the Purchase Agreement providing for the purchase by the District from Linda James, of property located at 24637 Camellia Avenue, Valley, Nebraska for the purchase price of \$15,000, 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 11-yea.

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

- **MOTION NO. 15:** It was moved by Director Bradley that the following recommendation be adopted:

FEL Recommendation 4.: Lower Platte River Sub-Regional Groundwater Modeling Professional Services Account over 110%: Recommendation that the account for Lower Platte River Sub-Regional Groundwater Modeling Professional Services (01-05-4400-191) be allowed to exceed the budgeted amount up to \$312,000.00.

Roll call vote was held on the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 11-yea.

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

TREASURER'S REPORT:

- **MOTION NO. 16:** It was moved by Director Fowler and seconded by Director Bradley that the following resolution be adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Treasurer is authorized to expend general funds to pay: (l) claims listed in the April 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 Dakota County, Thurston County and Washington County Rural Water System, the Elkhorn River Bank Stabilization Project, the Elk/Pigeon Creek Drainage Project, the Western Sarpy Drainage District, the Papillion Creek Watershed Partnership, and the Southern Sarpy Watersheds Partnership project bills listed on the April 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 11-yea.

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

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT: The Chairman invited Kansas Lohmeier to join the Board Meeting. Kansas is co-president of the Green Team at Elkhorn South High Schools, where she organizes weekly recycling pickups, bi-annual cleanups and Earth Day education programming. Director Thompson acknowledged several of the 2025 Earth Day Omaha award recipients and thanked Directors Bradley and McCormick for their attendance at this event.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT: GM Winkler reviewed his report with the Board. The report is posted to the District's website. The GM also provided an update to Nebraska Game and Parks Tree Memorial Dedication at Summit Lake SRA, which is scheduled to take place on Saturday, May 17th from 10-11:00 a.m. This year's event will be honoring Burt County military members and first responders. Go to <https://calendar.outdoornebraska.gov/event/tree-memorial-dedication-at-summit-lake-sra/> for more information.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

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

May 20, 2025	Electronic Waste Recycling Collections in the Tekamah and Blair Field Offices
May 22, 2025	Electronic Waste Recycling Collections in the Walthill and Dakota City Field Offices

May 26, 2025 Papio NRD Offices Closed for Memorial Day

June 10, 2025 Papio NRD Subcommittee Meetings, 4:00 p.m., at NRC

June 12, 2025 Papio NRD Board Meeting, 4:00 p.m., at NRC

June 19, 2025 Papio NRD Offices Closed for Juneteenth National Independence Day

B. Next Meeting – The next scheduled meeting of the Papio NRD Board of Directors will be held on June 12, 2025, at the NRC.

ADJOURNMENT: Being no further business, the Chairman declared that the meeting was adjourned at 4:44 p.m.

NOTE: These minutes reflect the actions and votes taken at the May 8, 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 May 8, 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