

**Programs, Projects, and Operations
Subcommittee Meeting Minutes
August 6, 2013**

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 154th Street, Omaha, NE, on August 6, 2013. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson John Conley at 6:30 p.m.

Quorum Call: Quorum call was taken. The following subcommittee members were in attendance.

Subcommittee Members Present	Subcommittee Members Absent	Other Directors Present	Others in Attendance
John Conley (Chairperson)		Patrick Bonnett	John Winkler
Jim Thompson (Vice-Chairperson)		Fred Conley	Marlin J. Petermann
Dave Klug		Curt Frost	Paul Peters
Patrick Leahy		Scott Japp	Jean Tait
Rich Tesar		Ron Woodle	Heather Borkowski
			Jim Becic
			Gerry Bowen
			Martin Cleveland
			Emmett Egr
			Amanda Grint
			Brian Henkel
			Carey Fry
			Lori Laster
			Zach Nelson
			Terry Schumacher
			Justin Novak
			Barb Sudrla
			Bill Brush

- * Absence
- ** Alternate Voting Member

Adoption of Agenda

- **It was moved by Director Tesar and seconded by Director Klug that the agenda be adopted.**

Roll call was taken on the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Voting Yea: Klug, Leahy, Tesar, Thompson, J. Conley
 Voting Nay: None
 Abstaining: None
 Absent: None
 Excused Absence: None

Proof of Publication: Public notice of the meeting was posted at all District offices and published in the Omaha World-Herald on August 1, 2013. The proof of publication affidavit is included with the file copy of these minutes.

1. Review and Recommendation on Nebraska Environmental Trust (NET) Grant Application of Fee Title or Conservation Easements at the Confluence of the Platte to the Missouri River, Jim Becic:

Staff member Jim Becic briefed the subcommittee of the approved NET \$2 million grant request for assistance in setting back the existing R-613 levee as part of the R-613 and R-616 certification project. The USACE was to purchase the 400 acres of land needed for the setback, using their Missouri River Recovery Program funding authority. Once the land was acquired by the USACE, the NRD would move and rebuild the levee. Subsequent to the grant application, the USACE made a determination not to pursue the property acquisition and also determined not to allow the levee setback; and instead required the levee needed to be recertified in the original location. This change required the P-MRNRD to request from the NET Board a modification of the originally approved grant – from construction of a levee setback to acquisition of two properties, belonging to PCS Nitrogen and Metropolitan Utilities District (MUD). The request for modification was denied by the NET Board on July 19th, 2013. They urged the P-MRNRD to submit a funding request to the NET for acquisition costs of this property at their September, 2013 Grant Cycle. The specific request was for \$3.6 million in NET funds for a total purchase price of \$4.5 million. There was discussion by the Subcommittee.

- **It was moved by Director Klug and seconded by Director Leahy that the Subcommittee recommends to the Board that the Papio-Missouri River NRD submit a \$3.6 million Grant Application to the Nebraska Environmental Trust for funding of the acquisition of fee title or conservation easements in the area of the confluence of the Platte and Missouri Rivers.**

Roll call was taken on the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Voting Yea: Klug, Leahy, Tesar, Thompson, J. Conley
Voting Nay: None
Abstaining: None
Absent: None
Excused Absence: None

2. Review and Recommendation on Nebraska Environmental Trust (NET) Grant Application for Groundwater Quality Monitoring Wells, Brian Henkel:

Staff member Brian Henkel briefed the subcommittee on a proposed grant to fund the monitoring of groundwater well sites. Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality has received funding to install groundwater quality monitoring wells across the state. The District has identified well locations that will exceed the money available through NDEQ. There was discussion by the Subcommittee.

- **It was moved by Director Klug and seconded by Director Leahy that the Subcommittee recommends to the Board that the Papio-Missouri River NRD submit a Grant Application to the Nebraska Environmental Trust for the installation of monitoring well sites.**

Roll call was taken on the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Voting Yea: Klug, Leahy, Tesar, Thompson, J. Conley
Voting Nay: None
Abstaining: None
Absent: None
Excused Absence: None

3. Review and Recommendation on Amendment to District Policy 4.8 Board Meetings – Right to Speak, Director Patrick Leahy:

Director Leahy briefed the Subcommittee on his recommendation for a Public Comment Period at the Board of Directors Meeting. This would allow members of the general public, who have signed in at the meeting, to make comment to the Board for a limited amount of time (at the discretion of the Chairperson), on any subject germane to the statutory purpose of the District, on subjects “other” than those contained in the adopted agenda. There was discussion by the Subcommittee.

- **It was moved by Director Leahy and seconded by Director Thompson that the Subcommittee recommends to the Board to amend District Policy 4.8 Board Meetings – Right to Speak to include paragraph G. “Prior to adjournment of each monthly General Board meeting, the Chairperson will allow time for individual citizens to comment on any subject germane to the statutory purposes of the District, other than subjects on the adopted agenda that were open to public comment during a prior part of the meeting, Public records or other information desired by a member of the public should be requested from the District in advance of the meeting date.”**

The follow individual addressed the Subcommittee:

Randy Penske, 16203 South 87th Street, Omaha, Nebraska

Roll call was taken on the motion. The motion failed on a vote of 2-yea and 3-nay.

Voting Yea:	Leahy, Thompson
Voting Nay:	Klug, Tesar, J. Conley
Abstaining:	None
Absent:	None
Excused Absence:	None

Adjournment: Being no further business, the meeting adjourned by acclamation at 7:15 p.m.