

**Programs, Projects, and Operations
Subcommittee Meeting Minutes
November 12, 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 November 12, 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-Chair)		Curt Frost	Marlin J. Petermann
Dave Klug		Scott Japp	Paul Peters
Patrick Leahy		Ron Woodle	Jean Tait
Rich Tesar			Heather Borkowski
			Bill Brush
			Gerry Bowen
			Martin Cleveland
			John Zaugg
			Amanda Grint
			Shawn Melotz
			Carey Fry
			Lori Laster
			Terry Schumacher
			Barb Sudrla
			Dr. Tom Bragg
			John Engel
			Gene Garrelts
			Don Shimmins
			Cody Winchester

- * Absence
- ** Alternate Voting Member

Adoption of Agenda

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

Roll call was taken on the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 5 to 0.

Voting Yea: John Conley, Thompson, Klug, Leahy, Tesar
 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 November 7, 2013. The proof of publication affidavit is included with the file copy of these minutes.

1. Review and Recommendation on NRCS Farm and Ranchland Protection Program Grant Application for Glacier Creek/Allwine Prairie West Parcel and Project Update – Amanda Grint and Dr. Tom Bragg, UNO:

Staff member Amanda Grint and Dr. Tom Bragg from the University of Nebraska, Omaha, updated the Subcommittee on the Glacier Creek/Allwine Prairie Project. Grint stated that there is an additional 227.84 acres to the north and west of the existing prairie that is currently owned by The Heritage, LLC; and that the University would like to purchase for prairie expansion. UNO has applied for Nebraska Environmental Trust Fund dollars to put towards the land purchase and has asked the District to apply for a NRCS Farm and Ranchland Protection Program Grant. The District could receive federal dollars for up to one half of the appraised value to administer an easement over the property and to preserve the 227 acres as farm and ranchland. If approved, the grant could fund \$1,861,000 of the acquisition costs.

- **It was moved by Director Dave Klug and seconded by Director Jim Thompson that the Subcommittee recommends to the Board of Directors that the General Manager be authorized to apply for NRCS Farm and Ranch Protection Program funding for the 227 acres north and west of Allwine Prairie as part of the Allwine Prairie/Glacier Creek Expansion Project.**

Roll call was taken on the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 5 to 0.

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

2. Review and Recommendation on Interlocal Agreement with Sarpy County on Elkhorn River 240th Street Project – Gerry Bowen:

Staff member Gerry Bowen briefed the Subcommittee on the history of the project to protect 240th Street. He noted an Interlocal Agreement with Sarpy County to install temporary measures until a more permanent solution could be identified. A new Interlocal Agreement with Sarpy County to construct, operate, and maintain the long term solution, the District will be the lead agency, acquire right-of-way, contract with consultants and contractors needed for the project. Sarpy County will equally share in the costs of the project. The County is expected to approve the agreement on November 19th meeting.

- **It was moved by Director Rich Tesar and seconded by Director Dave Klug that the Subcommittee recommends to the Board of Directors that the General Manager be authorized to execute an amendment to the Interlocal Agreement with Sarpy County for 50/50 cost share on the construction, operation, and maintenance of the 240th Street Erosion Protection Project along the Elkhorn River up to a maximum construction contribution of \$650,000 for each party, subject to approval by Sarpy County and 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 to 0.

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

3. Review and Recommendation on Papio Dam Site 15A Interlocal Agreement with OPPD for Power Pole Relocation – Lori Laster:

Staff member Lori Laster briefed the Subcommittee on Dam Site 15A. During the conceptual design, it was identified that an OPPD transmission line and a residential distribution line will be affected by the reservoir. In order to comply with National Electric Code and US Army Corps of Engineer guidelines for power poles crossing a water body, the 6 existing poles need to be replaced with 4 taller poles that will provide for 45 ft. of clearance between the power line and auxiliary spillway elevation and the overhead distribution line located at 17520 Ida Street needs to be replaced by an underground distribution line. These items are considered to be project costs and the District will need to reimburse OPPD for the materials and labor.

- **It was moved by Director Dave Klug and seconded by Director Jim Thompson that the Subcommittee recommends to the Board of Directors that the General Manager be authorized to execute the attached agreement between the District and Omaha Public Power District for relocation of overhead transmission facilities and replace overhead distribution with an underground line at 17520 Ida Street for an amount not to exceed \$2,038,240.37, 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 to 0.

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

4. Review and Recommendation on Bid Opening for Silver Creek and Tekamah-MUD Creek Watershed Structure Stabilization Project – Martin Cleveland:

Staff member Martin Cleveland briefed the Subcommittee on the bid opening for the Silver Creek and Tekamah-MUD Creek Watershed Structure Stabilization Project. He noted that the project consists of placing rock riprap at 5 grade stabilization structures (dams) to stabilize the eroding front berm of the dam that threatens the integrity of the dams. The erosion was caused by pool wave action. The work would be done at Silver Creek structures #3, 18, 25, 32 and Tekamah-Mud structure #42A. Staff received 4 bids ranging from \$138,844 to \$200,123.85. The engineer's estimate was \$149,810.

- **It was moved by Director Dave Klug and seconded by Director Patrick Leahy that the Subcommittee recommends to the Board of Directors that the General Manager be authorized to execute a contract for construction of Silver Creek and Tekamah-Mud Watershed Structure Stabilization Project with Thompson Construction Inc. for their total bid of \$138,844.**

Roll call was taken on the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 5 to 0.

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

Adjournment: Being no further business, the meeting adjourned by acclamation at 7:07 p.m.