

**Programs, Projects, and Operations Subcommittee
Meeting Minutes
March 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, Nebraska, on March 12, 2013. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson John Conley at 6:30 p.m.

Notice of the meeting was published in the Omaha World-Herald on March 7, 2013.

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	David Klug	Scott Japp	Chuck Leinen, NRCS
Rich Tesar		Curt Frost	Joe Soucie, LaVista
Patrick Leahy		Ron Woodle	John Kottman, LaVista
Jim Thompson ¹			Paul Woodward, Olsson
Tim Fowler ²			Mike Riedman
Fred Conley			Paul Peters
			District Staff

¹ Arrived late for meeting

² Alternate Subcommittee Member

Adoption of Agenda

- **It was moved by Fowler, seconded by Leahy that the agenda be adopted.**

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

Voting Yes: Leahy, Tesar, Fowler, Fred Conley, John Conley
 Voting No: None
 Abstaining: None
 Excused Absence: Klug, Thompson
 Absent: Klug, Thompson

Stormwater Best Management Practice Program 17.41

Laster reported on the effectiveness of stormwater management practices, mainly rain gardens that have been installed in the Omaha area. The Board had requested such an evaluation before approving any additional applications for assistance under the Stormwater Best Management Practice Program (Program 17.41).

No action was taken.

The Chairperson noted Director Thompson's attendance at the meeting at 6:38 p.m. and would resume the responsibilities of voting member of the Subcommittee.

Lower Platte River Basin Water Management Plan

Henkel noted that the several NRDs comprising the Lower Platte River Basin propose to create the Lower Platte River Basin Management Plan Coalition to work cooperatively to prepare a water management plan for the basin. Besides the Papio, the Lower Platte South, Lower Platte North, Lower Elkhorn, Upper Elkhorn, Lower Loup, and Upper Loup NRDs planned to participate. The cost would be \$20,000 per year for five years. The group would utilize a coordinator that would be a liaison between the NARD and Nebraska Department of Natural Resources.

- **It was moved by Fowler, seconded by Leahy, that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board of Directors that the General Manager be authorized to execute the proposed Interlocal Cooperation Act Agreement to create the Lower Platte River Basin Water Management Plan Coalition, subject to changes deemed necessary by the General Manager and approved as to form by District Legal Counsel, and furthermore that the Chairperson appoint one Board member and the General Manager and appoint staff member to the Management Committee.**

Roll call was taken on the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 4-1.

Voting Yes: Leahy, Fowler, Thompson, John Conley
Voting No: Tesar
Abstaining: None
Excused Absence: Klug
Absent: Klug

Elk Creek Channel Stabilization Emergency Watershed Project (EWP)

a. Project Bids – Cleveland gave a brief history of the project noting the damage to the levees from the 2010 and 2011 high water events. NRCS has approved the project for Emergency Watershed Program funds at the cost share rate of 75%, up to \$750,000. He discussed the bids for the project, along with several alternatives were received by the District. The lowest total bid (base bid plus 3 alternates) was received from Cooney Fertilizer, Inc. in the amount of \$1,146,226.00. Chuck Leinen noted that additional EWP funds have been requested, but not yet approved by NRCS. It was proposed that the District pay the local costs if these additional EWP funds were not approved.

- **It was moved by Tesar, seconded by Leahy that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board of Directors that the General Manager be authorized to execute a contract for the Elk Creek Channel Stabilization EWP Project with Cooney Fertilizer, Inc., for their total base bid of \$417,288.78, Alternate #1 bid of \$124,207.46, Alternate #2 bid of \$542,023.86, and Alternate #3 bid of \$72,706.50 for**

a grand total of \$1,146,226.60, and that the District pay for all construction costs over \$1,000,000, if additional Emergency Watershed Program funds are not allocated by the Natural Resources Conservation Service.

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

Voting Yes: Leahy, Tesar, Fowler, Thompson, John Conley
Voting No: None
Abstaining: None
Excused Absence: Klug
Absent: Klug

b. Land Rights Acquisition – Sklenar noted that he worked on the land rights acquisition portion of the Elk Creek project. He noted that all five of the landowners accepted the appraised value for the land rights.

- **It was moved by Leahy, seconded by Fowler, that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board of Directors that the appraised amounts of \$21,967.00 for Tract #1 (Nelson), \$27,834.00 for Tract #2 (Knudsen), \$48,503.00 for Tract #3 (Albrecht), \$27,951.00 for Tract #4 (Mari), and \$75,933.00 for Tract #5 (Roost) be approved for the Elk Creek Emergency Watershed Project, that the General manager be authorized to execute the purchase agreements and any related documents in the acquisition of the five before mentioned tracts for the Elk Creek Emergency Watershed Project, and that Account # 01-04-360-4430 (Elk/Pigeon Creek Drainage Project – Land Rights be allowed to exceed 110% of the budgeted amount of \$35,000.**

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

Voting Yes: Leahy, Tesar, Fowler, Thompson, John Conley
Voting No: None
Abstaining: None
Excused Absence: Klug
Absent: Klug

Pigeon/Jones Site 15 (Kramper Lake) Amendment to the Professional Services Contract with Olsson Associates

Schumacher noted that the amendment covered the design and construction of recreation improvement and to complete the dam and water quality basin construction. The District has been negotiating with the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission for that agency to operate the site upon completion. Some of the fees were for design and construction of items to accommodate NGPC requests. Paul Woodward, Olsson Associates, addressed Directors questions.

- **It was moved by Thompson, seconded by Leahy, that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board of Directors that the General Manager be authorized to execute an amendment to the professional services contract with Olsson Associates for the**

Pigeon/Jones Site 15 Project for an increase in the maximum, not to exceed amount for the professional services contract to \$1,733,583.00

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

Voting Yes: Leahy, Tesar, Fowler, Thompson, John Conley
Voting No: None
Abstaining: None
Excused Absence: Klug
Absent: Klug

Summit Lake Park Road

Director Japp requested that this item be placed on the Board meeting agenda. Winkler noted that no formal request had been received from the Summit Township Board (Burt County).

- **It was moved by Thompson, seconded by Tesar, the Summit Lake Park Road be tabled until a formal request is received by the Summit Township Board.**

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

Voting Yes: Leahy, Tesar, Fowler, Thompson, John Conley
Voting No: None
Abstaining: None
Excused Absence: Klug
Absent: Klug

Maximum Low Impact Development (LID) Control Structure Assistance Program

Director Japp proposed a new cost share program on Maximum Low Impact Development structures on rural lands in Douglas and Washington Counties outside the jurisdictions of the Papio Creek Watershed Partnership.

- **It was moved by Tesar, seconded by Fowler, that this item be tabled to the April Subcommittee.**

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

Voting Yes: Leahy, Tesar, Fowler, Thompson, John Conley
Voting No: None
Abstaining: None
Excused Absence: Klug
Absent: Klug

Papio Dam Site 15A Design Contract with HDR

The Chairperson ruled that this item was tabled by the Board at the February Board of Directors meeting; and procedurally, the Subcommittee didn't have jurisdiction to take action on this item and instructed staff to place this item on the next Board Meeting Agenda.

Road Structure Program – Burt County Request

Sklenar noted that the Burt County would not be able to utilize the \$150,000 District cost share on a county road structure in the current fiscal year. They had asked to have the approval amount reallocated to the District's next fiscal year.

- **It was moved by Leahy, seconded by Thompson, that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board of Directors that the Burt County Highway Department's application for financial assistance under the Road Structure Program in the amount of \$150,000 for a road structure located on Elm Creek southwest of Decatur, Nebraska be reallocated, subject to funds being included in the District's FY 2014 Budget.**

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

Voting Yes:	Thompson, John Conley
Voting No:	Leahy, Tesar, Fowler
Abstaining:	None
Excused Absence:	Klug
Absent:	Klug

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned by acclamation at 7:36 p.m.