

**Programs, Projects, and Operations
Subcommittee Meeting Minutes
June 9, 2015**

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 June 9, 2015. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson John Conley at 6:35 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
Fred Conley	* Patrick Leahy	Patrick Bonnett	John Winkler
** Tim Fowler		Curt Frost	Marlin Petermann
Rich Tesar		Ron Woodle	Steve Grasz
Jim Thompson, Vice-Chairperson			Heather Borkowski
John Conley, Chairperson			Lori Laster
			Paul Woodward
			Eric Williams
			Other Staff Members
			Steve Peterson, USGS
			John Kottman, City of La Vista

- * Absence
- ** Alternate Voting Member

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

- **It was moved by Director Fred Conley and seconded by Director Fowler that the agenda be adopted.**

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

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

PROOF OF PUBLICATION: Public notice of the meeting was posted at all District offices and published in the Omaha World-Herald on June 4, 2015. The proof of publication affidavit is included with the file copy of these minutes.

1. Review and Recommendation on Ashland Area Pilot Groundwater Model Update and Report – Paul Woodward and Steve Peterson, USGS:

Paul Woodward presented to the subcommittee about existing models in the area, and the value of studying hydrologic connection between surface water and groundwater. Steve Peterson highlighted the science-based resource management decisions that could be made from the proposed new data and model.

- **It was moved by Director Fowler and seconded by Director Fred Conley that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board of Directors to remove item from the table and that the General Manager be authorized to execute the proposed Joint Funding Agreement with the USGS for a maximum contribution of \$223,200; and the proposed Interlocal Agreement with Lower Platte South and Lower Platte North NRDs for the Ashland Area Pilot**

Groundwater Model Update and Report, 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 4-yea and 1-nay.

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

2. Review and Recommendation on Changes to District Program 17.41 – Stormwater Best Management Practices Program – Lori Laster:

Lori Laster presented recommended updates to the Director’s Policy Manual 17.41, including lowering the cost share to \$5,000 per project, and opening the program to nonprofit organizations. The following individual addressed the Subcommittee:

- Shawn Melotz, 10404 N. 132nd Street, Omaha, Nebraska

Director John Conley made an amended motion to approve the Policy change as presented by staff, but to remove the funding recommendation and handle the funding through the District’s budgeting process.

- **It was moved by Director John Conley and seconded by Director Fred Conley to delete the words, “and funding included in the Fiscal Year 2016 budget for 10 projects for a total cost of \$50,000” from the original motion.**

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

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

- **It was moved by Director Fred Conley and seconded by Director Fowler that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board of Directors that the proposed changes to District Program 17.41 – Stormwater Best Management Practices be approved.**

Roll call was held original motion as amended. The motion carried on a vote of 5-yea and 0-nay.

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

3. Review and Recommendation on FY 2016 Equipment Requirements – Heather Borkowski:

Heather Borkowski presented recommended priority equipment replacements for Machinery & Equipment, Automobiles & Trucks, and Office Equipment to be included in the FY 2016 budget. The total budget request for FY 2016 equipment is \$296,262.

- **It was moved by Director Thompson and seconded by Director Fred Conley that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board of Directors to approve the FY 2016 Equipment Requirements subject to the FY 2016 Budget as listed in this memo.**

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

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

4. Review and Recommendation on La Vista Thompson Creek Urban Drainageway Project Interlocal Agreement – Eric Williams and John Kottmann, City of La Vista:

John Kottmann from the City of La Vista presented the status of the Thompson Creek project over the past few years, and the collaboration of multiple agencies toward shared objectives.

- **It was moved by Director Fred Conley and seconded by Director Thompson that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board of Directors to authorize the General Manager to sign an Interlocal Agreement with the City of La Vista for cost share reimbursement in the amount of \$712,000.00 on the Thompson Creek Urban Drainageway project, subject to changes deemed necessary by the General Manager and approved as to form by District Legal Counsel.**

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

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

5. Review and Recommendation on Sarpy County Southern Ridge Wastewater Treatment Study Interlocal Agreement – Eric Williams:

Eric Williams discussed the District’s involvement in previous and current phases of work for the Southern Ridge Wastewater Treatment Study.

Mark Wayne, Sarpy County Administrator, provided information about various collaborating agencies on this study, including all 5 cities in Sarpy County, MUD, OPPD, Black Hills, and MAPA.

- **It was moved by Director Fred Conley and seconded by Director Fowler that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board of Directors to authorize the General Manager to sign an Interlocal Agreement with Sarpy County for reimbursement in the amount of \$25,000 on the Southern Ridge Wastewater Treatment Study, subject to changes deemed necessary by the General Manager and approved as to form by District Legal Counsel.**

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

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

ADJOURNMENT: Being no further business, the meeting adjourned by acclamation at 7:56 p.m.

Minutes were prepared by Eric Williams.