

**Personnel, Legislative and Public Affairs Subcommittee
Meeting Minutes
September 11, 2012**

A meeting of the Papio-Missouri River Natural Resources District's Personnel, Legislative and Public Affairs Subcommittee was held at the Natural Resources Center, 8901 S. 154th Street, Omaha, NE on September 11, 2012. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Dave Klug at 7:10 p.m.

QUORUM CALL: Quorum call was taken. The following were in attendance.

Subcommittee Members Present	Subcommittee Members Absent	Other Directors Present	Others Present
Conley (Fred)		Kolowski	John Winkler
Erickson		Conley (John)	Marlin J. Petermann
Fowler (V-Chair)		Japp	Jean Tait
Thompson			Trent Heiser
Klug (Chairperson)			Emmett Egr
			Heather Borkowski
			Paul Peters

- * Excused Absence
- ** Alternate Voting Member

PROOF OF PUBLICATION: Notice of the meeting was posted in all District offices and published in the Omaha World Herald on September 6, 2012. The proof of publication affidavit is included with the file copy of these minutes.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

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

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

Voting Yea: Conley, Erickson, Fowler, Thompson, Klug
 Voting Nay: None
 Abstaining: None
 Excused Absence: None
 Absent: None

Review and Recommendation on Resolutions to be Considered at the 2012 NARD Annual Conference:

General Manager John Winkler presented information on the four resolutions to be considered this year. The resolutions to be voted on at the Nebraska Association of Resources District's 2012 Meeting and staff recommendations are as follows:

2012-1 EROSION AND SEDIMENT CONTROL ACT AMENDMENTS – Sponsored by Little Blue NRD. The Nebraska Association of Resource Districts seeks amendments to the Erosion and Sediment Control Act which strengthen the natural resources districts ability to regulate the development of highly erodible lands, mandate compliance measures and provide greater protection of our soil resources while protecting downstream landowners.

Staff Recommendation: Oppose

- **It was moved by Director Conley and seconded by Director Thompson that the NARD Voting Delegate and/or Alternate be authorized to vote to oppose.**

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

Voting Yea: Conley, Erickson, Fowler, Thompson, Klug
Voting Nay: None
Abstaining: None
Absent: None
Excused Absence: None

2012-2 NRD CONSERVATION COMPLIANCE AUTHORITY – Sponsored by Little Blue NRD. The Nebraska Association of Resource Districts seeks legislation which gives the natural resources districts authority to regulate the development of highly erodible and sensitive lands and provides means to mandate compliance for the long-term productivity of the resources and water quality protection.

Staff Recommendation: Oppose

- **It was moved by Director Fowler and seconded by Director Erickson that the NARD Voting Delegate and/or Alternate be authorized to vote to oppose.**

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

Voting Yea: Conley, Erickson, Fowler, Thompson, Klug
Voting Nay: None
Abstaining: None
Absent: None
Excused Absence: None

2012-3 NRD OVERSIGHT OF WEED MANAGEMENT AREAS – Sponsored by Tri-Basin NRD. That the Nebraska Unicameral designate Natural Resources Districts (NRDs) as the local political subdivisions responsible for oversight of Weed Management Areas; authorizing the NRDs to develop and approve budgets, by-laws, plans, contracts and operational policies, to appoint membership of oversight committees, and to manage and audit finances of weed management areas; that the Unicameral create a special levy of one cent per \$100 of valuation that NRDs can levy to support riparian invasive plant and animal management activities; and that NRDs should draft and ratify Interlocal cooperative agreements that will enable NRDs to cooperatively and jointly oversee and provide funding and other resources to weed management areas whose boundaries encompass more than one NRD.

Staff Recommendation: Support with amendments

- **It was moved by Director Conley and seconded by Director Thompson that the NARD Voting Delegate and/or Alternate be authorized to vote to oppose as written.**

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

Voting Yea: Conley, Fowler, Thompson, Klug
Voting Nay: Erickson
Abstaining: None
Absent: None
Excused Absence: None

2012-4 INCREASE IN FEES COLLECTED FOR CHEMIGATION PERMITS – Sponsored by Upper Niobrara White NRD. The Nebraska Association of Resource Districts seeks legislation that will establish a chemigation permit fee structure such that the program is financially self-sustaining.

Staff Recommendation: Support

- **It was moved by Director Fowler and seconded by Director Erickson that the NARD Voting Delegate and/or Alternate be authorized to vote to support.**

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

Voting Yea: Conley, Erickson, Fowler, Thompson, Klug
Voting Nay: None
Abstaining: None
Absent: None
Excused Absence: None

ADJOURNMENT: Being no further business, the meeting adjourned by acclamation at 7:27 p.m.