

**Personnel, Legislative and Public Affairs Subcommittee
Meeting Minutes
September 10, 2013**

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 10, 2013. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Dave Klug at 7:35 p.m.

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

Subcommittee Members Present	Subcommittee Members Absent	Other Directors Present	Others Present
Patrick Bonnett		Fred Conley	John Winkler
Tim Fowler, Vice-Chair		John Conley	Marlin J. Petermann
Patrick Leahy		Tim Fowler	Paul Peters
Scott Japp		Curt Frost	Emmett Egr
Dave Klug, Chairperson		Rich Teaser	Gerry Bowen
		Ron Woodle	Heather Borkowski
			Bill Brush
			Carey Fry
			Amanda Grint
			Brian Henkel
			Lori Laster
			Zach Nelson
			Terry Schumacher
			Jean Tait

* 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 5, 2013. The proof of publication affidavit is included with the file copy of these minutes.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

- **It was moved by Director Leahy 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 to 0.

Voting Yea: Bonnett, Fowler, Japp, Leahy, Klug
 Voting Nay: None
 Abstaining: None
 Excused Absence: None
 Absent: None

Review and Recommendation on Resolutions to be Considered at the 2013 NARD Annual Conference, John Winkler:

The General Manager briefed the Subcommittee on the four resolutions being voted on at the 2013 NARD Annual Conference.

2013-1 NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF ROADS TRAIL POLICY ALONG STATE HIGHWAY ROW – Sponsored by the Lower Platte South NRD. Recommendation that the NARD work with the Nebraska Department of Roads to administratively modify or withdraw this Policy and permit multiple-use trails sponsored by NRD’s to be located within state highway right-of-way where it would be safe and feasible, and if unsuccessful through the administrative avenue, to seek a legislative resolution to enhance this policy.

- **It was moved by Director Leahy, seconded by Director Fowler that the Subcommittee recommends to the Board that the NARD Voting Delegate and/or Alternate be authorized to vote to Support Resolution 2013-1 Nebraska Department of Roads Trail Policy Along State Highway ROW at the 2013 NARD Annual Conference.**

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

Voting Yea: Bonnett, Fowler, Leahy, Japp, Klug
Voting Nay: None
Abstaining: None
Excused Absence: None
Absent: None

2013-2 EROSION AND SEDIMENT CONTROL ACT AMENDMENTS – Sponsored by Little Blue NRD. Recommendation that the NARD seek legislation to amend the Erosion and Sediment Control Act to include adding a definition for excessive erosion, provide for the inclusion of ephemeral and gully erosion in the calculations for soil losses, provide NRDs the authority to issue cease and desist orders upon the findings of excessive erosion occurrences, and eliminate the requirement that the NRD provide violators of the Act cost-share assistance for permanent soil and water conservation practices.

- **It was moved by Director Fowler and seconded by Director Leahy that the Subcommittee recommends to the Board that the NARD Voting Delegate and/or Alternate be authorized to vote to Support Resolution 2013-2 Erosion and Sediment Control Act Amendments at the 2013 NARD Annual Conference.**

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

Voting Yea: Fowler, Leahy, Klug
Voting Nay: Bonnett, Japp
Abstaining: None
Excused Absence: None

Absent: None

2013-3 REQUESTING LEGISLATION THAT ENCOURAGES THE USE OF RENEWABLE ENERGY SOURCES – Sponsored by the Lower Elkhorn NRD. Recommendation that the Nebraska State Legislature continue to encourage the development of renewable energy sources through the passage of new laws and state policies which treat all users and generators fairly.

- **It was moved by Director Fowler, seconded by Director Leahy that the Subcommittee recommends to the Board that the NARD Voting Delegate and/or Alternate be authorized to vote to Oppose Resolution 2013-3 as currently written, Requesting Legislation that Encourages the Use of Renewable Energy Sources at the 2013 NARD Annual Conference.**

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

Voting Yea: Leahy, Fowler, Klug
Voting Nay: Bonnett, Japp
Abstaining: None
Excused Absence: None
Absent: None

2013-4 CERTIFIED IRRIGATED ACRE REQUIREMENTS – Sponsored by the Middle Niobrara NRD. Recommendation that the Nebraska Association of Resources Districts work with Nebraska Department of Revenue, Nebraska Association of County Officials and County Assessors to seek an administrative or legislative change to require that real estate transfers involving certified irrigated acres be part of the Form 521 and that NRD's will be contacted to handle the transfer of irrigated acres from said seller to said buyer prior to finalization of said real estate transfer.

- **It was moved by Director Leahy and seconded by Director Fowler that the Subcommittee recommends to the Board that the NARD Voting Delegate and/or Alternate be authorized to vote to Oppose Resolution 2013-4 as currently written, Certified Irrigated Acre Requirements at the 2013 NARD Annual Conference.**

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

Voting Yea: Leahy, Bonnett, Fowler, Klug
Voting Nay: None
Abstaining: Japp
Excused Absence: None
Absent: None

ADJOURNMENT: Being no further business, the meeting adjourned by acclamation at 7:50 p.m.