

**Programs, Projects, and Operations
Subcommittee Meeting Minutes
April 7, 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 April 7, 2015. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson John Conley at 6:37 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 Bonnett	John Winkler
Patrick Leahy		Tim Fowler	Marlin Petermann
Rich Tesar		Curt Frost	David Newman
Jim Thompson, Vice-Chairperson		Scott Japp	Amanda Grint
John Conley, Chairperson		David Klug	Lori Laster
		Ron Woodle	Eric Williams
			Paul Woodward
			Other Staff Members
			Scott Alff, Omaha Fire Dept.
			Al Schoemaker, City of Blair
			Karen Griffin, Olsson Associates
			John Engel, HDR Inc.
			Chris Koenig, HDR Inc.
			Jon Stewart, Blair City Council
			Rod Storm, City of Blair
			Kirk Pfeffer, City of Omaha

- * Absence
- ** Alternate Voting Member

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

- **It was moved by Director Tesar and seconded by Director Thompson 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: F. Conley, Leahy, Tesar, Thompson, J. Conley
 Voting Nay: None
 Abstaining: None
 Excused Absence: None
 Absent: None

PROOF OF PUBLICATION: Public notice of the meeting was posted at all District offices and published in the Omaha World-Herald on April 2, 2015. The proof of publication affidavit is included with the file copy of these minutes.

1. **Review and Recommendation on Cost Share Agreement with Omaha Fire Department for Search and Rescue Boat – John Winkler and Scott Alff, Omaha Fire Department:**

Scott Alff, Omaha Fire Department, briefed the Subcommittee regarding the need for a new search and rescue boat for the Omaha Fire Department. This boat would be used by the dive team which responds to calls within a 50-mile radius of Omaha. They are one of only a few dive teams in the area. Last year the team responded to 42 incidents. The boat they are proposing to replace is becoming unusable. The proposed replacement boat will be a smaller model that can be carried by four people which will allow for rescues on smaller water bodies. The Department is requesting \$28,000 from the District to assist in the purchase of the new boat.

- **It was moved by Director Tesar and seconded by Director F. Conley that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board of Directors that the General Manager be authorized to execute an Interlocal Agreement between Omaha Fire Department and the Papio-Missouri River Natural Resources District to provide a fifty (50) percent cost share in a not-to-exceed amount of \$28,000, for the purchase of a Search and Rescue Boat, with 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-yea and 0-nay.

Voting Yea:	F. Conley, Leahy, Tesar, Thompson, J. Conley
Voting Nay:	None
Abstaining:	None
Excused Absence:	None
Absent:	None

2. Review and Recommendation Cost Share with the City of Blair for Flood Mitigation Assistance Program – Amanda Grint and Al Schoemaker, City of Blair:

Amanda Grint stated that one application was received for the new District Program 17.44, Flood Mitigation Assistance Program. The City of Blair applied for assistance with their flood control project to protect the City’s water and wastewater treatment facilities. The project will consist of the construction of a berm around the facility, a pump station for internal drainage, and a flood gate. The total estimated cost for this project is \$4.9 million. The City is requesting the maximum cost share of \$500,000 over two fiscal years. Al Schoemaker, City of Blair, addressed the Subcommittee.

- **It was moved by Director F. Conley and seconded by Director Leahy that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board of Directors that the General Manager be authorized to approve the Flood Mitigation Assistance Program application with the City of Blair for the Water Treatment Plan Flood Protection Program in the amount of \$500,000 or half of the local cost share, whichever is less, and enter into an Interlocal Agreement with the City of Blair to fund the project over two fiscal years subject to terms and conditions as determined 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-yea and 0-nay.

Voting Yea:	F. Conley, Leahy, Tesar, Thompson, J. Conley
Voting Nay:	None
Abstaining:	None
Excused Absence:	None
Absent:	None

3. Review and Recommendation on Amendment to Olsson Associates contract for the Development of a Voluntary Integrated Management Plan – Paul Woodward and Karen Griffin, Olsson Associates:

Paul Woodward stated that the original contract with Olsson Associates for the Voluntary Integrated Management Plan contained a budget for additional technical analysis should it be necessary to analyze

management strategies suggested through the stakeholder group. This budget wasn't utilized during the development of the Plan. Staff proposes using the remaining contract budget to assist with a thorough evaluation of the existing District Groundwater Management Plan, development of a data collection database and online reporting forms for outreach to appropriate stakeholders, and assistance with water conservation education information. No additional funds are requested to complete this work.

- **It was moved by Director F. Conley and seconded by Director Tesar that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board of Directors that the General Manager be authorized to execute the proposed amendment to the Voluntary Integrated Management Plan contract with Olsson Associates for no additional increase in the maximum not to exceed contract amount of \$249,300.00, 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:	F. Conley, Leahy, Tesar, Thompson, J. Conley
Voting Nay:	None
Abstaining:	None
Excused Absence:	None
Absent:	None

4. Review and Recommendation on Dam Site 15A Project – Lori Laster and John Engel:

a. Bid Opening for Dam Site 15A Construction Project:

Lori Laster stated that bids for the construction of the Papio Dam Site 15A project were opened on March 31, 2015. Two bids were received. McArdle Grading Company bid \$16,950,700 and Hawkins Construction Company bid \$19,736,909. HDR evaluated both bids and determined they met all requirements set forth in the bidding documents. They recommend that the low bid from McArdle Grading Company be accepted.

- **It was moved by Director Tesar and seconded by Director F. Conley that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board of Directors that the General Manager be authorized to execute a construction contract with McArdle Grading Company in the amount of \$16,950,700 for construction of the Papio DS 15A 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:	F. Conley, Leahy, Tesar, Thompson, J. Conley
Voting Nay:	None
Abstaining:	None
Excused Absence:	None
Absent:	None

b. Amendments 3 and 4 to HDR Professional Services Contract:

Lori Laster stated that there was \$52,693 in Phase 2 (Final Design and Bidding Services) for development of a Community-Based Watershed Management Plan that were not spent. It is proposed that those funds be used to cover additional work items that occurred during the final design process including finalizing of fisheries improvement plans and a grant application to Nebraska Game and Parks Commission, redesign of recreational features to avoid wetland impacts, and complications with land acquisition and permitting.

Phase 3 of the contract was proposed to include Construction Contract Administration Services. The proposed hourly not-to-exceed fee for these services is \$1,713,111.

- **It was moved by Director Tesar and seconded by Director F. Conley that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board of Directors that the General Manager be authorized to execute the proposed Amendments 3 and 4 to the Professional Services Contract with HDR Engineering, Inc. for the Papio Dam Site 15A Project, bringing the total not to exceed contract amount to \$3,710,752, 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-yea and 0-nay.

Voting Yea:	F. Conley, Leahy, Tesar, Thompson, J. Conley
Voting Nay:	None
Abstaining:	None
Excused Absence:	None
Absent:	None

5. Review and Recommendation on Professional Services Agreement with FYRA for District wide 319 Water Quality Management Plan – Amanda Grint:

Amanda Grint stated that the City of Omaha and the District had both applied for a grant through Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality (NDEQ) to prepare water quality management plans. The City plan would cover the Papio watershed and Missouri River drainage areas in Omaha and Bellevue. The District plan would cover the areas within Washington, Burt, Thurston, and Dakota Counties. However, NDEQ requested that the two plans be combined and that the District act as lead project sponsor.

Staff recommends that the consultant selection process be waived and that FYRA Engineering be awarded a contract to complete the Plan at an hourly not-to-exceed fee of \$316,700. The waiver is requested on behalf of the City due to the expertise of the FYRA staff who has worked on similar projects and their subcontractor, LakeTech Consulting, who's principal is the former coordinator for the NDEQ 319 program.

The grant total from NDEQ is \$190,000 and requires a local match of \$126,700. An Interlocal agreement between the City and the District will be drafted to distribute responsibilities and funding for each entity.

- **It was moved by Director Thompson and seconded by Director Leahy that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board of Directors that the General Manager be authorized to waive the consultant selection process and to enter in to a contract with FYRA Engineering for a not to exceed amount of \$316,667 for the development of the District wide Water Quality Management Plan subject to approval of the Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality grant 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-yea and 0-nay.

Voting Yea:	F. Conley, Leahy, Tesar, Thompson, J. Conley
Voting Nay:	None
Abstaining:	None
Excused Absence:	None
Absent:	None

6. Review and Recommendation on Urban Cost Share Programs – Eric Williams:

a. Urban Conservation Assistance Program:

Eric Williams noted that five applications were received for the Urban Conservation Assistance Program:

- City of La Vista requested \$18,000 for stabilization of slopes near a twin box culvert structure along Hupp Drive.
- The City of Omaha requested \$30,000 to repair the bank along a creek in Barrington Park.
- Giles Ridge (SID 225) requested \$30,000 to stabilize a creek to protect a sanitary sewer line.
- South Sioux City requested \$30,000 to construct a bioswale along 25th Street to address localized flooding.
- The City of Bennington requested \$30,000 to extend a culvert from under the road of the new Tim Ohrt Park.

Staff recommends that all applications be approved.

- **It was moved by Director Thompson and seconded by Director Leahy that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board of Directors that the applications from the City of La Vista for \$18,000, the City of Omaha for \$30,000, Giles Ridge SID 225 for \$30,000, South Sioux City for \$30,000, and the City of Bennington for \$30,000, for a total of \$138,000 be approved, subject to funding in the FY 2016 Budget.**

Roll call was taken on the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 4-yea and 0-nay.

Voting Yea: F. Conley, Leahy, Tesar, Thompson,

Voting Nay: None

Abstaining: None

Excused Absence: None

Absent: None

* Director J. Conley was out of the room during the roll call vote.

b. Urban Drainageway Program:

Eric Williams noted that the following applications were received:

- City of La Vista updated their application for the Thompson Creek Channel Improvement Project. The project was previously approved by the Board in 2014. They are requesting \$300,000 for FY 2016.
- The City of Omaha requested assistance for the Hell Creek Rehabilitation Project at Westwood Lane. The City is requesting a total of \$900,000 over the next three fiscal years.
- Douglas County SID 374 (Huntington Park) requested \$853,574 over two fiscal years.

Staff recommends that all projects be approved. Kirk Pfeffer, City of Omaha, spoke in support of the City of Omaha and Douglas County SID 374 project.

The Board discussed the removal of the Douglas County SID 374 project.

- **It was moved by Director Thompson and seconded by Director F. Conley that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board of Directors that the applications from the City of La Vista for \$300,000 and the City of Omaha for \$300,000 for a total of \$600,000, subject to funding in the FY 2016 Budget.**

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

Voting Yea: F. Conley, Leahy, Tesar, Thompson, J. Conley

Voting Nay: None

Abstaining: None

Excused Absence: None

Absent: None

c. Recreation Area Development Program:

Eric Williams stated that the following applications were received:

- The City of Papillion requested \$50,000 for improvements to the large pavilion at Halleck Park.
- South Sioux City requested \$50,000 for a new bath house and storm shelter at Scenic Park.

Staff recommends that all applications be approved.

- **It was moved by Director F. Conley and seconded by Director Tesar that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board of Directors that the Recreation Area Development Program applications from the City of Papillion for \$50,000, and South Sioux City for \$50,000, for a total of \$100,000 be approved, subject to funding in the FY 2016 Budget.**

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

Voting Yea: F. Conley, Leahy, Tesar, Thompson, J. Conley
Voting Nay: None
Abstaining: None
Excused Absence: None
Absent: None

d. Trails Assistance Program:

Eric Williams stated that the following applications were received:

- The City of Papillion is requesting \$78,336 to complete the Walnut Creek Connector Trail.
- The City of Bennington is requesting \$113,710 to complete the Bennington Bridge and Trail Project.
- The Village of Walthill is requesting \$106,629 to construct a wellness walking trail.
- Meridian Park SID 257 is requesting \$30,000 to construct a trail connection to Chalco Hills Recreation Area.

The Village of Walthill and Meridian Park SID 257 are requesting a waiver of the requirement to apply for Federal Transportation Enhancement funding. Staff recommends that all applications be approved.

- **It was moved by Director F. Conley and seconded by Director Thompson that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board of Directors that the requirement to apply for federal or state funding be waived for the Village of Walthill and SID 257, and that the applications from the City of Papillion for \$78,336, the City of Bennington for \$113,710, the Village of Walthill for \$106,629, and SID 257 for \$30,000, for a total of \$328,675 be approved, subject to funding in the FY 2016 Budget.**

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

Voting Yea: F. Conley, Leahy, Tesar, Thompson, J. Conley
Voting Nay: None
Abstaining: None
Excused Absence: None
Absent: None

e. Lake Dredging Program:

Eric Williams noted that the District and Cinnamon Acres Homeowners Association have an agreement for the Cinnamon Acres Greenway – Water Quality Demonstration Project to help reduce sediment entering Wehrspann Lake. Dredging of the project was completed in 2009. An invoice and

documentation were not submitted for reimbursement until discussion re-started in 2014. The HOA submitted for reimbursement during the normal cost-share application period. The total project cost was \$20,825 and they are requesting \$10,412 in assistance.

- **It was moved by Director F. Conley and seconded by Director Leahy that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board of Directors that the application from Cinnamon Acres Homeowners Association for \$10,412 be approved, subject to funding in the FY 2016 Budget.**

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

Voting Yea:	F. Conley, Leahy, Tesar, Thompson, J. Conley
Voting Nay:	None
Abstaining:	None
Excused Absence:	None
Absent:	None

ADJOURNMENT: Being no further business, the meeting adjourned by acclamation at 8:56 p.m.

Minutes were prepared by Lori Laster.