

**Programs, Projects, and Operations
Subcommittee Meeting Minutes
January 6, 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 January 6, 2015. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson John Conley at 6:43 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	Marlin Petermann
Patrick Leahy		Tim Fowler	Dave Newman
Rich Tesar		Scott Japp	Jean Tait
Jim Thompson, Vice-Chairperson		Dave Klug	Heather Borkowski
John Conley, Chairperson		Ron Woodle	Bill Brush
			Martin Cleveland
			Carey Fry
			Amanda Grint
			Lori Laster
			Zach Nelson
			Terry Schumacher
			Eric Williams
			Mike McIntosh, LRA
			Tom Bragg, UNO
			Al Schoemaker, City of Blair
			Dan Dolezal, EGA
			Allison Sambol, FHU
			Chris Koenig, HDR
			See sign-in sheet

- * Absence
- ** Alternate Voting Member

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

- **It was moved by Director Thompson and seconded by Director Fred Conley 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: Conley (Fred), Leahy, Tesar, Thompson, Conley (John)
 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 January 2, 2015. The proof of publication affidavit is included with the file copy of these minutes.

1. Review and Recommendation on the Bid Opening for the Construction of the Thompson Creek Sewer Relocation Project – Martin Cleveland and Mike McIntosh, LRA:

Martin Cleveland gave the Subcommittee an update of the project. He noted that the District opened bids for the project on December 23, 2014, and the five bids ranged from \$547,134.50 to \$694,287.00 with the engineer's estimate at \$228,608.00. The apparent low bid of \$547,134.50 was submitted by TAB Construction Company. The construction bids were higher than the engineer's estimate due to an estimator's under-estimation of the cost of clay sewer pipe required by the City of La Vista. Staff and Lamp Rynearson and Associates recommended rebidding of the project with alternative pipe materials. Mike McIntosh, LRA, and Cleveland addressed Director's questions.

- **It was moved by Director Tesar and seconded by Director Fred Conley that the Subcommittee recommends to the Board of Directors that the General Manager be authorized to reject all of the December 23, 2014 bids for the construction of the Thompson Creek Levee Improvement Project – Sanitary Sewer Relocation and rebid the project with several alternative pipe materials.**

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

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

2. Review and Recommendation on the Glacier Creek Project – West Parcel Acquisition Contribution Request – Amanda Grint and Dr. Tom Bragg, UNO:

Amanda Grint noted to date the District has helped to fund the purchase of 86 acres east of Allwine Prairie, which is planned to be a District wetland and stream mitigation bank, and the 76 acres north of Allwine Prairie (Hayes Overlook). These purchases provide a unique ecosystem in an urban area and also protect a viewshed which allows an undisturbed view of the prairie. One of the remaining parcels that UNO hopes to acquire, for the expansion of the prairie and for control of the entire Glacier Creek watershed, is the 227.84 acres to the north and west of the existing prairie. UNO is requesting that \$200,000 per year for three (3) years be budgeted from the District general fund toward the land purchase and preservation of the west parcel. Dr. Tom Bragg, UNO, presented the proposed project request and costs to date, as well as an extension of the NRCS ACEP-ALE grant application.

- **It was moved by Director Thompson and seconded by Director Leahy that the Subcommittee recommends to the Board of Directors that the General Manager be authorized to extend the application for NRCS ACEP-ALE funding for the 227 acres north and west of Allwine Prairie as part of the Allwine Prairie/Glacier Creek Expansion Project and to execute an interlocal agreement with UNO for a District contribution of \$600,000 paid at a maximum of \$200,000 per year for three years for the purchase of the 227 acres north and west of Allwine Prairie.**

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

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

3. Review and Recommendation on City of Blair Flood Mitigation Assistance Program Request – Amanda Grint and Al Schoemaker, City of Blair:

Amanda Grint briefed the Subcommittee on the City of Blair’s 2012 and 2014 requests for assistance in funding flood control berms to protect their water and wastewater treatment facilities. In 2012, the request was denied as the District Program 17.44 Flood Mitigation Assistance Program, intended to fund the project, was not approved. Since the City’s last request in 2012, they have received FEMA funding for up to 75% of the project costs. The total estimated cost for the proposed project is \$6.3 million. The City request is for \$787,500 or if the generators are removed from the request, \$575,000. The City’s proposed project meets the requirements of District Program 17.44 and staff recommends to cost-share on the City’s flood mitigation project the lesser of \$500,000 or half of the local cost share to be budgeted in FY16 and FY17. Al Schoemaker, City of Blair, and Chris Koenig, HDR, presented the proposed project.

- **It was moved by Director Fred Conley and seconded by Director Leahy that the Subcommittee recommends to the Board of Directors that the General Manager be authorized to execute an interlocal agreement with the City of Blair to cost share in the amount of \$500,000 or half of the local cost share, whichever is less, for the City’s water and wastewater treatment plant flood mitigation project.**

There was Director discussion regarding components of the project and a further breakdown of costs.

- **It was moved by Director Leahy and seconded by Director Tesar that the Subcommittee table the item.**

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

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

4. Review and Recommendation on the MoPac Trail Project Professional Services Agreement with Ehrhart Griffin & Associates – Eric Williams and Dan Dolezal, EGA:

Eric Williams briefed the Subcommittee on completion of Phase 1 construction of the Platte River Trail (MoPac Trail). While working through closeout documentation, NDOR, EGA, and the District documented additional costs that were outside the scope of the original contract. Services exceeded the estimate for the project due to non-chargeable working days, approved additional contract days, inadvertent mileage miscalculation on the original contract increased subconsultant fees and better defined project closeout procedural tasks as supplied by NDOR. This project is a cost share with NDOR, and the District will pay 20% of the total cost of the project. Dan Dolezal, EGA, addressed Director’s questions.

- **It was moved by Director Thompson and seconded by Director Fred Conley that the Subcommittee recommends to the Board of Directors to adopt the resolution provided by NDOR, and authorize the General Manager to execute a Supplemental Agreement between the District and EGA for Construction Engineering Services for the Platte River Trail, Phase 1 for an increase in costs not-to-exceed \$122,174.71.**

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

Voting Yea:	Conley (Fred), Leahy, Tesar, Thompson, Conley (John)
Voting Nay:	None
Abstaining:	None

Excused Absence: None
Absent: None

5. Review and Recommendation on the Western Douglas County Trails Project Environmental Services Agreement with Felsburg, Holt & Ulevig – Eric Williams and Allison Sambol, FHU:

Eric Williams noted the Western Douglas County Trail project is approaching construction for Phase 1, upon approval of the NEPA documentation by Felsburg Holt & Ullevig. Numerous unexpected re-reviews were not anticipated in the original scope and additional effort is needed to finalize documentation causing an increase in costs. It is also requested to extend the contract with FHU until December of 2015. Allison Sambol, FHU, addressed Director's questions.

- **It was moved by Director Fred Conley and seconded by Director Thompson that the Subcommittee recommends to the Board of Directors to adopt the resolution provided by NDOR, and authorize the General Manager to execute a Supplemental Agreement between the District and FHU for Preliminary NEPA Engineering Services for an increase in costs not-to-exceed \$9,739.13.**

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

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

ADJOURNMENT: Being no further business, the meeting adjourned by acclamation at 8:07 p.m.

Minutes were prepared by Jim Becic.