

**Programs, Planning, and Operations Subcommittee
Meeting Minutes
January 8, 2013**

A meeting of the Papio-Missouri River Natural Resources District's Programs, Projects, and Operations Subcommittee was held at the Natural Resources Center, 8901 S. 154th Street, Omaha, Nebraska, on January 8, 2013. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson John Conley at 6:30 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
John Conley, Chairman	Rich Tesar	Curt Frost	John Winkler
Fred Conley, Vice-Chairman		Patrick Leahy	Marlin J. Petermann
Tim Fowler		Scott Japp	Martin Cleveland
Dave Klug		Ron Woodle	Amanda Grint
Jim Thompson			Brian Henkel
			Jean Tait
			Heather Borkowski
			Lori Laster
			Paul Woodward
			Paul Peters
			Dennis Bryers
			Ross Hoppock
			Barb Sudrla
			Chris Shewchuk

Adoption of Agenda

It was moved by Tim Fowler, seconded by Dave Klug that the agenda be adopted.

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

Voting Yes: John Conley, Fred Conley, Tim Fowler, Dave Klug, Jim Thompson
 Voting No: None
 Abstaining: None
 Absent: Tesar
 Excused Absence: Tesar

Proof of Publication of Meeting Notice

Public notice of the meeting was posted at all District offices and in the Omaha World-Herald on January 3, 2013.

Review and Recommendation on Little Papio Channel near 75th Street and Howard Street – Keystone Trail Pedestrian Bridge Replacement Project Easement:

Dennis Bryers, City of Omaha Parks Department, Paul Woodward, Olsson Associates and Martin Cleveland briefed the Subcommittee on the proposed Keystone Trail Pedestrian Bridge Replacement Project. It was noted that one bridge is being removed, one bridge is being relocated and a new trailhead parking lot and trail are being built near 75th and Howard Street. The District owns the channel project right-of-way where the City has requested an easement to relocate a bridge to and build a new trail and trailhead parking lot. Furthermore that a permit from the District would be needed to remove the two bridges. Dennis also noted the time frame for project completion with bids opened on January 16th, 2013 and a notice to proceed given to the selected contractor in February. There was discussion.

It was moved by Fred Conley, seconded by Dave Klug that the Subcommittee recommends to the Board of Directors that the General Manager be authorized to execute an easement agreement for occupation of levee/channel right-of-way for the City of Omaha Keystone Trail Pedestrian Bridge Replacement 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 5-0.

Voting Yes: John Conley, Fred Conley, Tim Fowler, Dave Klug, Jim Thompson
Voting No: None
Abstaining: None
Absent: Tesar
Excused Absence: Tesar

Review and Recommendation on Missouri River Levee System Certification Project – Withdrawal of Nebraska Environmental Trust (NET) Grant Application for Levee Setback:

Brian Henkel briefed the Subcommittee on the history of the grant application to the Nebraska Environmental Trust for a levee setback near the Platte River and Missouri River confluence. He noted that the grant application was for the \$2 million extra cost associated with setting back the R-613 levee. He noted that the recent decision by the Corps of Engineers to not assist in the associated setback project land purchase and their concern about worsening the sedimentation problems within the Missouri River and the general environmental benefit led to the recommendation to modify the NET application. There was discussion on future anticipated spending and the use of NET grant funds.

It was moved by Dave Klug, seconded by Fred Conley that the Subcommittee recommends to the Board of Directors that a setback of the Missouri River R-613 Levee not be pursued further and that the application for a Nebraska Environmental Trust grant be modified to provide for the acquisition of fee title or conservation easements in the area, rather than construction of a levee setback.

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

Voting Yes: John Conley, Fred Conley, Tim Fowler, Dave Klug, Jim Thompson

Voting No: None
Abstaining: None
Absent: Tesar
Excused Absence: Tesar

Review and Recommendation on Interlocal Agreement with the City of Bellevue on the Missouri River Floodway Purchase of the 1600 Front Street Property:

Amanda Grint briefed the Subcommittee on the proposed Interlocal Agreement with City of Bellevue for floodway purchase of a property at 1600 Front Street. She noted that the City has approached the District about assisting them in purchasing a property, north of Highway 370 that was substantially damaged in the 2011 Missouri River flood. The estimated cost to purchase, appraise and clean up the property is \$45,500. The proposed plan is to amend the current Missouri River buyout HMGP application to include this property. The non-federal share would be \$11,375 and that would be split \$5,687.50 each by City of Bellevue and District.

It was moved by Fred Conley, seconded by Tim Fowler that the Subcommittee recommends to the Board of Directors that the General Manager be authorized to execute the proposed Interlocal Agreement with the City of Bellevue for the Missouri River Floodway Purchase of the 1600 Front Street property in Bellevue in an amount not to exceed \$45,500, and that the Missouri River Buyout FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant Program grant be amended to include this property, 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 5-0.

Voting Yes: John Conley, Fred Conley, Tim Fowler, Dave Klug, Jim Thompson
Voting No: None
Abstaining: None
Absent: Tesar
Excused Absence: Tesar

Update on Waterloo's Elkhorn River Bank Stabilization Project:

Amanda Grint briefed the Subcommittee on the recent bid opening for construction of the referenced project. She noted that the apparent low bid was from Prudent Technologies for \$194,965 and that the engineer's estimate was \$330,000. The low bid plus JEO Consultants engineering services totals \$262,000 and the District has previously agreed to pay 50% of this cost, which would be \$131,000.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned by acclamation at 7:25 p.m.