

**Personnel, Legislative and Public Affairs Subcommittee
Meeting Minutes
February 9, 2016**

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 February 9, 2016. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Fred Conley at 6:35 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 Present
Fred Conley, Chairperson	Patrick Bonnett *	Curt Frost	John Winkler
John Conley **		Dave Klug	Marlin Petermann
Tim Fowler		Jim Thompson	Dave Newman
Scott Japp		Rich Tesar	Emmett Egr
Patrick Leahy		Ron Woodle	Other Staff Members
			Bill Rhea
			Matt Moser, USGS

- * Absence
- ** Alternate Voting Member

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

- **It was moved by Director John Conley and seconded by Director Leahy 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 (John), Fowler, Japp, Leahy, Conley (Fred)
 Voting Nay: None
 Abstaining: None
 Absent: Bonnett
 Excused Absence: Bonnett

PROOF OF PUBLICATION: Notice of the meeting was posted in all District offices and published in the Omaha World Herald on February 4, 2016. The proof of publication affidavit is included with the file copy of these minutes.

1. Review and Recommendation on 2016 Legislative Bills – John Winkler:

General Manager, John Winkler, briefed the Subcommittee on the proposed 2016 Legislative Bills. He proposed that the Board of Directors ratify the NARD Legislative Bill Summary as the District's official position on this year's legislation. He added that if

the Subcommittee or Board wished to change a position on a specific bill, then that bill can be called out and voted on separately. There was general discussion, initiated by Director Jim Thompson concerning the staff recommendation to “monitor” LB 716. Eric Williams briefed the committee concerning the intent of LB 716.

- **It was moved by Director John Conley and seconded by Director Fowler that the Subcommittee recommends to the Board of Directors that the Papio-Missouri River Natural Resources District officially ratifies the 2016 NARD Summary of Legislative Bills, and directs the General Manager and the Government Relations Consultant to take such appropriate action to support and/or oppose the positions identified through the legislative process.**

Roll call was taken on the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 3-yea, 0-nay, and 2-abstentions.

Voting Yea:	Conley (John), Fowler, Conley (Fred)
Voting Nay:	None
Abstaining:	Leahy, Japp
Absent:	Bonnett
Excused Absence:	Bonnett

ADJOURNMENT: Being no further business, the meeting adjourned by acclamation at 6:50 p.m.

Minutes were prepared by Emmett Egr.