

**Programs, Planning, and Operations Subcommittee
Meeting Minutes
September 6, 2011**

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 September 6, 2011. 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	David Klug**	Scott Japp	John Winkler, NRD Staff
Fred Conley		Larry Bradley	Marlin J. Petermann, NRD Staff
Gus Erickson*		Dorothy Lanphier	Dick Sklenar, NRD Staff
Rich Tesar		Rick Kolowski	Gerry Bowen, NRD Staff
Jim Thompson			Amanda Grint, NRD Staff
			Lori Laster, NRD Staff
			Terry Schumacher, NRD Staff
			Justin Novak, NRD Staff
			Emmet Egr, NRD Staff
			Trent Heiser, NRD Staff
			Carey Fry, NRD Staff
			Barbara Sudrla, NRD Staff
			Jean Tait, NRD Staff
			Paul Peters, Legal Counsel
			Shawn Melotz, Public

* Alternate Member
** Excused Absence

Adoption of Agenda

- **It was moved by Thompson, and seconded by Erickson, that the agenda be adopted.**

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

Voting Yes: Fred Conley, Tesar, Thompson, Erickson, John Conley
Voting No: None
Abstaining: None
Excused Absence: Klug
Absent: None

Proof of Publication of Meeting Notice

Public notice of the meeting was posted at all District offices and in the Omaha World-Herald on September 1, 2011.

Review and Recommendation on Nebraska Department of Roads Supplemental Agreement:

Gerry Bowen indicated that the Nebraska Department of Roads (NDOR) is requiring that the District adopt a resolution to update the on-going agreement with NDOR on development of the Platte River Trail Project. Adoption of the proposed resolution would keep the project active.

- **It was moved by Fred Conley, and seconded by Erickson, that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board that the General Manager be authorized to execute the Agreement with NDOR on the Platte River Trail Project, Phase 1.**

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

Voting Yes: Fred Conley, Tesar, Thompson, Erickson, John Conley
Voting No: None
Abstaining: None
Excused Absence: Klug
Absent: None

Feasibility Study for New Levee Construction in Burt and Washington County along the Missouri River:

Scott Japp explained that in light of the Missouri River flooding this year, the Subcommittee should consider a feasibility study on developing levees adjacent to the Missouri River in Burt & Washington Counties. He stated that federal dollars may be available for such a study. There was discussion on when and where such federal assistance might be available. John Winkler felt that a study at this time would be premature. Once the Missouri River flood event is completely over, a full damage assessment can be made by the Army Corps of Engineers. There was further discussion.

A call for the question was made by Fred Conley, and seconded by Thompson.

Voting Yes: Fred Conley, Tesar, Thompson, Erickson, John Conley

Voting No: None

Abstaining: None

Excused Absence: Klug

Absent: None

- **It was moved by Fred Conley, seconded by Thompson, that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board that the General Manager not pursue a feasibility study at this time for the construction of new levees along the Missouri River in Burt and Washington Counties until flooding has subsided and consultation and coordination with the US Army Corps of Engineers and other federal, state & local agencies has occurred.**

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

Voting Yes: Fred Conley, Tesar, Thompson, Erickson, John Conley

Voting No: None

Abstaining: None

Excused Absence: Klug

Absent: None

Cole Creek Presentation:

Director Lanphier showed photos of debris in Cole Creek that hampered the flow of water in the channel. There was discussion on what could be done to remedy the situation. Marlin Petermann explained that the City of Omaha has made an effort in the past on tackling the problem, but that some homeowners objected to the solution. There was further discussion.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned by acclamation at 7:09 p.m.