

**Programs, Projects, and Operations Subcommittee
Meeting Minutes
November 9, 2010**

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, Nebraska, on November 9, 2010. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson John Conley at 6:30 p.m.

Quorum Call:

Subcommittee Members Present	Subcommittee Members Absent	Other Directors Present	Others in Attendance
David Klug	Jim Thompson **	Larry Bradley	John Winkler
Rich Tesar		Tim Fowler	Marlin Petermann
Fred Conley		Rick Kolowski	Dick Sklenar
John Conley		Scott Japp	Gerry Bowen
Gus Erickson *		Dorothy Lanphier	Jean Tait
			Trent Heiser
			Barb Sudrla
			Carey Fry
			Paul Peters
			Jim Becic
			Ralph Puls
			Scott Austin
			Shawn Melotz

* Excused Absence

** Alternate Voting Member

Adoption of Agenda

- **It was moved by Director Klug and seconded by Director Erickson that the agenda be adopted.**

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

Voting yea: Tesar, Klug, Erickson, Fred Conley, John Conley

Voting nay: None

Abstain: None

Excused Absence: Thompson

Absent: Thompson

Proof of Publication: Public notice of the meeting was posted at all District offices and in the Omaha World-Herald on November 4, 2010. The proof of publication affidavit is included with the file copy of these minutes.

Washington County Service Center – Request for Increase in Professional Services: Ralph Puls indicated that with design features requested by the Natural Resource Conservation Service and other ‘green’ initiatives directed by the Board, the District’s architect for the project (Alley Poyner Maccheitto) was requesting additional fees. Director Lanphier inquired about the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certification. Michael Alley responded that the building will be certifiable to meet a silver rating, but would not be accredited. Director Bradley felt that the building should be LEED accredited.

- **It was moved by Director Fred Conley and seconded by Director Klug, that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board of Directors that the professional services fees of Alley Poyner Macchietto Architecture be increased from \$148,000 to an amount not to exceed \$157,090.**

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

Voting yea: Klug, Erickson, Fred Conley, John Conley

Voting nay: Tesar

Abstain: None

Excused Absence: Thompson

Absent: Thompson

Missouri River Trail – Phase 2 – CE Selection: It was explained by Jim Becic that the NE Department of Roads (NDOR) and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) would not allow HGM Assoc. to be the construction engineering firm for the Missouri River Trail Phase 2 Project since they did the design. The NDOR provided a list of pre-approved construction engineering consultants for the District to select and prioritize three companies to submit to the NDOR for approval. Director Japp requested that a copy of the construction engineering contract be provided to him when finalized and executed. It was noted that the Agreement would be brought back to the Board for approval.

- **It was moved by Director Fred Conley and seconded by Director Klug, that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board that the General Manager be authorized to negotiate a Professional Services Agreement for Construction Engineering on the Missouri River Trail Phase 2 Project with a consultant approved by the Nebraska Department of Roads and bring the Agreement to the Board for approval.**

Voting yea: Tesar, Klug, Erickson, Fred Conley, John Conley

Voting nay: None

Abstain: None

Excused Absence: Thompson

Absent: Thompson

Mopac Trail (Hwy. 50 to Chalco Hills): Gerry Bowen explained that Lamp Rynearson & Associates was hired in 2007 to provide engineering services for the Mopac Trail (Hwy. 50 to Chalco Hills Rec. Area). The project has been stalled due to revised procedures implemented by the Nebraska Department of Roads (NDOR) under guidance from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). New procedures require that a National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) document be prepared and approved before right-of-way acquisition can proceed. Gerry explained that this would require the hiring of an environmental consultant for an estimated cost of about \$20,000 - \$25,000, and would delay the project for up to 6 months. With the

complicated requirements, delays, and greater anticipated costs, it was recommended that federal funding not be acquired for this project. John Winkler stated that the construction of this project would go across 2 budget cycles of the District. Director Japp spoke in opposition to the staff recommendation while Director Tesar indicated his experience showed that delays on federally funded projects tended to increase overall costs.

- **It was moved by Director Klug and seconded by Director Fred Conley that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board that the District reject the federal funding for this project and proceed with the project without federal funding.**

Voting yea: Tesar, Klug, Erickson, Fred Conley, John Conley

Voting nay: None

Abstain: None

Excused Absence: Thompson

Absent: Thompson

Adjournment: Being no further business, the Subcommittee adjourned at 7:13 p.m. by acclamation.

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