

**Programs, Planning, and Operations Subcommittee
Meeting Minutes
February 7, 2012**

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 February 7, 2012. 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		Scott Japp	NRD Staff- John Winkler
Fred Conley		Dorothy Lanphier	Marlin J. Petermann
David Klug		Gus Erickson	Dick Sklenar
Rich Tesar		Rick Kolowski	Jean Tait
Jim Thompson		Larry Bradley	Heather Guthridge
		Tim Fowler	Amanda Grint
			Lori Laster
			Martin Cleveland
			Gerry Bowen
			Brain Henkel
			Paul Peters
			Trent Heiser
			Carey Fry
			Barb Surdla
			Terry Schumacher
			Public- Dan Dolezal, Ehrhart Griffin Marty Garte, City of Omaha Dr. Alan Kolok, UNO Dean Brach Sandy & Tom Landsperger Bill Jensen Larry & Sandy Jones Esther & Dennis Newlin Curt Avery Sheryl Rich Barbara Madsen Ron Mahoney

			Sharon Sempek Sharon Saxton Alan Kolde Carol Cleaver
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Adoption of Agenda

It was moved by Klug, and seconded by Thompson, 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, Klug, Tesar, Thompson, John Conley
Voting No: None
Abstaining: None
Excused Absent: None
Absent: None

PROOF OF PUBLICATION: Notice of the meeting was posted in all District offices and published in the Omaha World Herald on February 2, 2012. The proof of publication affidavit is included with the file copy of these minutes.

Review and Recommendation on Interlocal Agreement with the City of Omaha for the Rehabilitation of the Omaha Levee:

Amanda Grint spoke on the City of Omaha’s request to cost-share on the Omaha Levee improvements. The request was for \$2 million, not to exceed \$500,000 per calendar year. The work is needed to accredit the levee for the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

There was further discussion by Directors on NRD funding for the project. Marty Grate, City of Omaha, stated that he felt the City’s floodwall & levee was in reasonably good shape considering the extreme conditions the Missouri River Flood of 2011 provided. Marty noted that the work necessary to accredit the levee are things that have needed repair for some time.

It was moved by Tesar, and seconded by Klug, that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board of Directors that the General Manager be authorized to execute the proposed Interlocal Agreement with the City of Omaha for the Omaha Levee Rehabilitation providing cost-sharing assistance up to \$2 million, subject to changes deemed necessary by the General Manager and approved as to form by the District Legal Counsel.

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

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

Absent: None

Review and Recommendation on Memorandum of Understanding with the University of Nebraska for the Lied Platte River Bridge Research Station:

Dr. Alan Kolok, University of Nebraska at Omaha, stated that the Elkhorn River research station will have a grand opening on April 20. About 3 other stations are being planned as well, one of which will be located adjoining the Lied Platte River Pedestrian Bridge. Additional funding for the other stations has already been acquired.

It was moved by Klug, and seconded by Fred Conley, that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board of Directors that the General Manager be authorized to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the University of Nebraska for the Lied Platte River Bridge Research Station project subject to 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: Fred Conley, Klug, Tesar, Thompson, John Conley
Voting No: None
Abstaining: None
Excused Absent: None
Absent: None

Review and Recommendation on MoPac Trail (Hwy 50 to Lied Bridge) Engineering Fees-Contract with Ehrhart Griffin and Associates:

Gerry Bowen indicated that procedural changes by the Nebraska Dept. of Roads & the Federal Highway Administration delayed further development of the MoPac Trail, thus accruing additional engineering services and fees from Ehrhart Griffin & Associates.

It was moved by Klug, and seconded by Thompson, that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board of Directors that the General Manager be authorized to execute proposed amendment #2 of the professional services contract with Ehrhart Griffin and Associates for the MoPac Trail Project (Hwy. 50 to Lied Bridge) increasing the not to exceed amount from \$323,903.68 to \$468,414.70.

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

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

Review and Recommendation on Elkhorn River IPA – Operation and Maintenance Assessment:

It was noted by Gerry Bowen that the Operation & Maintenance assessment was reestablished by the Board last year for the Elkhorn River Stabilization Project. Douglas County requires the District to pass a resolution each year to levy assessment on benefited parcels for an annual total of \$15,000.

It was moved by Fred Conley, and seconded by Klug, that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board of Directors the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Papio-Missouri River Natural Resources District that each of the lots and parcels of ground in Douglas County, Nebraska, identified in the “2012 Assessment Schedule,” attached hereto as Exhibit “A” and incorporated herein by reference, has been specially benefited by the District’s program of operation and maintenance upon the construction and capital improvements involved with the District’s Elkhorn River Bank Stabilization Improvement Project; that special benefits from such program of operation and maintenance are correctly set out in the respective amounts appearing opposite the designation of said lots and parcels of ground in said schedule; that such respective amounts appearing opposite said lots and parcels of ground in said schedule are hereby levied as special assessments against such lots and parcels of ground; and, that said assessments shall become due fifty days after date, to-wit: shall become due on March 30, 2012, and may be paid within said time without interest, but if not paid by March 30, 2012, each such assessment shall draw interest at the rate of 9 per cent per annum from and after date until delinquent; and, from and after date that each installment become delinquent, shall draw interest at the rate of fourteen per cent per annum until paid.

BE IF FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the District shall certify a copy of this levy resolution to the County Clerk and County Treasurer of Douglas County, Nebraska, for spreading the same on the tax records of such County, and such special assessments shall be collected by the County Treasurer as provided by law.

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

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

Review and Recommendation on Missouri River Levee System Units R613 and R616 Cooperation Agreements with US Army Corps of Engineers Rehabilitation of Project:

Martin Cleveland explained that there were 2 cooperative agreements with the US Army Corps of Engineers for rehabilitation of the R613 & R616 levees, as a result of damage suffered from the Missouri River Flood of 2011. There was further discussion on the timetable to make repairs.

It was moved by Fred Conley, and seconded by Klug, that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board of Directors that the Cooperation Agreements with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for the rehabilitation of the Missouri River Levee System Units R613 & R616 be ratified.

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

Voting Yes:	Fred Conley, Klug, Tesar, Thompson, John Conley
Voting No:	None

Abstaining: None
Excused Absent: None
Absent: None

Review and Recommendation on Missouri River Floodway Purchase Program for Iske Place and Elbow Bend:

Many of the public present spoke about the City of Bellevue's failure to provide cost-share dollars for the FEMA buyout program of properties located in Iske Place & Elbow Bend. Sarpy County and the District had approved an agreement to contribute their local share, however, without Bellevue's approval the agreement was not signed and the FEMA application for a buyout was not submitted. There is another grant period for buyouts with an August 2012 deadline. The Subcommittee discussed the motion and noted that directors and staff would talk with Bellevue to encourage their participation. There was discussion on outside funding sources being examined to help defray the cost of the local share. Staff will continue to investigate other avenues of funding. There was additional discussion about statements made by authorities. Properties have been tagged by Bellevue as uninhabitable.

It was moved by Tesar, and seconded by Fred Conley, that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board of Directors that the District staff submit a letter to the City of Bellevue requesting reconsideration of their local cost-share contribution for the Federal Emergency Management Agency program buyout of properties located at Iske Place & Elbow Bend in Sarpy County, and that the District staff further work with Bellevue officials to help remedy concerns by residents in said affected areas.

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

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

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned by acclamation at 8:28 p.m.