

**Programs, Projects, and Operations Subcommittee
Meeting Minutes
March 8, 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 South 154th Street, Omaha, Nebraska, on March 8, 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
Tim Fowler**	David Klug *	Larry Bradley	John Winkler
Rick Kolowski**	Jim Thompson *	Dorothy Lanphier	Marlin Petermann
Fred Conley	Rich Tesar *	Scott Japp	Jim Becic
John Conley			Gerry Bowen
Gus Erickson**			Ross Hoppock
			Jean Tait
			Lori Laster
			Carey Fry
			Barb Sudrla
			Paul Peters
			Amanda Grint
			Jerry Herbster

* = Excused Absence

** = Alternate Voting Member

Adoption of Agenda

- **It was moved by Director Fred Conley and seconded by Director Fowler 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 yes: Fowler, Kolowski, Fred Conley, John Conley, Erickson

Voting no: None

Abstain: None

Excused Absence: Klug, Tesar, Thompson

Absent: Klug, Tesar, Thompson

Proof of Publication: Public notice of the meeting was posted at all District offices and in the Omaha World-Herald on March 3, 2011. The Chairperson ordered the Proof of Publication recorded in the minutes of this meeting.

Missouri River Trail – Phase 2, Task Order for Construction Engineering Contract with Schemmer: Environmental Coordinator Jim Becic described the proposal for a contract with Schemmer and answered questions from the Board members. He introduced Doug Holle from Schemmer’s. There were questions and comments from the Board members.

- **It was moved by Director Fred Conley and seconded by Director Fowler that the Subcommittee recommends to the Board of Directors to adopt the Resolution presented to the Subcommittee authorizing the General Manager to sign the Task Order Agreement between the Papio-Missouri River NRD and The Schemmer Associates for Construction Engineering Services for the Missouri River Trail Phase – 2 project for actual work performed up to a maximum of \$506,060.63.**

Roll call was taken on the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 5 yea and 0 nay.

Voting yes: Fowler, Kolowski, Fred Conley, John Conley, Erickson
Voting no: None
Abstain: None
Excused Absence: Klug, Tesar, Thompson
Absent: Klug, Tesar, Thompson

Damsite 15A Preliminary Design Contract Amendment 1: Lori Laster began the presentation describing the process to date which included public workshops and opportunities for public input. She explained the need for a contract amendment. John Engel with HDR commented on the proposal and the process used to make a request for a COE 404 permit. John Pollock, a member of the audience, addressed the Board regarding the proposal. There was discussion and questions from Board members for Engel and Laster.

- **It was moved by Director Kolowski and seconded by Director Erickson that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board that the General Manager be authorized to execute Contract Amendment 1 with HDR Engineering, presented to the Subcommittee, to provide additional engineering services for Damsite 15A for a maximum total contract fee of \$722,879, 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 yea and 0 nay.

Voting yes: Fowler, Kolowski, Fred Conley, John Conley, Erickson
Voting no: None
Abstain: None
Excused Absence: Klug, Tesar, Thompson
Absent: Klug, Tesar, Thompson

Lower Platte River Corridor Alliance – Sandbar & Bank Stabilization Studies: Prior to Gerry Bowen’s presentation it was noted that the two proposals, 8a and 8b be considered separately.

A. **USGS Sandbar Study:** Gerry Bowen described the first item, the USGS Sandbar Study, and gave details of the proposal, he continued by introducing Jason Alexander with the USGS. Alexander described to the Subcommittee how the study will attempt to determine how sandbars in the Platte River are affected by different conditions such as high or low flows in the

river, deposition of sediment and other factors. There were questions and comments by the Board members present.

- **It was moved by Director Kolowski and seconded by Director Fowler that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board that the Board of Directors approve the proposed LPRCA-sponsored USGS Pilot Sandbar Study on the Lower Platte River for a maximum P-MRNRD contribution of \$23,176, utilizing funds previously set aside for removal by the LPRCA of Platte river obstructions, such contribution towards such study to be conditional, however, upon an equivalent contribution being made by the Lower Platte South NRD and also upon the USACE making final its present determination that the LPRCA's proposed river obstruction removal process, utilizing temporary fill to create a temporary causeway, should not be permitted.**

Roll call was taken on the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 5 yea and 0 nay.

Voting yes: Fowler, Kolowski, Fred Conley, John Conley, Erickson
Voting no: None
Abstain: None
Excused Absence: Klug, Tesar, Thompson
Absent: Klug, Tesar, Thompson

B. USACE Bank Stabilization and Levee Inventory: Bowen continued with his presentation by describing the proposal to approve the USACE Inventory of Bank Stabilization and Levees Study. There was considerable discussion by the board members and questions about the proposal.

- **It was moved by Director Kolowski and seconded by Director Fred Conley that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board that the District approve the USACE Inventory of Bank Stabilization and Levees study for a maximum P-MRNRD contribution of \$16,667, subject to participation of the LPSNRD utilizing funds previously set aside for the river obstruction removal by the LPRCA, and also subject to final determination by the USACE that the LPRCA proposed river obstruction removal process is not permissible.**

Amendment To the Motion **It was moved by Director Fowler and seconded by Director Erickson that the motion be amended to read---- the subcommittee recommend to the Board that action be deferred on the proposal for the USACE Bank Stabilization and Levee Inventory until the status of the Federal share of the cost of such inventory is known.**

Roll call was taken on the Amendment to the motion. The Amendment carried on a vote of 5 year and 0 nay.

Voting yes: Fowler, Kolowski, Fred Conley, John Conley, Erickson
Voting no: None
Abstain: None
Excused Absence: Klug, Tesar, Thompson
Absent: Klug, Tesar, Thompson

Roll call was taken on the motion as amended. The amended motion carried on a vote of 5 yea and 0 nay.

Voting yes: Fowler, Kolowski, Fred Conley, John Conley, Erickson
Voting no: None
Abstain: None
Excused Absence: Klug, Tesar, Thompson
Absent: Klug, Tesar, Thompson

Dam Site 13 (Youngman Lake) 404 Permit Tree Mitigation Bids: Lori Laster described the proposal for tree mitigation at Dam Site 13 and why it was required. There was discussion by board members on the proposal.

- **It was moved by Director Fred Conley and seconded by Director Erickson that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board that the General Manager be authorized to execute a contract for the Dam Site 13 404 Permit Tree Mitigation with Patera Landscaping, LLC, for their total base bid of \$36,475.00.**

Roll call was taken on the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 5 yea and 0 nay.

Voting yes: Fowler, Kolowski, Fred Conley, John Conley, Erickson
Voting no: None
Abstain: None
Excused Absence: Klug, Tesar, Thompson
Absent: Klug, Tesar, Thompson

Bids Received for Chalco Hills Trail and Road Improvements: Jerry Herbster told the Subcommittee where the proposed trail and road improvements are located and why they were needed. There was discussion of the proposal.

- **It was moved by Director Erickson and seconded by Director Kolowski that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board that the bid of U.S. Asphalt Co. for \$95,017.20 for the Chalco Hills Trail and Road Improvement Project be accepted.**

Roll call was taken on the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 5 yea and 0 nay.

Voting yes: Fowler, Kolowski, Fred Conley, John Conley, Erickson
Voting no: None
Abstain: None
Excused Absence: Klug, Tesar, Thompson
Absent: Klug, Tesar, Thompson

Adjournment: There being no further business, the subcommittee adjourned at 8:10 p.m. by acclamation.