

**Programs, Projects, and Operations
Subcommittee Meeting Minutes
August 11, 2015**

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, NE, on August 11, 2015. 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, Chairperson	Patrick Leahy *	Patrick Bonnett	John Winkler
Jim Thompson, Vice-Chairperson		Curt Frost	Marlin Petermann
Fred Conley		Scott Japp	Dave Newman
Tim Fowler **		Dave Klug	Amanda Grint
Rich Tesar		Ron Woodle	Lori Laster
			Jean Tait
			Other Staff Members
			Shawn Melotz
			Cody Winchester, OWH
			Scott Moore
			Jim Buser
			Willie Douglas
			Bill Pospichal
			Karen Rudolph
			Jeff Lake
			Marty Grate, City of Omaha

* Absence

** Alternate Voting Member

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

- **It was moved by Director Tesar and seconded by Director Thompson that the agenda be adopted.**

Roll call was taken on the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 4-yea and 0-nay.

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

* Fred Conley arrived at 6:46 p.m.

PROOF OF PUBLICATION: Public notice of the meeting was posted at all District offices and published in the Omaha World-Herald on August 6, 2015. The proof of publication affidavit is included with the file copy of these minutes.

1. Review and Recommendation Approval of the Issuance of Additional Flood Protection and Water Quality Enhancement Bonds by the Voters – John Winkler:

John Winkler discussed the provisions of the legislative bill that granted the District bonding authority. The bill was passed in 2009 and allowed the District to issue bonds for flood control and water quality projects up to a levy of one cent on each one hundred dollars of taxable valuation. In addition, if approved by a vote of the people, the District can issue additional bonds, up to one additional cent on each one hundred dollars of taxable valuation. The District must stay within the 4.5 cents per one hundred dollars of taxable valuation, even if the additional bonds are issued. Continued development pressure has threatened several sites identified for flood control and water quality in the Papillion Creek Watershed Management plan.

The following people addressed the Subcommittee:

- Marty Grate, Omaha Public Works on behalf of Mayor Jean Stothert
 - Scott Moore, 4550 N. 216th St., Elkhorn, NE 68022
 - Karen Rudolph, 5002 S. 237th Cir., Elkhorn, NE 68022
 - Bill Pospichal, 20915 W. Center Rd., Elkhorn, NE 68022
 - Jeff Lake, Olsson Associates, 2111 S. 67th St., Omaha, NE 68116
 - Jim Buser, 10250 Regency Cir., Omaha, NE 68114
- **It was moved by Director Thompson and seconded by Director Fowler that the subcommittee recommend to the Board of Directors that the question of approval of additional flood control and water quality enhancement bonds be submitted to the voters of the District at the May 10, 2016 primary election as outlined in the attached resolution with any technical changes deemed necessary by the General Manager and Legal Counsel.**

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

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

2. Review and Recommendation on Nebraska Environmental Trust Grant Application for Playground at Elkhorn Crossing – Amanda Grint:

Amanda Grint explained that park improvements have been on-going at Elkhorn Crossing since 2007. The long-term plans for the park include installation of a playground. The site was a river crossing for the Mormon community as they traveled west. A concept for the playground has been developed to incorporate the historical significance of the site, including educational elements. The playground will also incorporate recycled materials and other environmentally-friendly elements. Staff is proposing to submit an application to the Nebraska Environmental Trust to fund 50% of the \$300,000 playground cost.

- **It was moved by Director Tesar and seconded by Director Fred Conley that the Subcommittee recommends to the Board of Directors that the General Manager be authorized to submit a \$150,000 project request to the Nebraska Environmental Trust at a 50% NET (\$150,000), 50% District (\$150,000) cost share for the construction of a playground and educational kiosk at Elkhorn Crossing.**

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

Voting Yea: Conley (Fred), Tesar, Thompson, Conley (John)
Voting Nay: None
Abstaining: None
Excused Absence: Leahy
Absent: Leahy

ADJOURNMENT: Being no further business, the meeting adjourned by acclamation at 7:31 p.m.

Minutes were prepared by Lori Laster.