

**Finance, Expenditure and Legal
Subcommittee Meeting Minutes
July 8, 2014**

A meeting of the Pappio-Missouri River Natural Resources District's Finance, Expenditure and Legal Subcommittee was held at the Natural Resources Center, 8901 South 154th Street, Omaha, NE, on July 8, 2014. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Tesar at 8:20 p.m.

Quorum Call: Quorum call was taken. The following subcommittee members were in attendance.

Subcommittee Present	Members	Subcommittee Members Absent	Other Directors Present	Others in Attendance
John Conley			Patrick Bonnett	John Winkler
Curt Frost			Fred Conley	Marlin J. Petermann
Ron Woodle			Scott Japp	Dave Newman
Jim Thompson (Vice-Chair)			Patrick Leahy	Jean Tait
Rich Tesar (Chairperson)				Heather Borkowski
				Jim Becic
				Bill Brush
				Martin Cleveland
				Emmett Egr
				Carey Fry
				Amanda Grint
				Bill Warren
				Lori Laster
				Zach Nelson
				Terry Schumacher
				Barb Sudrla
				Eric Williams
				Marie Rodriguez, Midwest ROW
				Shawn Melotz

- * Absence
- ** Alternate Voting Member

Adoption of Agenda

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

Roll call was taken on the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 4 –yea, 0 –nay, and 1 –abstention.

Voting Yea: J. Conley, Thompson, Woodle, Tesar
 Voting Nay: None
 Abstaining: Frost
 Absent: None
 Excused Absence: None

Proof of Publication: Public notice of the meeting was posted at all District offices and published in the Omaha World-Herald on July 3, 2014. The proof of publication affidavit is included with the file copy of these minutes.

1. Review and Recommendation on FY 2015 Budget – Draft 1, John Winkler:

General Manager Winkler presented the two options of the first draft of the District’s Fiscal Year 2015 budget. Winkler noted the key differences between the two options and asked Directors to provide input. No action is required at this time. The second draft of the budget will be presented in August and the budget will be adopted in September. There was discussion. The following individuals addressed the Subcommittee:

- Shawn Melotz, 10404 N 144th St., Omaha, NE

No action was taken.

2. Review and Recommendation on the Proposed Increase to the Thurston County Rural Water Rate Schedule – Zach Nelson:

Staff member, Zach Nelson, briefed the Subcommittee members on the status of the Thurston County Rural Water System. The System is currently experiencing declining water use as well as increasing maintenance and costs. The proposed solution is to raise rates so that revenues match expenses. There was discussion. Nelson addressed concerns.

- **It was moved by Director Conley and seconded by Director Thompson that the Subcommittee recommends to the Board of Directors that the General Manager be authorized to set a new increased rate schedule for the Thurston County Rural Water System effective September 1, 2014.**

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

Voting Yea: J. Conley, Frost, Thompson, Woodle, Tesar
Voting Nay: None
Abstaining: None
Absent: None
Excused Absence: None

3. Review and Recommendation on Dam Site 15A Land Acquisition – Lori Laster:

- **It was moved by Director Conley and seconded by Director Thompson that the Subcommittee go into Executive Session at 9:08 p.m. for the purpose of discussing land acquisition.**

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

Voting Yea: J. Conley, Frost, Thompson, Woodle, Tesar
Voting Nay: None
Abstaining: None
Absent: None
Excused Absence: None

- **It was moved by Director Conley and seconded by Director Frost that the Subcommittee come out of Executive Session at 9:18 p.m.**

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

Voting Yea: J. Conley, Frost, Thompson, Woodle, Tesar

Voting Nay: None
Abstaining: None
Absent: None
Excused Absence: None

There was discussion regarding crop lease terms. Dave Newman, Husch Blackwell, addressed those concerns.

- **It was moved by Director Thompson and seconded by Director Conley that the Subcommittee recommends to the Board of Directors:**

A) Recommendation that the General Manager be authorized to execute a purchase agreement for Papio Dam Site 15A Project Tract 1 in the amount of \$144,285 for 9.619 acres of land; and authorized to execute a purchase agreement for Papio Dam Site 15A Project Tract 7 in the amount of \$140,736 for 8.796 acres of land; and authorized to execute a purchase agreement for Papio Dam Site 15A Project Tract 13-15 in the amount of \$5,490,885 for 129.317 acres of land, such purchase agreements to contain provisions for the owners to retain leases over such lands for the 2014 crop year (expiring on or before November 15, 2014) and such other terms and conditions as the General Manager deems necessary and Legal Counsel approves as to form.

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

Voting Yea: J. Conley, Frost, Thompson, Woodle, Tesar
Voting Nay: None
Abstaining: None
Absent: None
Excused Absence: None

- **It was moved by Director Tesar and seconded by Director Thompson that the Subcommittee recommends to the Board of Directors:**

B) Recommendation that, in the absence of voluntary conveyances to the District of fee title to Papio Dam Site 15A Project Tracts 5 and 6 for the appraised value determined by the District’s appraiser, District’s Legal Counsel be authorized to file a petition in the County Court of Douglas County, Nebraska, to initiate the proceedings necessary for acquisition of fee title in Papio Dam Site 15A Project Tracts 5 and 6 through the District’s exercise of its right of eminent domain.

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

Voting Yea: J. Conley, Thompson, Woodle, Tesar
Voting Nay: Frost
Abstaining: None
Absent: None
Excused Absence: None

Adjournment: Being no further business, the meeting adjourned by acclamation at 9:22 p.m.

Minutes were prepared by Heather Borkowski.