

**Programs, Projects, and Operations Subcommittee  
Meeting Minutes  
August 10, 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 154<sup>th</sup> Street, Omaha, Nebraska, on August 10, 2010. 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.

<b>Subcommittee Members Present</b>	<b>Subcommittee Members Absent</b>	<b>Other Directors Present</b>	<b>Others in Attendance</b>
David Klug		Jim Thompson	Don Preister, City of Bellevue
Rick Kolowski		Scott Japp	Bruce Husted
Rich Tesar		Larry Bradley	Aimee Middleton
John Conley		Gus Erickson	Lisa Swanson
Fred Conley <sup>1</sup>			John Royster
			Pat Sullivan
			Shawn Melotz
			Paul Peters
			John Winkler
			Marlin Petermann
			Lori Laster
			Ralph Puls
			Brian Henkel
			Neal Jenson
			Chuck Leinen
			Terry Schumacher
			Tom Pleiss
			Dick Sklenar
			Trent Heiser
			Marty Thieman
			Emmett Egr
			Jim Becic
			Pat Teer
			Carey Fry
			Gerry Bowen

<sup>1</sup> Alternate member

**Adoption of Agenda**

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

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

Voting yes: Klug, Kolowski, F. Conley, Tesar, J. Conley  
Voting no: none  
Abstain: none  
Members Absent: none

**Proof of Publication:** Public notice of the meeting was posted at all District offices and in the Omaha World-Herald on August 5, 2010. The Chairperson ordered the Proof of Publication recorded in the minutes of this meeting.

**Eastern Nebraska Veterans Home (UCAP application)**

Lori Laster noted that the City of Bellevue applied for cost share assistance under the District's Urban Conservation Assistance Program to install stormwater best management practices near the Eastern Nebraska Veterans' Home. The estimated cost for the improvements is \$58,354. The request was for 50% of this amount, or \$29,177.

Bellevue City Councilmember Don Preister addressed the Subcommittee and answered questions.

- **It was moved by Director F. Conley and seconded by Director Klug that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board that the City of Bellevue's application for the Eastern Nebraska Veterans Home in the amount of \$29,177 under District Program 17.0 Urban Conservation Assistance Program be approved, subject to inclusion in the Fiscal Year 2011 Budget.**

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

Voting yes: Klug, Kolowski, F. Conley, Tesar, J. Conley  
Voting no: none  
Abstain: none  
Members Absent: none

**Washington County Service Center Bids:** Ralph Puls noted that bids were received on the Washington County Service Center and that 11 contractors submitted proposals. The lowest bid was received from Fauss Construction Company in the amount of \$1,899,000. He recommended approval.

- **It was moved by Director Klug and seconded by Director Kolowski that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board that the General Manager be authorized to execute a contract with Fauss Construction Company for \$1,899,000 for the construction of the Washington County Service Center, subject to approval as to form by District Legal Counsel.**
- **Amendment No 1 To The Motion**                      **It was moved by Director J. Conley and seconded by Director F. Conley, that the motion be amended to indicate that the award to Fauss Construction Company was subject to final approval by NRCS on the building floor plan.**

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

Voting yes: Klug, Kolowski, F. Conley, Tesar, J. Conley  
Voting no: none  
Abstain: none  
Members Absent: none

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

Voting yes: Klug, Kolowski, F. Conley, Tesar, J. Conley  
Voting no: none  
Abstain: none  
Members Absent: none

**Lower Platte River Vegetative Management Bids:** General Manager John Winkler noted that bids were requested for aerial application of herbicide to combat invasive species on the Lower Platte and Elkhorn Rivers in the Lower Platte North, Lower Platte South, and the Papio NRDs. The lone bid was received from Sky Copters, Inc. in the amount of \$150/acre up to a maximum of \$60,000 in any given year. The contract would be in force for five years. The three districts will each contribute \$20,000 per year for the project.

- **It was moved by Director F. Conley and seconded by Director Kolowski that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board that the General Manager be authorized to execute a contract with Sky Copters, Inc., for the aerial application of herbicide by helicopter in the channels of the Lower Platte and Elkhorn Rivers for the sum of \$150 per acre, not to exceed \$60,000 per year for five years.**

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

Voting yes: Klug, Kolowski, F. Conley, Tesar, J. Conley  
Voting no: none  
Abstain: none  
Members Absent: none

**Farm Process Pilot Groundwater Flow Model Agreement:** Brian Henkel noted that USGS proposed an amendment to the current Farm Process Pilot Groundwater Flow Model Agreement. The amendment would allow further refinement of the computer code for the model and include training for District and USGS personnel to better utilize the model. The amendment would increase the District's cost share from \$63,000 to \$78,000.

- **It was moved by Director Kolowski and seconded by Director Klug that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board that the General Manager be authorized to execute an amendment to the Joint Funding Agreement with the USGS for the modification of the scope of the pilot model study for a new total cost of \$148,000, 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 5-0.

Voting yes: Klug, Kolowski, F. Conley, Tesar, J. Conley  
Voting no: none  
Abstain: none  
Members Absent: none

**NRCS Emergency Watershed Protection Program (EWP):** Gerry Bowen noted that the Board previously approved the District's involvement in sponsoring an Emergency Watershed Protection Project (EWP) with NRCS on the Graham/Gilmore parcel in Sarpy County. Additional areas in the District were proposed for similar projects. NRCS and District staff investigated the Elkhorn Breakout IPA (with Lower Platte North NRD), Elkhorn River IPA, Elkhorn Crossing Recreation Area, Elkhorn River near Arlington, Elk Creek in Dakota County, and the Cambridge Estates/Oaks area along the West Branch Papillion Creek. NRCS determined that in addition to the Graham/Gilmore project, only Elk Creek and Cambridge Estates/Oaks areas were eligible for EWP assistance. Staff recommended that the District sponsor these projects should EWP assistance be made available.

- **It was moved by Director Klug and seconded by Director Kolowski that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board that the General Manager be authorized to provide necessary professional engineering services and execute local sponsorship agreements with the Natural Resources Conservation Service for Emergency Watershed Protection Projects on the Elk Creek Levee project near Jackson, Nebraska in Dakota County, and on the West Branch Papillion Creek near 166<sup>th</sup> & Pacific Street in Douglas County, 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 5-0.

Voting yes: Klug, Kolowski, F. Conley, Tesar, J. Conley  
Voting no: none  
Abstain: none  
Members Absent: none

**Platte River Landing Hours of Operation:** Director Thompson noted that he had been contacted by a constituent about the possibility of expanding the hours of operation at Platte River Landing past the posted 10 p.m. closing time. There was general discussion, but no action taken.

**Adjournment:** Being no further business, the Subcommittee adjourned at 7:30 p.m. by acclamation.