

**Programs, Projects, and Operations Subcommittee
Meeting Minutes
December 7, 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 154th Street, Omaha, Nebraska, on December 7, 2010. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson John Conley at 6:58 p.m.

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

Subcommittee Members Present	Subcommittee Members Absent	Other Directors Present	Others in Attendance
David Klug		Larry Bradley	John Winkler
Jim Thompson		Tim Fowler	Marlin Petermann
Fred Conley		Gus Erickson	Paul Peters
John Conley		Scott Japp	Rick Drews
Rich Tesar		Dorothy Lanphier	Shawn Melotz
		Rick Kolowski	Tyler Moore
			Stan Benke
			Mark Augustine
			Ken Bunger
			Pat Slaven
			Mark Mainelli
			Roger Olson
			Chris Lemke
			Amanda Grint
			Lori Laster
			Jim Becic
			Gerry Bowen
			Keith Lienemann

Adoption of Agenda

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

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

Voting yes: Conley (Fred), Klug, Tesar, Thompson, Conley (John)
 Voting no: None
 Abstain: None
 Absent: None

Proof of Publication: Public notice of the meeting was posted at all District offices and in the Omaha World-Herald on December 2, 2010. The proof of publication affidavit is included with the file copy of these minutes.

Burt-Washington Drainage District Request for Funding for the Burt County Drainage Ditch Cut Off Project:

Jim Becic gave an overview of the project noting that the Burt-Washington Drainage District is proposing to construct a drainage ditch cutoff which would intercept flow from the upstream hills and divert to the Missouri River. Bids for the project were received and the estimated project cost is \$2.8 million with an estimated \$1.6 million in construction costs and another \$1.2 million in right of way, design and utility relocates. Mr. Becic noted that the NRD has a history of working with this drainage district on special watershed projects notably the Silver Creek watershed which drains into the area that the diversion ditch is planned for. It was recommended by staff that the NRD work with the drainage district to establish another special watershed to target runoff upstream before it gets to the drainage ditch cutoff.

Randy Olson addressed the Subcommittee as the representative of the Burt Washington Drainage District. He gave a presentation on the project, Bruner Ditch Extension, and the history of the B-W Drainage District. Mr. Olson noted that the project provides flood protection for the communities of Tekamah and Herman as well as protecting agricultural land.

Mark Mainelli, with Mainelli Wagner and Assoc. addressed the Subcommittee as the engineer for the project. He noted that his firm had been working on the project for 3 years and that the channel design was optimized to handle all water flowing to it rather than for a certain storm frequency. The channel also incorporates environmental considerations such as providing less steep side slopes, buffers and wetland mitigation. He noted that right of way is nearly complete and that all permits including the 404 permit have been obtained.

There was discussion with the Board and staff that the NRD's practice in the past has been to work on special watershed projects which by definition in the program is upstream controls to help with flooding and sediment. It was noted that the B-W Drainage District should continue discussions with the NRD on this project and look at potential projects which might fit the special watershed program.

- **It was moved by Director Fred Conley and seconded by Director Thompson that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board of Directors that the Burt-Washington Drainage District funding request for the Bruner Ditch Cutoff Project be denied and that Management work with the Drainage District and NRCS to select a recommended Special Watershed Project Area for consideration of planning and implementation by the Board.**

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

Voting yes: Conley (Fred), Klug, Tesar, Thompson, Conley (John)
Voting no: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

Nebraska Game and Parks Request for Cost Share Assistance for Debris Removal at Lied Platte River Bridge:

Gerry Bowen addressed the Subcommittee and described the arrangements for the Lied Bridge. The Papio NRD cost shared on the bridge but the operation and maintenance was the responsibility of Nebraska Game and Parks; however, there was a clause that left operation and

maintenance for extreme or catastrophic events open. High water in the early summer caused a substantial amount of debris to be cleaned up along the bridge. Federal money is available for 75% of the costs to remove and dispose of the debris and Game and Parks is requesting that the Papio NRD and Lower Platte South NRD share the remaining 25%. Gerry noted that the Lower Platte South NRD plans to recommend approval of the cost share at their Board meeting.

Roger Kuhn, Nebraska Game and Parks, addressed the Subcommittee and verified that the disposal of debris was included in the cost estimates provided. He also noted that they plan to remove the debris before spring and before the ice is off the river because the debris could cause ice jam problems.

- **It was moved by Director Klug and seconded by Director Fred Conley that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board that the District cost share equally with the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission and the Lower Platte South NRD on the non-federal share of the cost for debris removal at the Lied Platte River Bridge resulting from the June 2010 flood, in an amount not to exceed \$23,330.**

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

Voting yes: Conley (Fred), Klug, Tesar, Thompson, Conley (John)
Voting no: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

Zorinsky Basin No. 1 Interlocal Agreement with City of Omaha:

Gerry Bowen gave an overview of the Zorinsky Basin No. 1 (ZB1) project noting that it is part of the City of Omaha's Community Based Watershed Plan for Zorinsky Lake. Four basins were shown as part of that plan to protect the water quality in Zorinsky Lake. Two of the four have been constructed, Westbay Woods and Whitehawk. The remaining two are both located west of Hwy 92. ZB1 is part of the Papillion Creek Watershed Management Plan and is in the first three year Implementation Plan.

Paul Woodward, Olsson Associates, gave a brief presentation on the ZB1 structure which is a labyrinth weir structure that would control storms with about 1 inch of rainfall. Controlling this water prior to it reaching Zorinsky Lake will help to remove sediment load from the runoff and protect water quality in Zorinsky Lake. ZB1 would have a permanent pool of water. Mr. Woodward noted that the District has applied for 319 grant funds from Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality and that plans are 60% complete.

Gerry Bowen then discussed the interlocal agreement with the City of Omaha and noted that the District would construct the water quality basin and retain an easement over the weir structure and would maintain that structure while the remaining project area would be the responsibility of the City. Pat Slaven, City of Omaha, addressed the Subcommittee and noted Omaha Parks support of the project.

Keith Lineman, Papio NRD, addressed the Subcommittee and inquired as to the width of the permanent pool and the height of the weir. Shawn Melotz addressed the Subcommittee and asked if this agreement approved ZB1 and ZB2 together. She asked if this agenda item approves the project and if a developer is involved. General Manager Winkler answered that there would still be an NRD approval of the construction contract for the project and that this agenda item

was for an interlocal between Omaha and the NRD for ZB1 only. Mr. Winkler stated that no developer is involved with the ZB1 project. Additionally, it was noted that landowner negotiations had not begun but that they were aware of the project.

- **It was moved by Director Thompson and seconded by Director Fred Conley that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board that the General Manager be authorized to execute the proposed Interlocal Cooperation Act Agreement with the City of Omaha for the Zorinsky Water Quality Basin #1 Project..**

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

Voting yes: Conley, Tesar, Thompson, J. Conley
Voting no: Klug
Abstain: None
Absent: None

Waterloo Levee Design Interlocal Agreement – Amendment #4:

Amanda Grint addressed the Subcommittee and gave a brief description of the status of the Waterloo levee and the design contract and interlocal agreement to cost share with the Village of Waterloo. Stan Benke, Village of Waterloo, addressed the Subcommittee and discussed the bids for the project and the urgency in getting the Corps of Engineers 408 submittal approved. He described the recent communications with the Corps and discussed the fourth amendment to the JEO contract for the design of the Waterloo levee. Mr. Benke also briefly discussed the District’s decision to aid the Village by taking over ownership and maintenance of the Waterloo canoe landing.

Director Tesar noted that there was a deed for the Waterloo canoe landing that needed to be given to the District. Mr. Benke noted that the Village’s attorney would be contacting NRD staff the following day to resolve.

- **It was moved by Director Fred Conley and seconded by Director Klug that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board of Directors that the General Manager be authorized to execute a revised Interlocal Agreement with the Village of Waterloo that provides for the equal sharing of the levee design costs up to \$356,922 subject to changes deemed necessary by the General Manager and District Legal Counsel**

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

Voting yes: Conley, Klug, Tesar, Thompson, J. Conley
Voting no: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

Adjournment: Being no further business, the subcommittee adjourned at 8:17 p.m. by acclamation.