

**Programs, Projects, and Operations Subcommittee
Meeting Minutes
April 12, 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 April 12, 2011. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson John Conley at 6:30 p.m.

QUORUM CALL:

| Subcommittee Members Present | Subcommittee Members Absent | Other Directors Present | Others in Attendance |
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| Gus Erickson ** | David Klug * | Larry Bradley | John Winkler |
| Jim Thompson | Fred Conley * | Rich Tesar | Marlin Petermann |
| Tim Fowler ** | | Scott Japp | Dick Sklenar |
| John Conley | | Dorothy Lanphier | Bryan Henkel |
| Gus Erickson | | Rick Kolowski | Trent Heiser |
| | | | Gerry Bowen |
| | | | Jerry Herbster |
| | | | Lori Laster |
| | | | Carey Fry |
| | | | Terry Schumacher |
| | | | Barb Sudrla |
| | | | Paul Peters, NRD Legal Counsel |
| | | | Jean Tait |
| | | | Martin Cleveland |
| | | | Jeff Lake, Olsson Assoc. |
| | | | Dan Kutilek, Douglas Co., Engr. |
| | | | Melinda Pearson, City of Omaha |
| | | | Mike McIntosh, Lamp Rynearson & Assoc. |

* = Excused Absence

** = Alternate Voting Member

Adoption of Agenda

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

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

Voting yes: Tesar, Thompson, Fowler, John Conley, Erickson

Voting no: None

Abstain: None

Excused Absence: Fred Conley, Klug

Absent: Fred Conley, Klug

Proof of Publication: Public notice of the meeting was posted at all District offices and in the Omaha World-Herald on April 7, 2011. The Chairperson ordered the Proof of Publication recorded in the minutes of this meeting.

Papillion Creek Bank Stabilization Project Bids: Martin Cleveland stated that the District received 3 bids for rock rip-rap protection along 4 areas located in the Big Papillion and West Branch Papillion Creeks. The apparent low bidder was Midwest Dumpers Inc.

- **It was moved by Director Tesar and seconded by Director Erickson that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board of Directors that the General Manager be authorized to execute a contract for rock riprap bank stabilization work at four (4) sites on the Papillion Creek System with Midwest Dumpers, Inc., for their total base bid of \$292,320.**

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

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

Bids for Elkhorn Crossing Recreation Area Site Improvements and Graske Crossing River Access Area Site Improvements: Jerry Herbster reported that bids were received for making repairs and improvements to Graske Crossing Recreation Area and the Elkhorn Crossing Recreation Area, as a result of flood damage that occurred last year. There were a total of 12 bidders.

- **It was moved by Director Tesar and seconded by Director Fowler that the Subcommittee recommend that the General Manager be authorized to execute a contract for site improvements to Thompson Construction in the amount of \$105,500.00 for Elkhorn Crossing Recreation Area, and to Andersen Construction in the amount of \$59,905.00 for Graske Crossing Recreation Area**

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

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

Urban Cost Share Programs:

a. Recreation Area Development Program – Gerry Bowen briefed the Subcommittee on applications received for the Recreation Area Development Program. All met program guidelines.

- **It was moved by Director Tesar and seconded by Director Thompson that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board that the applications from the City of Dakota City for \$19,024, the Winnebago Tribe for \$15,059, the City of Omaha (Youngman Park) for \$50,000, and the City of Omaha (Ta-Ha-Zouka Park) for \$50,000 be approved, for a total of \$134,083, subject to funding in the FY 2012 budget.**

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

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

b. Urban Drainageway Program

- **It was moved by Director Tesar and seconded by Director Fowler, that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board that the applications from Millard Park (Sarpy SID #162) for \$168,780, the City of LaVista for \$258,900, the City of Omaha (Rockbrook Creek) for \$713,280, Huntington Park (Douglas SID #374) for \$775,714, the City of Bellevue for \$74,158 be approved, subject to funding in the FY 2012 Budget.**

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

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

Dan Kutilek spoke on the urgent need to stabilize the Hell Creek channel near Harrison Street. Director Kolowski stated that he has observed the severe degradation occurring in the creek over many years. There was further discussion by the Subcommittee.

- **It was moved by Director Tesar and seconded by Director Fowler that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board that the application from Douglas County in the amount of \$886,400.00 be approved, subject to funding in the Fiscal Year 2012 Budget.**

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

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

There was discussion regarding the City of Omaha's request for stabilizing a portion of Saddle Creek. The City was requesting assistance on the open channel portion of the project. Inquiries on the extent of the project were made by several Subcommittee members.

- **It was moved by Director Fowler and seconded by Director Tesar that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board that the application from City of Omaha (Saddle Creek) in the amount of \$811,380.00 be approved, subject to funding in the Fiscal Year 2012 Budget.**

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

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

Jeff Lake, Olsson Associates, described the development of the Sterling Ridge project to the Subcommittee. Inquiries as to why the District should finance the project were made by several Subcommittee members.

- **It was moved by Director Thompson and seconded by Director Erickson that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board that the application from the City of Omaha (Sterling Ridge) in the amount of \$659,704.00 not be approved.**

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

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

There was discussion regarding the City of Bellevue's application for solving a flooding problem adjacent to the VFW post near 25th Street and Gilmore Lake Road. Director Erickson spoke on the need to solve this long-standing problem.

- **It was moved by Director Erickson and seconded by Director Thompson that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board that the application from the City of Bellevue be approved at the 50% cost-share rate, amounting to \$92,697.00, be approved subject to funding in the Fiscal Year 2012 Budget.**

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

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

c. Urban Conservation Assistance Program:

- **It was moved by Director Thompson and seconded by Director Fowler that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board that the applications from the City of Omaha for \$32,400 be approved, subject to funding in the FY 2012 budget.**

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

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

d. Trails Assistance Program:

- **It was moved by Director Fowler and seconded by Director Erickson that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board that the revised application from the City of LaVista for \$44,530 be approved, subject to funding in the FY 2012 budget.**

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

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

e. Stormwater Best Management Practices Program FY2012 Applications: Lori Laster presented the 5 applications that the Stormwater Best Management Practices program received for fiscal year 2012.

- **It was moved by Director Thompson and seconded by Director Fowler that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board of Directors that the District approve the the Lincoln Place BMP application for \$10,000, the Bridlewood Rain Garden application for \$7,500, the Ralston Sports and Entertainment Center Rain Garden application for \$10,000, the Sandoz Elementary School Rain Garden application for \$10,000, and the Heartland Hills Rain Garden application for \$10,000, a total of \$47,500 for District Program 17.41, Stormwater BMP Program, subject to funding the in Fiscal Year 2012 budget.**

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

Voting yes: Tesar, Thompson, Fowler, John Conley, Erickson
Voting no: None
Abstain: None

Excused Absence: Fred Conley, Klug

Absent: Fred Conley, Klug

Approval of Engineering Services with Lamp Rynearson for Big Papio Channel Gabion Repair Project at 105th and Pacific:

Martin Cleveland, Construction Engineer, noted that severe erosion partially undermined a gabion project that was installed in 2002 on the Big Papillion Creek near 105th & Pacific Streets. He recommended that Lamp Rynearson & Associates be hired for engineering services for this project. Photographs of the area were shown.

- **It was moved by Director Tesar and seconded by Director Erickson that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board that the District waive its consultant selection procedures and the General Manager be authorized to execute a professional engineering services agreement for the Big Papio Channel Gabion Repair Project with Lamp Rynearson and Associates with a maximum not to exceed cost of \$85,000 subject to changes deemed necessary by the General Manager, and approval 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: Tesar, Thompson, Fowler, John Conley, Erickson

Voting no: None

Abstain: None

Excused Absence: Fred Conley, Klug

Absent: Fred Conley, Klug

Conservation Assistance Program (CAP) Funding: Director Japp has requested that the Subcommittee consider transferring funds from the Waterloo Levee project into the Conservation Assistance Program (CAP) so that CAP has enough funds to continue approving applications until funds are available in Fiscal Year 2012. At their November 2010 meeting the Finance, Expenditure and Legal Subcommittee voted not to approve a similar request from Director Japp. No action was taken by the Subcommittee.

MOPAC (Hwy 50 to Chalco) Trail Project; compliance with LB 1010: Paul Peters explained to the Subcommittee the need for another public hearing for this project. He reviewed a proposed resolution that the full Board of Directors need approve at the next meeting. No action was taken by the Subcommittee.

Adjournment: There being no further business, the subcommittee adjourned by acclamation at 8:33 p.m.