

**Programs, Planning, and Operations Subcommittee
Meeting Minutes
April 10, 2012**

A meeting of the Papio-Missouri River Natural Resources District's Programs, Projects, and Operations Subcommittee was held at the Natural Resources Center, 8901 S. 154th Street, Omaha, Nebraska, on April 10, 2012. 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		Larry Bradley	John Winkler
Fred Conley		Tim Fowler	Marlin J. Petermann
Dave Klug		Scott Japp	Paul Peters
Rich Tesar		Rick Kolowski	Gerry Bowen
Jim Thompson		Dorothy Lanphier	Chuck Leinen
			Kirk Pfeffer
			Martin Cleveland
			Dick Sklenar
			Meghan Sittler
			Jason Alexander
			Paul Woodward
			Terry Schumacher
			Lori Laster
			Amanda Grint
			Jean Tait
			Heather Guthridge
			Carey Fry
			Barb Sudrula
			Jerry Herbster
			Jim O'Neal

Adoption of Agenda

It was moved by Tesar, seconded by F. Conley that the agenda be adopted.

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

Voting Yea: F. Conley, Klug, Tesar, Thompson, J. Conley

Voting Nay: None

Abstaining: None

Absent: None

Excused Absence: None

Proof of Publication of Meeting Notice

Public notice of the meeting was posted at all District offices and in the Omaha World-Herald on Thursday, April 5, 2012.

Review and Recommendation West Papio Creek/Cambridge Oaks Emergency Watershed Protection Project:

Gerry Bowen updated the Subcommittee on the past Emergency Watershed Protection (EWP) project that occurred in 2010 in the Cambridge Oaks subdivision. Since that project was completed another storm caused additional damage downstream of the project. This damage was also eligible for the EWP program through NRCS. Through the EWP program the NRCS funds 75% of the project costs. The total project cost for the additional damage is estimated to be \$88,000 of which the local share would be \$22,000. Gerry explained that the recommendation is for the approval of the following agreements:

- a. EWP Project Cost Share Agreement with NRC
- b. Interlocal Agreement with City of Omaha

The Interlocal Agreement with the City of Omaha is to split the local share 50/50. Gerry noted that the homeowners are included in the agreement because they are contributing land rights for the project.

- **It was moved by Director F. Conley and seconded by Klug that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board that the General Manager be authorized to execute a program agreement with the Natural Resources Conservation Service for Emergency Watershed Protection program assistance on the Cambridge Oaks Repair Project, and**
- **It is also recommended that the General Manager be authorized to execute the proposed Interlocal Agreement with the City of Omaha and the Cambridge Oaks Homeowners Association for the project, 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 Yea: F. Conley, Klug, Tesar, Thompson, J. Conley
Voting Nay: None
Abstaining: None
Absent: None
Excused Absence: None

Review and Recommendation on Elk Creek Emergency Watershed Protection Project – Martin Cleveland, Dick Sklenar, and Chuck Leinen (NRCS):

Martin Cleveland reviewed the Elk Creek project which is near Jackson, NE. The levee along Elk Creek has had some major sloughing due to large rain events in 2010 and the recent Missouri River flooding. The sloughing is also impacting the 137th Street Bridge. The damage from the 2010 storms were documented by NRCS and the project was approved for Emergency Watershed Protection (EWP) funds at the time. Although the project was written up and was eligible, the NRCS was not appropriated funds. The backwater from the Missouri River flood in 2011 caused additional damage to the levee system. NRCS has determined that the project is again eligible for EWP funding which is 75% of the project cost however, after a site visit on April 10th by the NRD and NRCS, it was found that the project had been underestimated on scope and cost. Staff requested that the subcommittee lay this item over until the NRCS can complete a revised damage estimate.

- **It was moved by Director Tesar and seconded by Klug that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board of Directors that the proposed Interlocal Agreement with Dakota County and local sponsorship agreement with Natural Resources Conservation Service for Emergency Watershed Protection for the Elk Creek Channel/Levee Project near Jackson, NE, be held over until a revised damage estimate is completed by the NRCS.**

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

Voting Yea: F. Conley, Klug, Tesar, Thompson, J. Conley
 Voting Nay: None
 Abstaining: None
 Absent: None
 Excused Absence: None

Review and Recommendation on the LPRCA Platte River Sandbar Study – Gerry Bowen, Meghan Sittler and Jason Alexander, USGS: Meghan Sittler, LPRCA, and Jason Alexander, USGS, addressed the subcommittee regarding a cost share on the second year of the Lower Platte River Sandbar Study. Jason presented the information from last year’s study and it was noted that the reach studied was from Salt Creek to the Mouth of the Platte. Three NRDs, including the Papio NRD, were asked to participate in the study last year and the Lower Platte South NRD was the only entity that contributed funds. Jason discussed the objectives and results of the study which included sandbar location and height. He explained the two possible scenarios for this year’s study. Scenario 1 includes a repeat of the same reach and building the data set in that area. Scenario 2 would include a sandbar survey from Fremont to the mouth of the Platte. It was noted that the project was submitted to the Nebraska Environmental Trust but was unsuccessful in securing funding likely due to the amount of the study and the lack of contributing partners. Management noted that although they support the study, a financial contribution is not recommended due to other important things in the budget that need to be addressed.

- **It was moved by Director Klug and seconded by Tesar that while Management supports the survey of sandbars in the Lower Platte River, funding priorities and other budgetary challenges, it is recommended that the District not participate in the survey at this time.**

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

Voting Yea: F. Conley, Klug, Tesar, Thompson, J. Conley
 Voting Nay: None
 Abstaining: None
 Absent: None
 Excused Absence: None

Review and Recommendation on Zorinsky Water Quality Basins 1 and 2 – Professional Services Contract Amendment 2 with Olsson & Associates – Gerry Bowen and Paul Woodward, Olsson & Associates: Gerry Bowen introduced the project and reviewed the history of the contract with Olsson Associates. He indicated that this was intended to be a three phase project with the first phase including the conceptual design of Zorinsky Basins 1 and 2, the second phase the design and construction of Zorinsky 1 and then in the future a third phase to include the design of Zorinsky Basin 2. Paul Woodward then provided the background on how the design was chosen for Zorinsky Basin 1 and gave an update on the design and the project schedule. Final plans for Zorinsky Basin 1 are nearly complete and the USACE 404 nationwide permit has been submitted. Paul discussed the out of scope work that has been completed by Olsson during the design of Zorinsky Basin 1. This work included working with the

adjacent landowner to develop a grading plan to place the fill that is excavated for the water quality basin and they relocation of a sanitary sewer line. The work with the adjacent landowner will save construction dollars because the excavated material will not need to be hauled a long distance. Through director discussion it was noted that this contract will carry Olsson Associates through bidding and construction of the project and that no work will be done on Zorinsky Basin 2 until a contract is approved by the Board. The directors also discussed the issue of spending on water quality basins versus flood control structures.

- **It was moved by Director Thompson and seconded by F. Conley that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board that the “not-to-exceed” amount on the professional services contract with Olsson Associates, Inc. for the Zorinsky Basin #1 Project be increased from \$302,487 to \$360,887, 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 3-2.

Voting Yea: F. Conley, Thompson, J. Conley
Voting Nay: Klug, Tesar
Abstaining: None
Absent: None
Excused Absence: None

Review and Recommendation on Contract Amendment with Olsson & Associates for the Pigeon/Jones Site 15 Agreement – Terry Schumacher, Paul Woodward, Olsson & Associates:

Terry Schumacher updated the subcommittee on the project schedule. He noted that the advertisement for bids was currently published in the paper and a bid opening was scheduled for April 25th. Paul Woodward with Olsson Associates gave a description of the component that is included in this bid. The work includes the dam and auxiliary spillway, the grading and associated work for the fisheries, road improvements and levee work on Pigeon Creek. Paul then discussed the proposed amendment to the Olsson Associates contract. This amendment would include construction administration, geotechnical work for the settlement of the main dam, land rights, field observation and archeology observation. The archeology observation is a condition of the 404 permit. It was noted that the current Olsson contract does include the recreation planning, design and construction observation. If a bid is approved in May, it was noted that the contractor could be mobilized in June to begin construction.

- **It was moved by Director Thompson and seconded by Tesar that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board of Directors that the General Manager be authorized to execute the proposed amendment to the professional services contract with Olsson Associates for the Pigeon Jones Site 15 Project, increasing the maximum, not to exceed amount to \$1,554,083.00, 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 4-1.

Voting Yea: F. Conley, Tesar, Thompson, J. Conley
Voting Nay: Klug
Abstaining: None
Absent: None
Excused Absence: None

Review and Recommendation on Application for Road Structure Cost Share Assistance – Burt County – Dick Sklenar: Dick Sklenar presented the application from Burt County to cost share on a road structure project located near the intersection of County Road 28 and T. The total project cost is estimated to be \$300,000 to \$400,000 and the request is for an NRD contribution of \$150,000. The proposed project would remove five feet of grade at the structure on Elm Creek. Marlin Petermann noted that the District has participated in grade control in Elm Creek as it is one of the steepest watersheds in the District. Dick noted that the application meets the District requirements for the road structure program.

- **It was moved by Director F. Conley and seconded by Klug that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board of Directors that the Burt County Highway Department application for financial assistance on a road structure project located on Elm Creek, about 2 miles southwest of Decatur, Nebraska, be approved for financial assistance, not to exceed \$150,000 subject to the Fiscal Year 2013 Budget.**

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

Voting Yea: F. Conley, Klug, Tesar, Thompson, J. Conley
Voting Nay: None
Abstaining: None
Absent: None
Excused Absence: None

Review and Recommendation on Urban Cost Share Programs:

Recreation Area Development – Gerry Bowen: Gerry Bowen described the applications that were received for the Recreation Area Development program. Seven applications were received and one from South Sioux City was under \$20,000 and was approved by Management. There was discussion among the directors about approving projects individually or as a group. A motion was made to exclude applications 4 and 5 but was then withdrawn when it was determined that the subcommittee would vote on each application individually.

- **It was moved by Director F. Conley and seconded by Klug that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board that the Recreation Area Development Program application from the City of Bellevue for a total of \$20,000 for Jewell Park be approved subject to funding in the FY 2013 Budget.**

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

Voting Yea: F. Conley, Klug, Thompson, J. Conley
Voting Nay: Tesar
Abstaining: None
Absent: None
Excused Absence: None

- **It was moved by Director F. Conley and seconded by Klug that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board that the Recreation Area Development Program application from**

the City of Bellevue for a total of \$20,000 for McCann Park be approved subject to funding in the FY 2013 Budget.

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

Voting Yea: F. Conley, Klug, Thompson, J. Conley
Voting Nay: Tesar
Abstaining: None
Absent: None
Excused Absence: None

- **It was moved by Director Klug and seconded by F. Conley that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board that the Recreation Area Development Program application from the Dakota County Agricultural Society for a total of \$20,000 for the Dakota County Fairgrounds be approved subject to funding in the FY 2013 Budget.**

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

Voting Yea: F. Conley, Klug, Tesar, Thompson, J. Conley
Voting Nay: None
Abstaining: None
Absent: None
Excused Absence: None

- **It was moved by Director F. Conley and seconded by Klug that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board that the Recreation Area Development Program application from the City of Omaha for a total of \$46,600 for Fontenelle Park be approved subject to funding in the FY 2013 Budget.**

A substitute motion was made by Director Klug.

- **It was moved by Director Klug and seconded by Thompson that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board that the Recreation Area Development Program application from the City of Omaha be funded to a maximum of \$20,000 for Fontenelle Park be approved subject to funding in the FY 2013 Budget.**

Roll call was taken on the substitute motion. The motion carried on a vote of 3-2.

Voting Yea: Klug, Tesar, Thompson
Voting Nay: F. Conley, J. Conley
Abstaining: None
Absent: None
Excused Absence: None

- **It was moved by Director Klug and seconded by Tesar that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board that the Recreation Area Development Program application from the City of Gretna for a total of \$50,000 for the Fields of Gretna be approved subject to funding in the FY 2013 Budget.**

A substitute motion was made by Director Klug.

- **It was moved by Director Klug and seconded by Thompson that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board that the Recreation Area Development Program application from the City of Gretna be funded to a maximum of \$20,000 for the Fields of Gretna be approved subject to funding in the FY 2013 Budget.**

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

Voting Yea: Klug, Tesar, Thompson, J. Conley
Voting Nay: F. Conley
Abstaining: None
Absent: None
Excused Absence: None

An amended motion was made on application number 6 from the City of Papillion.

- **It was moved by Director Klug and seconded by Tesar that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board that the Recreation Area Development Program application from the City of Papillion be funded to a maximum of \$20,000 for the park development located at 84th Street and the West Papio Creek be approved subject to funding in the FY 2013 Budget.**

Roll call was taken on the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 3-2.

Voting Yea: Klug, Tesar, Thompson
Voting Nay: F. Conley, J. Conley
Abstaining: None
Absent: None
Excused Absence: None

Urban Drainageway Program – Gerry Bowen: Gerry Bowen described the one application from the City of Omaha for channel restoration in Seymour Smith Park. This project under the current District guidelines is eligible for a 75% cost share. The other three items under the Urban Drainageway Program for FY13 are from already approved projects that were multi-year contributions.

- **It was moved by Director Klug and seconded by F. Conley that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board that the Urban Drainageway Program application from the City of Omaha for \$437,100 be approved, subject to funding in the FY 2013 Budget.**

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

Voting Yea: F. Conley, Klug, Tesar, Thompson, J. Conley
Voting Nay: None
Abstaining: None
Absent: None
Excused Absence: None

Urban Conservation Assistance Program – Gerry Bowen: Gerry Bowen noted that the three projects presented all met criteria for Management approval and it was the intent of Management to approve the

projects from Fontenelle Nature Association, City of Omaha and the Village of Walthill pending approval in the FY13 budget.

- **It was moved by Director Tesar and seconded by Klug that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board that the Urban Conservation Assistance Program applications from the Fontenelle Nature Association for \$15,000, the City of Omaha for \$9,000, and the Village of Walthill for \$1,800, for a total of \$25,800 be approved subject to funds being included in the FY 2013 Budget.**

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

Voting Yea: F. Conley, Klug, Tesar, Thompson, J. Conley
Voting Nay: None
Abstaining: None
Absent: None
Excused Absence: None

Trails Assistance Program – Gerry Bowen: Gerry Bowen noted that three projects that had previously been approved had been held up due to the changes with Federal Highway funding and those delays have increased the project costs. The trails assistance program projects from City of Bennington, City of Papillion and the City of Springfield have all increased and therefore have requested an increase in cost share. Additionally, the District received four new applications this year, one from the City of Omaha, two from the City of South Sioux City and one from the City of Blair.

- **It was moved by Director Thompson and seconded by Klug that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board that the Trails Assistance Program applications from the City of Bennington be increased from \$41,428 to \$52,689, the City of Papillion from \$48,896 to \$75,050, and the City of Springfield from \$56,439 to \$82,215, and that the new applications from the City of Omaha for \$47,000, the City of South Sioux City for \$81,082, and the City of Blair for \$21,000 be approved, for a total of \$359,036, subject to funding being included in the FY 2013 Budget.**

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

Voting Yea: F. Conley, Klug, Tesar, Thompson, J. Conley
Voting Nay: None
Abstaining: None
Absent: None
Excused Absence: None

Lake Dredging Program – Gerry Bowen: Gerry Bowen described the one application received from the City of Omaha for the Lake Dredging program. The proposed project is for dredging of sediment from the Gene Leahy Mall lagoon. It was noted that this project has also received Nebraska Environmental Trust dollars.

- **It was moved by Director F. Conley and seconded by Klug that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board that the Lake Dredging Program application from the City of**

Omaha in the amount of \$100,000 be approved, subject to funds being included in the FY 2013 Budget.

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

Voting Yea: F. Conley, Klug, Tesar, Thompson, J. Conley
Voting Nay: None
Abstaining: None
Absent: None
Excused Absence: None

Stormwater Best Management Practices Program – Lori Laster: Lori Laster described the seven eligible applications that were received by the District for the Stormwater Best Management Practices Program. SID #245, Sarpy County, Douglas County, and the City of South Sioux City all requested funds to construct rain gardens. The total cost share request for all seven projects is \$52,616.

- **It was moved by Director F. Conley and seconded by J. Conley that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board of Directors that the District approve the Summit Ridge application for \$6,250, the Sarpy County Courthouse application for \$10,000, the Douglas County Health Center application for \$10,000, the Scenic Park Campground 1 application for \$10,000, the Scenic Park Campground 2 application for \$3,183 the Scenic Park Pool application for \$3,183, and the 17th Street Rain Garden application for \$10,000, a total of \$52,616 for District Program 17.41, Stormwater BMP Program, subject to funding the in Fiscal Year 2013 Budget.**

Roll was taken on the motion. The motion failed on a vote of 2-3.

Voting Yea: F. Conley, J. Conley
Voting Nay: Klug, Tesar, Thompson
Abstaining: None
Absent: None
Excused Absence: None

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned by acclamation at 8:48 p.m.