

**Programs, Planning, and Operations Subcommittee
Meeting Minutes
November 8, 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 S. 154th Street, Omaha, Nebraska, on November 8, 2011. 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		Scott Japp	John Winkler
Fred Conley		Tim Fowler	Marlin J. Petermann
David Klug		Dorothy Lanphier	Paul Peters
Rich Tesar		Rick Kolowski	Gerry Bowen
Jim Thompson		Gus Erickson	Amanda Grint
		Larry Bradley	Lori Laster
			Jean Tait
			Heather Guthridge
			Brian Henkel
			Terry Schumacher
			Justin Novak
			Barb Sudrula
			Carey Fry
			Dennis Bryers, City of Omaha
			Jason Lambrecht, USGS
			Aaron Hershberger, NE G&P
			Laurie Carrette-Zook, HDR
			Bill Warren
			Shawn Melotz
			Rick Braasch
			Gene Garrelts

Adoption of Agenda

- **It was moved by Klug, 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 Yes: John Conley, Fred Conley, David Klug, Rich Tesar, Jim Thompson
Voting No: None
Abstaining: None
Excused Absent: None
Absent: 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 November 3, 2011.

Update on Keystone East Trail Project: Dennis Bryers, City of Omaha Parks Department, gave an update on the trail project that the District is cost sharing on. He showed photographs of the construction of Phase 1 of the Keystone East trail and noted that Swain Construction is currently working on the project. Dennis described the proposed work on Phase 2 which goes from 45th and Denton Streets under 42nd Street and Phase 3 along D Street. These future phases are under design and plans are being completed by Big Muddy Workshop. These plans are approximately 75% complete.

Review and Recommendation on Renewal of Agreement with Nebraska Game and Parks on Mentored Youth Hunting: Gerry Bowen provided some history on the past agreements that the District has entered in to with Nebraska Game and Parks for a Youth Mentor Hunting program at Vencil's Island property. Aaron Hershberger, Nebraska Game and Parks Outdoor Education Specialist described the season long program which involves deer, turkey and waterfowl hunting and talked about the number of animals harvested from the site during the last agreement period. He requested that the District enter in to another three year agreement to allow the Youth Mentor Hunting program to continue at that location.

- **It was moved by F. Conley and seconded by Klug to recommend to the Board that the General Manager be authorized to execute a Memorandum of Understanding with the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission to allow for mentored youth hunting and fishing on District property Vencil's Island, subject to changes deemed necessary by the General Manager and approved as to form by the District Legal Counsel.**

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

Voting Yes: John Conley, Fred Conley, David Klug, Rich Tesar, Jim Thompson
Voting No: None
Abstaining: None
Excused Absent: None
Absent: None

Review and Recommendation on 2012 USGS Streamgaging Joint Funding Agreement:

Amanda Grint discussed the current floodwarning system owned by the District and described proposed changes to the system including the equipment and also the maintenance of system. Talks have been ongoing with the USGS to take over the maintenance and data reporting for the system which serves the Papillion Creek Watershed. Jason Lambrecht, USGS, gave a presentation which outlined the services that they would provide the District for the streamgaging system. The services include not only maintenance but also the development of rating curves at each site so that real time discharge data could be developed along with the stage and precipitation data. The USGS also provides quality assured data in a report format as well as on their website, this data will also be shared with the National Weather Service so that they are able to report real time data through their river forecast site. He discussed the proposal provided by USGS and discussed the joint funding of the system. It was noted that a detailed breakdown of the costs associated with each site should be provided to the Board. Jason indicated that he would send that information. It was noted that the new equipment for the floodwarning system has not been purchased yet and that it should be investigated to see if having an entity maintain the new equipment would interfere with the warranty

- **It was moved by Thompson, seconded by Klug that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board that the proposed Joint Funding Agreement with the USGS in the amount of \$144,500.00 for the operation of the District’s floodwarning gaging system be tabled until next month.**

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

Voting Yes: Jim Thompson, David Klug
Voting No: Fred Conley, Rich Tesar, John Conley
Abstaining: None
Excused Absent: None
Absent: None

- **It was moved by F. Conley, seconded by Klug that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board that the General Manager be authorized to execute the proposed Joint Funding Agreement with the USGS in the amount of \$144,500.00 for the operation of the District’s floodwarning gaging system.**

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

Voting Yes: Fred Conley, Rich Tesar, John Conley
Voting No: Jim Thompson, David Klug
Abstaining: None
Excused Absent: None
Absent: None

Development of a Voluntary Integrated Management Plan for the Lower Platte River

Basin: Brian Henkel described that LB962 gave the District the ability to develop an Integrated Management Plan (IMP) voluntarily prior to a basin being determined fully appropriated. The IMP is a tool that can be used to manage surface and groundwater together for areas prior to exceeding the available supply of water. Doing this in advance of a mandate allows for more flexibility in the program. There was discussion as to whether the District should develop an IMP for only its boundaries or to look to develop on a basin approach. Brian noted that Lower Platte North and Lower Platte South NRDs have already approved this action and it is in the best interest of the District from a cost savings and a data collection perspective to partner with them on developing an IMP for the basin

- **It was moved by F. Conley, seconded by Klug that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board that the District develop a voluntary integrated management plan for the portion of the District in the Lower Platte River Basin.**

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

Voting Yes: John Conley, Fred Conley, David Klug, Rich Tesar, Jim Thompson
Voting No: None
Abstaining: None
Excused Absent: None
Absent: None

Cinnamon Acres Sediment Structure Outlet Repair: Gerry Bowen gave an update on the Cinnamon Acres outlet repair project noting that the original request for bids went out in July of this year. Only one bid was received at that time and it was much higher than the engineer's estimate so the bid was rejected. The engineer, Olmsted and Perry, reevaluated the engineer's estimate and revised the costs from approximately \$28,500 to approximately \$37,500. The project was rebid and opened November 7, 2011. The low bid was McC, LLC. For \$58,195 which is still significantly more than the engineer's estimate however, it is recommended that the bid be accepted.

- **It was moved by F. Conley, seconded by Klug that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board that the General Manager be authorized to execute a construction contract with McC, LLC in the amount of \$58,195.00 for the Cinnamon Acres Sediment Structure Outlet Repair Project.**

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

Voting Yes: John Conley, Fred Conley, David Klug, Rich Tesar, Jim Thompson
Voting No: None
Abstaining: None
Excused Absent: None
Absent: None

Purchase of 2012 District Vehicles and 2012, 50-Ton Low bed Trailer: Heather Guthridge discussed the District FY12 equipment needs and explained the bid process. She indicated that an RFP was posted in the Omaha World Herald for two weeks and was also mailed to dealerships. Heather reviewed the three District vehicle replacements and the one equipment item planned for replacement in the District heavy equipment fleet. The low and best bid was reviewed for each along with the trade in value. Heather noted the FY12 District vehicle budget was \$79,500 and the proposed vehicle expenditure comes to \$56,054. The heavy equipment FY12 budget was \$60,000 and the proposed expenditure comes to \$42,152. Discussions took place regarding the potential of purchasing additional District vehicles or equipment that is near replacement age with the additional funds from these budgeted categories.

- **It was moved by F. Conley, seconded by Klug that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board that Bid Items A through D be approved for purchase.**

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

Voting Yes:	John Conley, Fred Conley, David Klug, Rich Tesar, Jim Thompson
Voting No:	None
Abstaining:	None
Excused Absent:	None
Absent:	None

Fiscal Year 2012 Long Range Implementation Plan: Gerry Bowen noted that a workshop was held earlier in the evening with Directors to review the Long Range Implementation Plan (LRIP). He noted that the item was tabled last month and that staff has prepared a plan showing expenditures and revenue based on current tax levy and current bonding authority. Additional scenarios were provided for planning purposes to show what different tax levies and bonding authority would produce. Gerry noted that State law requires that a LRIP be on file annually for the District and that it is preferable to be submitted by October 1 of each year however, there is no penalty for submitting at a later date. Shawn Melotz addressed the Subcommittee and distributed a list of questions for the General Manager. There was discussion on the LRIP and the expenditures included in the Papio Reservoirs and Omaha Levee line item. There was also discussion on the bonding authority and the language of LB160 and whether tax increases were prohibited.

- **It was moved by Tesar, seconded by Thompson that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board that the Line 7. Omaha Levee be removed from Table 5.5 Projected Expenditures in the Fiscal Year 2012 Long Range Implementation Plan.**

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

Voting Yes:	David Klug, Rich Tesar, Jim Thompson
Voting No:	John Conley, Fred Conley
Abstaining:	None
Excused Absent:	None
Absent:	None

- **It was moved by Klug, seconded by F. Conley that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board that the proposed Fiscal Year 2012 Long Range Implementation Plan be approved.**

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

Voting Yes: David Klug, Rich Tesar, Jim Thompson, Fred Conley
 Voting No: John Conley
 Abstaining: None
 Excused Absent: None
 Absent: None

Review and Recommendation on the Missouri River Floodway Purchase Program for Douglas County: Lori Laster indicated that this item had been added to the agenda because a request had come in from Douglas County and the City of Omaha to consider applying for Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) funds for a voluntary floodplain buyout in Douglas County and to cost share on the local match. It was noted that there are several residences and some nonresidential structures along the Missouri River that were substantially damaged in this year's flood. The amount and number of structures that would be part of the application has yet to be determined however, Lori noted that action is requested by the Board because if an HMGP application is to be submitted this year it would need to be completed by December 9th and the next Board meeting would not allow enough time. The expected maximum project cost would be \$3 million dollars with 75% coming from HMGP funding.

- **It was moved by F. Conley, seconded by Klug that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board that the General Manager be authorized to fully execute for and on behalf of the District an Interlocal Agreement with Douglas County and the City of Omaha which provides that the District sponsor and apply for FEM Hazard Mitigation Grant Program funding for eligible floodway buyouts in the County and that the District, Douglas County and the City of Omaha equally share the non-federal costs of those acquisitions up to a District maximum contribution of \$250,000, subject to changes deemed necessary by the General Manager and approved as to form by District Legal Counsel.**

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

Voting Yes: Fred Conley, Jim Thompson, John Conley
 Voting No: David Klug, Rich Tesar
 Abstaining: None
 Excused Absent: None
 Absent: None

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned by acclamation at 8:57 p.m.