

**Personnel, Legislative and Public Affairs Subcommittee  
Meeting Minutes  
June 7, 2011**

A meeting of the Papio-Missouri River Natural Resources District's Personnel, Legislative and Public Affairs Subcommittee was held at the Natural Resources Center, 8901 S. 154th Street, Omaha, NE on June 7, 2011. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Dave Klug at 7:40 p.m.

**QUORUM CALL:** Quorum call was taken. The following were in attendance.

Subcommittee Members Present	Subcommittee Members Absent	Other Directors Present	Others Present
Conley (Fred)		Lanphier	John Winkler
Erickson		Thompson	Marlin Petermann
Fowler (V-Chair)		Kolowski	Emmett Egr
Japp		Bradley	Amanda Grint
Klug (Chairperson)		Conley (John)	Gerry Bowen
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- \* Excused Absence
- \*\* Alternate Voting Member

**PROOF OF PUBLICATION:** Notice of the meeting was posted in all District offices and published in the Omaha World Herald on June 2, 2011. The proof of publication affidavit is included with the file copy of these minutes.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA:**

- **It was moved by Director Erickson and seconded by Director Conley that the agenda be adopted.**

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

Voting Yea: Conley, Erickson, Fowler, Japp, Klug  
 Voting Nay: None  
 Abstaining:  
 Excused Absence:  
 Absent:

**Review and Recommendation on Legislative Representative Contract Renewal with Husch Blackwell Sanders:**

General Manager, John Winkler, briefed the subcommittee on the staff recommended contract with Husch Blackwell Sanders, LLP for intergovernmental and professional lobbying services. He said that he is very pleased with the service provided and that the firm performed extremely well during the term of the last contract.

There was general discussion concerning the firm's abilities and the benefits to the NRD gained through the firm's work. Husch Blackwell Sanders representatives Steve Grasz, Ronald Sedlacek and Tim Gay addressed questions from subcommittee members.

**It was moved by Director Erickson and seconded by Director Conley that the subcommittee recommend to the Board of Directors that the General Manager be authorized to execute the proposed contract with Husch Blackwell Sanders, LLP, for the provision of intergovernmental and professional lobbying services per the terms and conditions outlined in the attached agreement.**

The subcommittee continued discussion on the contract provision detailing an option for expanded services to represent the NRD during a potential ballot initiative regarding bonding authority.

**Director Conley offered a Friendly Amendment to withdraw the provision for potential expanded services and to discuss this option on a later date. The Friendly Amendment was accepted.**

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

Voting Yea: Conley, Erickson, Fowler, Klug

Voting Nay: Japp

Abstaining:

Excused Absence:

Absent:

**ADJOURNMENT:** Being no further business, the meeting adjourned by acclamation at 8:15 p.m.