

Agenda Item: 6.

## MEMORANDUM

TO: Personnel, Legislative and Public Affairs Subcommittee  
FROM: John Winkler  
SUBJECT: Authorize the General Manager to Explore the Process and Requirements for a District Wide Ballot Initiative  
DATE: February 3, 2012

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The following resolution is provided for the Personnel, Legislative and Public Affairs Subcommittee's consideration, authorizing me to explore the process and identify the requirements for a District Wide Ballot Initiative.

### RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Papio-Missouri River Natural Resources District faces numerous challenges in the areas of flood control and water quality; and

WHEREAS, the funding necessary to address these challenges is beyond the means of the District's annual Budget; and

WHEREAS, the Nebraska Legislature provided the District with authority in 2009, under certain limited conditions, to issue flood protection and water quality enhancement bonds in order to facilitate the efficient financing of necessary flood control and water quality enhancement projects; and

WHEREAS, the levy for such bonds may not exceed one cent on each one hundred dollars of taxable valuation and must be counted within the District's existing tax levy limit, unless a ballot measure is initiated which seeks voter approval to authorize the District to levy an additional one cent on each hundred dollars of taxable valuation.

WHEREAS, the District's statutory authority to issue such bonds expires on 12-31-2019 and the nearest statewide primary or general election after the current year is in 2014; and

WHEREAS, the Board will require additional information in order to make an informed decision whether or not to initiate voter consideration of exercising this additional bonding authority;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Board of Directors of the Papio-Missouri River Natural Resources District hereby authorizes and directs its General Manager to develop a plan and outline for Board consideration detailing the steps and factors involved in presenting a ballot issue to the District's voters for approval or rejection of issuance of flood protection and water quality enhancement bonds.