



**PAPIO-MISSOURI RIVER
NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES
December 12, 2013**

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

NOTIFICATION OF OPEN MEETINGS ACT POSTING AND MEETING PROCEDURE

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: A regular meeting of the Papio-Missouri River Natural Resources District Board of Directors was held at the Natural Resources Center, 8901 S. 154th Street, Omaha, NE on December 12, 2013. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Fred Conley, at 7:00 p.m.

QUORUM CALL: The following Directors were present for the Quorum Call:

Patrick Bonnett	Dave Klug
Fred Conley	Patrick Leahy
John Conley	Rich Tesar
Tim Fowler	Jim Thompson
Curt Frost	Ron Woodle
Scott Japp	

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

- **MOTION NO. 1:** It was moved by Director Klug and seconded by Director Bonnett that the meeting agenda be adopted.

Roll call vote was held on motion. The motion carried on a vote of 10-yea and 1-present and not voting.

Voting Yea - Bonnett, J. Conley, Fowler, Frost, Klug, Leahy, Tesar, Thompson, Woodle, F. Conley
Voting Nay - None
Abstaining - None
Excused Absence - None
Absent - None
Present and not voting - Japp

ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA:

- **MOTION NO. 2:** It was moved by Director Fowler and seconded by Director Tesar that the following resolution be adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED that the following resolutions on the consent agenda are hereby adopted.

Agenda Item 3.A.:

BE IT RESOLVED that the absence of the following Director from the December 12, 2013, Board of Directors Meeting is excused:

None to date.

Agenda Item 7. A.:

BE IT RESOLVED that the November 14, 2013 Papio-Missouri River NRD Board meeting minutes are approved as printed.

Roll call vote was held on motion. The motion carried on a vote of 10-yea and 1-present and not voting.

Voting Yea - Bonnett, J. Conley, Fowler, Frost, Klug, Leahy, Tesar, Thompson, Woodle, F. Conley
Voting Nay - None
Abstaining - None
Excused Absence - None
Absent - None

Present and not voting - Japp

PROOFS OF PUBLICATION OF MEETING NOTICE: Notice of the meeting was published in the Omaha World Herald on December 5, 2013. The District's October 11-November 14, 2013, expenditures were published in the Douglas County Post-Gazette on November 26, 2013. The Chairperson ordered the Proofs of Publication recorded in the minutes of this meeting. (They are contained as part of the file copy of these minutes.)

AGENCY AND ASSOCIATION REPORTS:

A. Natural Resources Conservation Service Report: Neil Jensen, NRCS District Conservationist at the Omaha NRCS office, gave his report of NRCS activities. Neil's report is posted to the website and attached to these meeting minutes.

B. Nebraska Association of Resources Districts: Director Tesar reported that the 2014 NARD Legislative Conference would be held January 28-29, 2014, at the Embassy Suites in Lincoln, NE. He urged Directors to attend.

C. Legislative Report – Husch Blackwell: Ron Sedlacek and Steve Grasz reported on the ongoing activities within the Nebraska Legislature. A copy of their report is attached to these meeting minutes.

D. Lower Platte River Corridor Alliance Report: Meghan Sittler’s written report is posted to the website and attached to these meeting minutes.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:

A. Personnel, Legislative and Public Affairs Subcommittee: Director Dave Klug reported that the PLPA Subcommittee met on December 10, 2013, and gave a brief recap of the meeting.

- **MOTION NO. 3:** It was moved by Director Dave Klug that the following recommendation be adopted:

PLPA Recommendation #1: 2014 Pay Program Administration Manual: Recommendation that the amendments to the Papio-Missouri River NRD Pay Program for Calendar Year 2014, presented to the Subcommittee, be adopted and incorporated into the District’s Policy Manual.

Roll call vote was held on motion. The motion carried on a vote of 9-yea, 1-abstention, and 1-present and not voting.

Voting Yea - Bonnett, J. Conley, Fowler, Klug, Leahy, Tesar, Thompson, Woodle, F. Conley
Voting Nay - None
Abstaining - Frost
Excused Absence - None
Absent - None

Present and not voting - Japp

B. Programs, Projects and Operations Subcommittee: Director John Conley reported that the PPO Subcommittee met on December 10, 2013, and gave a brief recap of the meeting.

- **MOTION NO. 4:** It was moved by Director John Conley that the following recommendation be adopted:

PPO Recommendation #1: Renewal of USGS Maintenance Agreement for Papio Floodwarning System Gages: Recommendation that the General Manager be authorized execute the proposed contract with the USGS in the amount of \$113,435 for the operation of the District’s floodwarning system for the Papillion Creek Watershed, in the form as presented to the Subcommittee.

Roll call vote was held on motion. The motion carried on a vote of 8-yea, 2-nay, and 1-present and not voting.

Voting Yea - Bonnett, J. Conley, Fowler, Klug, Leahy, Tesar, Woodle, F. Conley

Voting Nay - Frost, Thompson
Abstaining - None
Excused Absence - None
Absent - None

Present and not voting - Japp

- **MOTION NO. 5:** It was moved by Director John Conley that the following recommendation be adopted:

PPO Recommendation #2: Papio Dam Site 15A Cooperative Agreement with Nebraska Game and Parks Commission for Federal Aid in Sport Fish Restoration: Recommendation that the General Manager be authorized to execute the proposed agreement between the District and Nebraska Game and Parks Commission in the form as presented to the Subcommittee, and providing for 75 percent funding for the Papio Dam Site 15A Project through the Federal Sport Fish Restoration Program in the amount of \$1,100,000, subject to changes deemed necessary by the General Manager and approved as to form by District Legal Counsel.

Roll call vote was held on the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 9-yea, 1-nay, and 1-present and not voting.

Voting Yea - Bonnett, J. Conley, Fowler, Klug, Leahy, Tesar, Thompson, Woodle, F. Conley

Voting Nay - Frost
Abstaining - None
Excused Absence - None
Absent - None

Present and not voting - Japp

- **MOTION NO. 6:** It was moved by Director John Conley that the following recommendation be adopted:

PPO Recommendation #3: Bid Opening for the Mopac Trail Improvements Phase 2: Recommendation that the General Manager be authorized to execute a contract with TAB Construction for construction of the Mopac Trail Improvements Phase 2, for the not-to-exceed amount of \$96,231.50.

Roll call vote was held on motion. The motion carried on a vote of 10-yea and 1-present and not voting.

Voting Yea - Bonnett, J. Conley, Fowler, Frost, Klug, Leahy, Tesar, Thompson, Woodle, F. Conley

Voting Nay - None
Abstaining - None
Excused Absence - None

Absent - None

Present and not voting - Japp

B. Finance, Expenditures and Legal Subcommittee: Director Rich Tesar reported that the FEL Subcommittee met on December 10, 2013 and gave a brief recap of the meeting.

- **MOTION NO. 7:** It was moved by Director Tesar that the following recommendation be adopted:

FEL Recommendation #1.: Fiscal Year 2013 Audit Report: Recommendation that the FY 2013 Audit Report, prepared by HSMC Orizon, LLC, be accepted and that the General Manager be directed to file an authenticated copy of the audit report with the Nebraska Auditor of Public Accounts and the Nebraska Natural Resources Commission.

Roll call vote was held on the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 10-yea and 1-present and not voting.

Voting Yea - Bonnett, J. Conley, Fowler, Frost, Klug, Leahy, Tesar, Thompson, Woodle, F. Conley

Voting Nay - None

Abstaining - None

Excused Absence - None

Absent - None

Present and not voting - Japp

- **MOTION NO. 8:** It was moved by Director Tesar that the following recommendation be adopted:

FEL Recommendation #2.: Elbow Bend Floodway Buyout Area OPPD Request for Right-of-Way Easement: Recommendation that the General Manager be authorized to execute the proposed right-of-way easement and memorandum of understanding with Omaha Public Power District for the Elbow Bend Floodway Buyout Area, located near Bellevue, Nebraska, in the form as presented to the Subcommittee, subject to changes deemed necessary by the General Manager and approved as to form by District Legal Counsel.

Roll call vote was held on motion. The motion carried on a vote of 10-yea and 1-present and not voting.

Voting Yea - Bonnett, J. Conley, Fowler, Frost, Klug, Leahy, Tesar, Thompson, Woodle, F. Conley

Voting Nay - None

Abstaining - None

Excused Absence - None

Absent - None

Present and not voting - Japp

TREASURER'S REPORT:

- **MOTION NO. 9:** It was moved by Director John Conley and seconded by Director Thompson that the following resolution be adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Treasurer is authorized to expend general funds to pay: (1) claims listed in the November, 2013, financial report; and, (2) any claims made prior to the next Board meeting for (a) earned salaries of District employees, (b) withholding taxes, (c) social security payments, (d) retirement program contributions, (e) utilities, (f) registration fees and expenses for upcoming meetings and conferences, (g) certified completed CAP and Special Project Area applications, (h) invoices which offer a credit or discount for payment made prior to the next Board meeting, (i) postage, and, (j) building and grounds contract expenses.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Treasurer is authorized to pay, from the respective operating accounts of the Dakota County, Thurston County and Washington County Rural Water System, the Elkhorn River Bank Stabilization Project, the Elkhorn Breakout Project, the Elk/Pigeon Creek Drainage Project, and the Western Sarpy Drainage District, the project bills listed on the November, 2013, financial report, and future claims for project utilities.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the financial reports be affixed to and made a part of the minutes.

Roll call vote was held on motion. The motion carried on a vote of 10-yea and 1-present and not voting.

Voting Yea - Bonnett, J. Conley, Fowler, Frost, Klug, Leahy, Tesar, Thompson, Woodle, F. Conley
Voting Nay - None
Abstaining - None
Excused Absence - None
Absent - None
Present and not voting - Japp

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT:

A. Lawsuit on Expense Claim Filed by Director Japp: Chairperson Fred Conley stated that the claimant withdrew his claim.

B. P-MRNRD Employee Service Awards: The following employees were recognized for their years of service with the District:

➤	Mike Bickley – Land Steward	5 Years
➤	Heather Borkowski – Purchasing Agent	5 Years
➤	Carey Fry – District Accountant	5 Years
➤	Brian Henkel – Groundwater Management Engineer	5 Years
➤	Penny Burch – District Secretary	10 Years
➤	Lance Olerich – Water Supply Superintendent, Dakota City	10 Years
➤	Christine Jacobsen – Education & Volunteer Specialist	15 Years
➤	Ryan Trapp – Heavy Equipment Operator	15 Years
➤	Jean Tait – Administrative Coordinator	20 Years
➤	Kelly Fravel – Program Assistant, Dakota City	25 Years
➤	Jerry Herbster – Park Superintendent	25 Years
➤	Teresa Murphy – Program Assistant, Walthill	25 Years
➤	Marty Nissen – District Draftsman	25 Years
➤	John Zaugg – Field Representative, Omaha	30 Years
➤	Martin Cleveland – Construction Engineer	35 Years
➤	Bill Warren – O& M Superintendent	35 Years

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT: GM Winkler reviewed the GM Report with the Board and noted that the report had been posted to the website. He informed the Board that the Papillion Creek Watershed Partnership Meeting for December has been cancelled.

NEBRASKA BEEKEEPING INDUSTRY AND COLONY COLLAPSE DISORDER: Director Bonnett updated the Board on his proposed resolution on the Nebraska Beekeeping Industry and Colony Collapse Disorder. This item will be placed on the January Programs, Projects, and Operations Subcommittee agenda.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

A. **Future Meetings:** The Chairperson reviewed the following upcoming meetings with the Directors:

December 19, 2013	Papillion Creek Watershed Partnership Meeting, 10:00 a.m., NRC (THIS MEETING HAS BEEN CANCELLED)
December 25, 2013	Christmas Holiday – P-MRNRD Offices Closed
January 1, 2014	New Year’s Holiday – P-MRNRD Offices Closed
January 7, 2014	P-MRNRD Subcommittee Meetings
January 9, 2014	P-MRNRD Board Meeting
January 20, 2014	Martin Luther King Day – P-MRNRD Offices Closed
January 23, 2013	Papillion Creek Watershed Partnership Meeting, 10:00 a.m., NRC
January 28-29, 2014	NARD Legislative Conference, Lincoln, NE

February 2-5, 2014	National Association of Conservation Districts 2014 Annual Meeting, Anaheim, California
February 11, 2014	P-MRNRD Subcommittee Meetings
February 13, 2014	P-MRNRD Board Meeting
February 17, 2014	Presidents' Day - P-MRNRD Offices Closed

B. Next Meeting – January 9, 2014, at the NRC.

ADJOURNMENT: Being no further business, the Chairperson declared that the meeting was adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

NOTE: These minutes reflect the actions and votes taken at the December 12, 2013 Board of Directors Meeting of the Papio-Missouri River Natural Resources District and are not an official transcript of the meeting. The audio cast of this meeting can be found on our website at www.papionrd.org.

I, the undersigned, Secretary of the Papio-Missouri River Natural Resources District, hereby certify that the foregoing are true and correct minutes of a meeting of the Board of Directors of the District held on December 12, 2013, that all of the subjects included in the foregoing proceedings were contained in the agenda for the meeting, kept continually current and readily available for public inspection at the office of the District; that such subjects were contained in said agenda at least twenty-four hours prior to said meeting; that at least one copy of all reproducible material discussed at the meeting was available at the meeting for examination and copying by members of the public; that the minutes were in written form and available for public inspection within ten working days and prior to the next convened meeting of said body; and, that all news media requesting notification of the meeting of said body were provided advance notification of the time and place of said meeting.

Richard Tesar
District Secretary