

**Finance, Expenditure & Legal  
Subcommittee Meeting  
March 7, 2006  
8:00 p.m.  
Agenda**

**Finance, Expenditure & Legal Subcommittee Members:**

Dick Connealy, Chairperson  
Tim Fowler, Vice-Chairperson  
John Conley  
Dorothy Lanphier  
Jim Thompson

Alternate Members: John Schwope  
Rich Tesar

Staff Liaison: Jim Becic  
Jerry Herbster \*  
Jack Lawless  
Trent Heiser

1. Meeting Called to Order – Chairperson Connealy
2. Quorum Call
3. Adoption of Agenda
4. Proof of Publication of Meeting Notice
5. Review and Recommendation on Appointment of an Ad Hoc Subcommittee for Auditing Services – Director Lanphier
6. Review and Recommendation on Request for Increase in Hourly Rate for Legal Services – Paul Peters, District Legal Counsel
7. Review and Recommendation on NARD Issues – Director Tesar and Steve Oltmans
  - a. NARD By-Law Change
  - b. NARD 457 Deferred Compensation Plan
8. Adjourn

MEMORANDUM

TO: Pappio Missouri River Board of Directors

FROM: Jack Lawless - Accountant

SUBJECT: Informational Memo on RFP for Professional Auditing Services

DATE: March 1, 2006

Changes to the Pappio-Missouri River NRD Policy Manual concerning District audits were passed at the January 8, 2006 Board of Directors Meeting (see policies 14.3 and 15.2 attached). These changes mandated formal competitive price proposals for the District's Auditing Services be made in accordance with Policy 15.6.C (attached), and obtained at a minimum of every five years.

A Director will bring an item before the March 7, 2006 Finance, Expenditure and Legal Subcommittee Meeting recommending an Ad-Hoc Subcommittee for Accounting Services. Policy 15.6.C does not provide for an Ad-Hoc Committee so this would be a change in policy. To assist Directors in evaluating the need for an Ad-Hoc Committee for Accounting Services, please find enclosed a copy of our Request For Proposals, and a copy of the Selection Schedule, and an RFP Checklist for CPA Services (Governmental Organizations) provided by Director Lanphier.

Unless otherwise directed by the Board of Directors, management's intentions are to proceed with the RFP as written.

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February 13, 2006

Board of Directors and General Manager  
Papio-Missouri River Natural Resources District  
8901 South 154th Street  
Omaha, NE 68138-3621

Via: Mail and e-mail

Dear Clients:

I respectfully request that the Board permit me to increase, to \$145 per hour, my hourly billing rate for legal services furnished to the District.

My present billing rate of \$130 per hour, approved by the Board on October 12, 2000, has become out of sync with the billing rates charged by other attorneys having similar qualifications and experience, and with my own rates for other clients, which I recently increased to \$165 per hour.

Because of my experience and methods, I am able to efficiently provide most legal services the District requires with minimal time expenditures.

As in the past, I would intend to provide detailed monthly billings for time expended and I would intend to bill my expenses, such as court costs, fees for experts and court reporters, out-of-city travel expenses, long distance telephone charges and photocopies, without any markup.

In addition, I would intend to continue my past practice of not charging a fee for attending official Board or subcommittee meetings.

Thank you for considering my request. Please feel free to phone me with any questions you may have.

Respectfully yours,



PAUL F. PETERS

