

**Papio-Missouri River NRD  
Elkhorn River Public Access Study  
Ad-Hoc Consultant Selection Subcommittee  
Meeting Minutes  
April 1, 2003  
7:00 p.m.**

A meeting of the Papio-Missouri River Natural Resources District Elkhorn River Public Access Study Ad-Hoc Consultant Selection Subcommittee was held at the Natural Resources Center, 8901 South 154<sup>th</sup> Street, Omaha, Nebraska on April 1, 2003. Public Notice of the meeting was published in the Omaha World Herald on March 26, 2003.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Rich Tesar at 7:00 p.m.

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<b>Subcommittee Members Present</b>	<b>Subcommittee Members Absent</b>	<b>Other Directors Present</b>	<b>Others in Attendance</b>
Rich Tesar	Richard Connealy		Steve Oltmans, Dick Sklenar, Marlin Petermann, NRD Staff
Melissa Gardner			Joel Bauch, UNO; Eric Dove, Shawn Overden, Schemmer Assoc.;
Barb Nichols			Andy Miller, John Royster, Dan Dozal, Big Muddy Workshop;
John Conley			Dave Ciaccio, Todd Maiellaro, Kevin Strehle, Ciaccio Dannel Group;
Fred Conley*			Mike Sotak, Olsson Assoc.

\*Alternate Member, absent at roll call but present at meeting

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

The Chairperson called for approval of the tentative agenda.

- ◆ **It was moved by John Conley, and seconded by Barb Nichols, that the agenda be adopted.**

Roll call was taken on the motion. The motion carried by a vote of 4-0.

Voting Yea: Nichols, J. Conley, Gardner, Tesar  
Voting Nay: None

Abstaining: None  
Excused Absence: Connealy  
Absent: F. Conley

**INTERVIEWS OF FIRMS:**

The firms of Ciaccio Dannel Group, Big Muddy Workshop & Schemmer Associates were interviewed in that order. There was 20 minutes given for their presentation, with **an** additional 10 minutes for questions and answers.

**RECOMMENDATION OF FIRM TO BE HIRED:**

- ❖ It was moved by John Conley, and seconded by Nichols, that the Subcommittee recommends to the Board of Directors that the order of preference for hiring a firm to do the Elkhorn River Public Access Study is; 1.)Ciaccio Dannel Group, **2.)** Big Muddy Workshop, 3.) Schemmer & Assoc.

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

Voting Yea: J. Conley, Tesar, Nichols, Gardner, F. Conley  
Voting Nay: None  
Abstaining: None  
Excused Absence: Connealy  
Absent: None

**OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST:** None

**ADJOURNMENT**

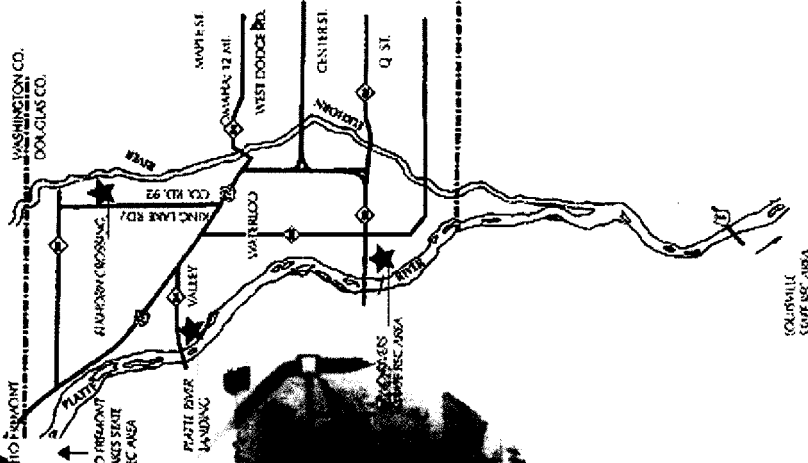
Being no further business the meeting adjourned by acclamation at 9:30 p.m.

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# Metro Area River Access

## Elkhorn River Access Study



THE  
**SCHEMMER**  
ASSOCIATES

**PAPIO – MISSOURI RIVER  
NATURAL  
RESOURCES  
DISTRICT**



**Ronald J. Woracek, P.E.**  
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*Principal-in-Charge*

**Eric Dove, P.E.**  
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*Project Manager*

**Civil  
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*The Schemmer Associates*

Shawn Ovenden, P.E.  
Matt Sutton, P.E.  
Jeff Rav. P.E.

**GIS  
Specialist**

*The Schemmer  
Associates*

Brent Jorgensen, S.I.T.

**Land Rights  
Specialist**

*Midwest Right of Way  
Services*

Jack Borgmeyer

**Canoe  
Expert**

*University of Nebraska*

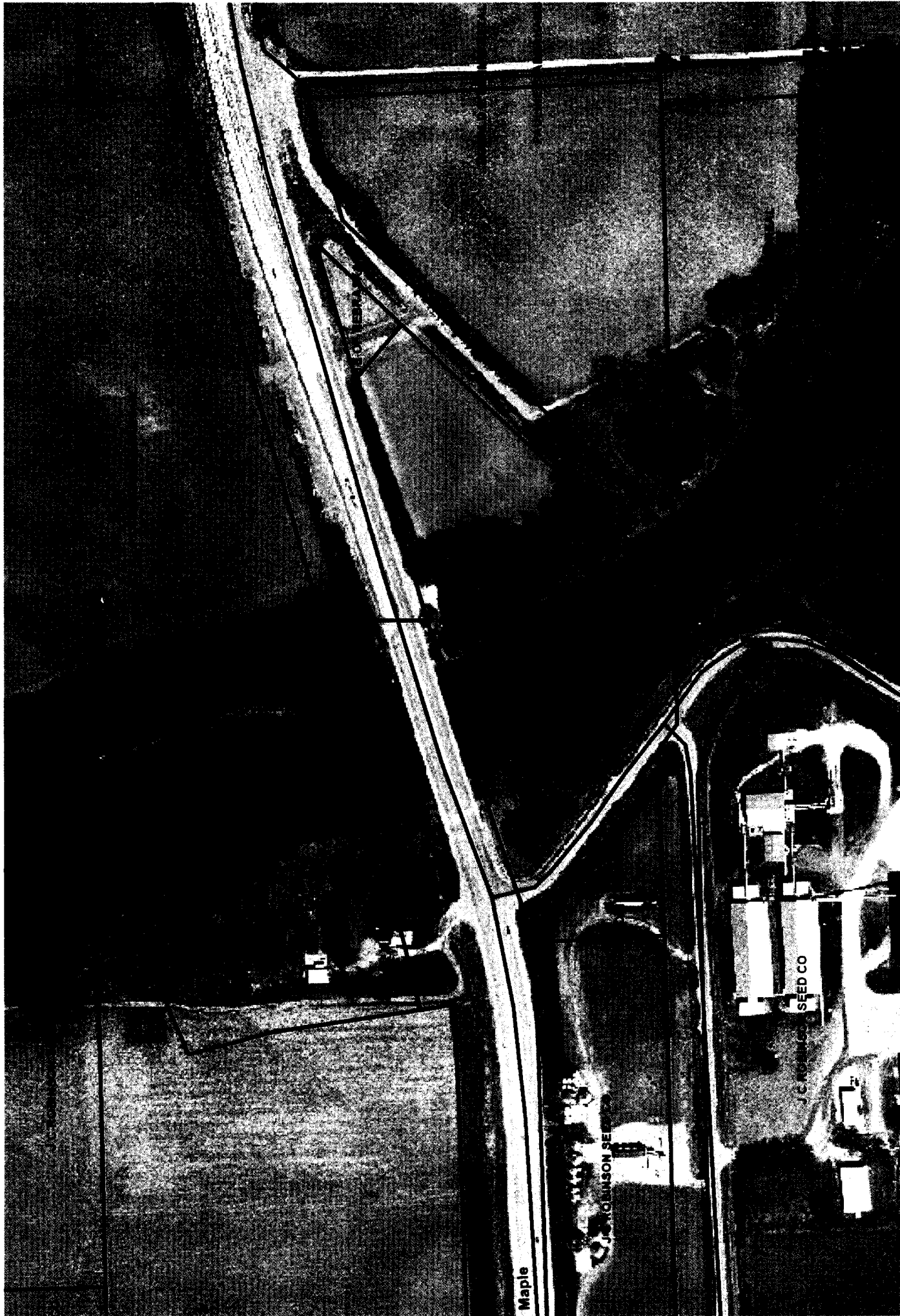
Joel Bauch, M.A.

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# Approach

- Gather GIS data for all 7 crossings
- Walk each site- Feasibility
- Identify top sites
- Integrate regulatory bodies
- Integrate Public/ Users
- Investigate Grants
- Final Study Documents



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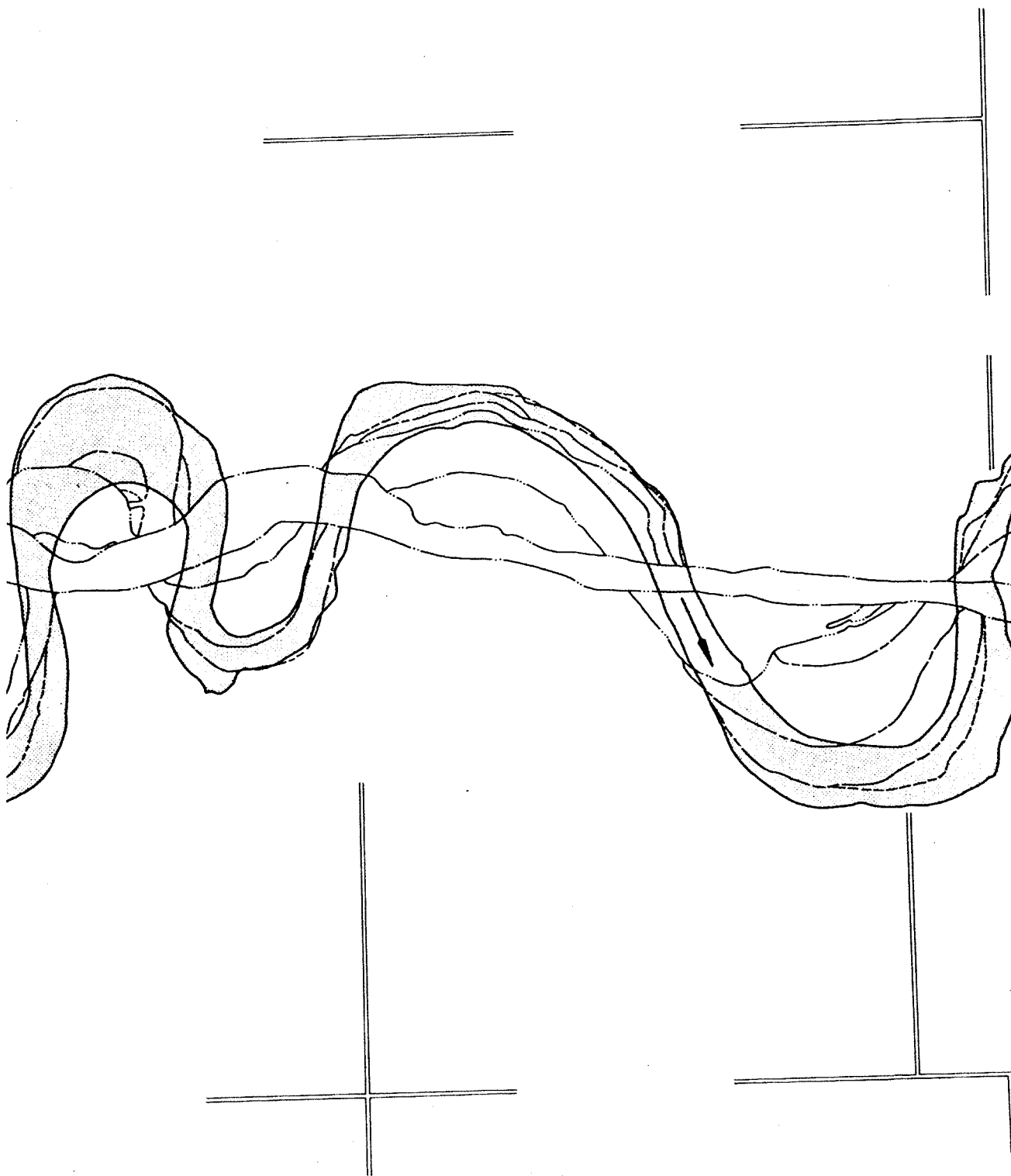
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# Channel Stability



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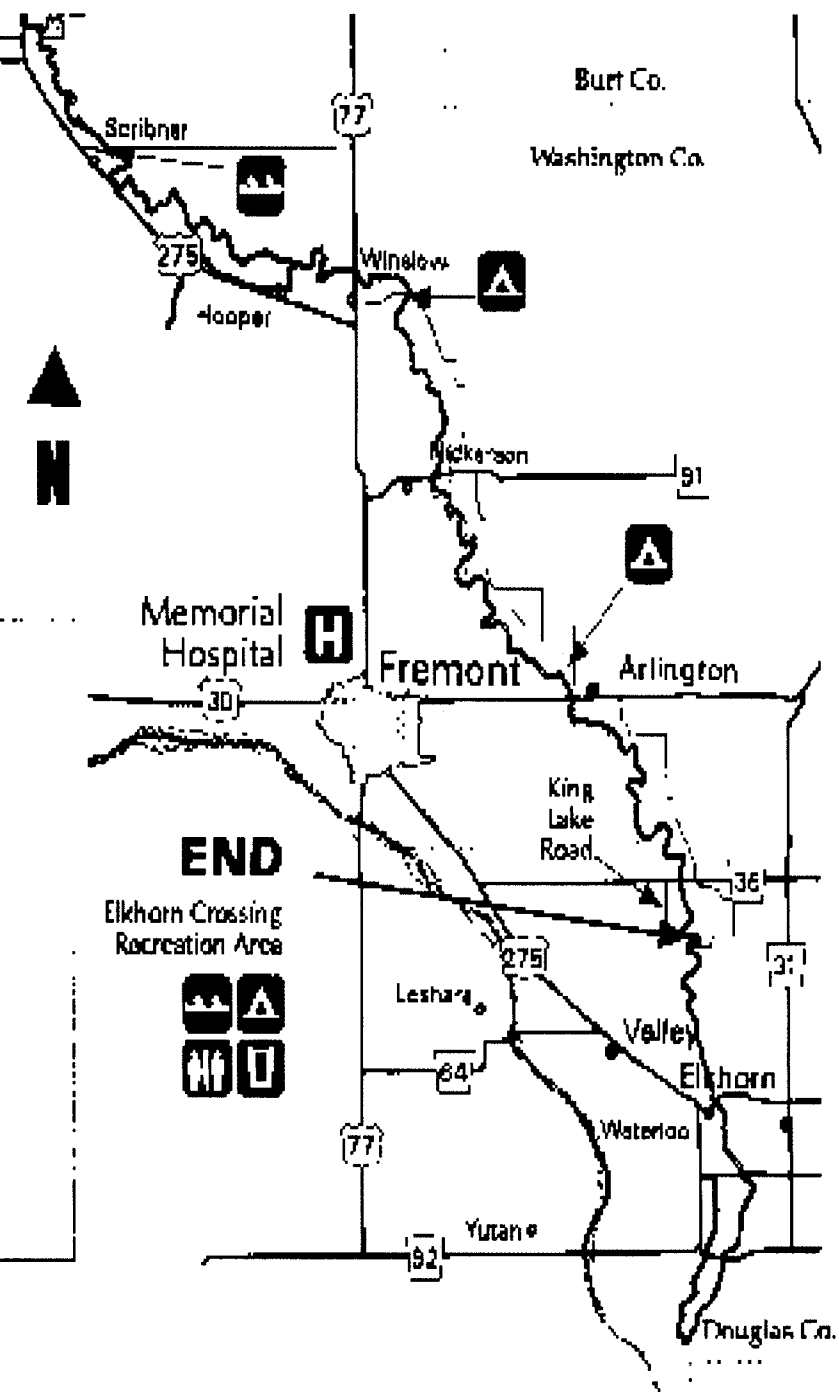


# What do boaters want?

Features that will improve the boaters' experience and protect the interests of local land owners.

# Existing Facilities

Legend		Bridge		Drinking Water
		Camping Area		Restrooms
		Canoe Access Site		Hospital



# Each Site Should Have

- Improved access to the river from the road.
  - off street parking to accommodate several vehicles
  - room to maneuver and park a vehicle (with a trailer)
- Toilet and changing facilities.
  - a vault toilet
  - a clothes changing privacy structure
- Convenient Boat Launch Facilities.
  - staging area for loading and unloading boats and equipment
  - erosion controlled launch site (stairs or ramp)

# Safety Amenities

- Get off the road!
- Gentle slope or switch backs
- Stable channel
- Shallow launch area

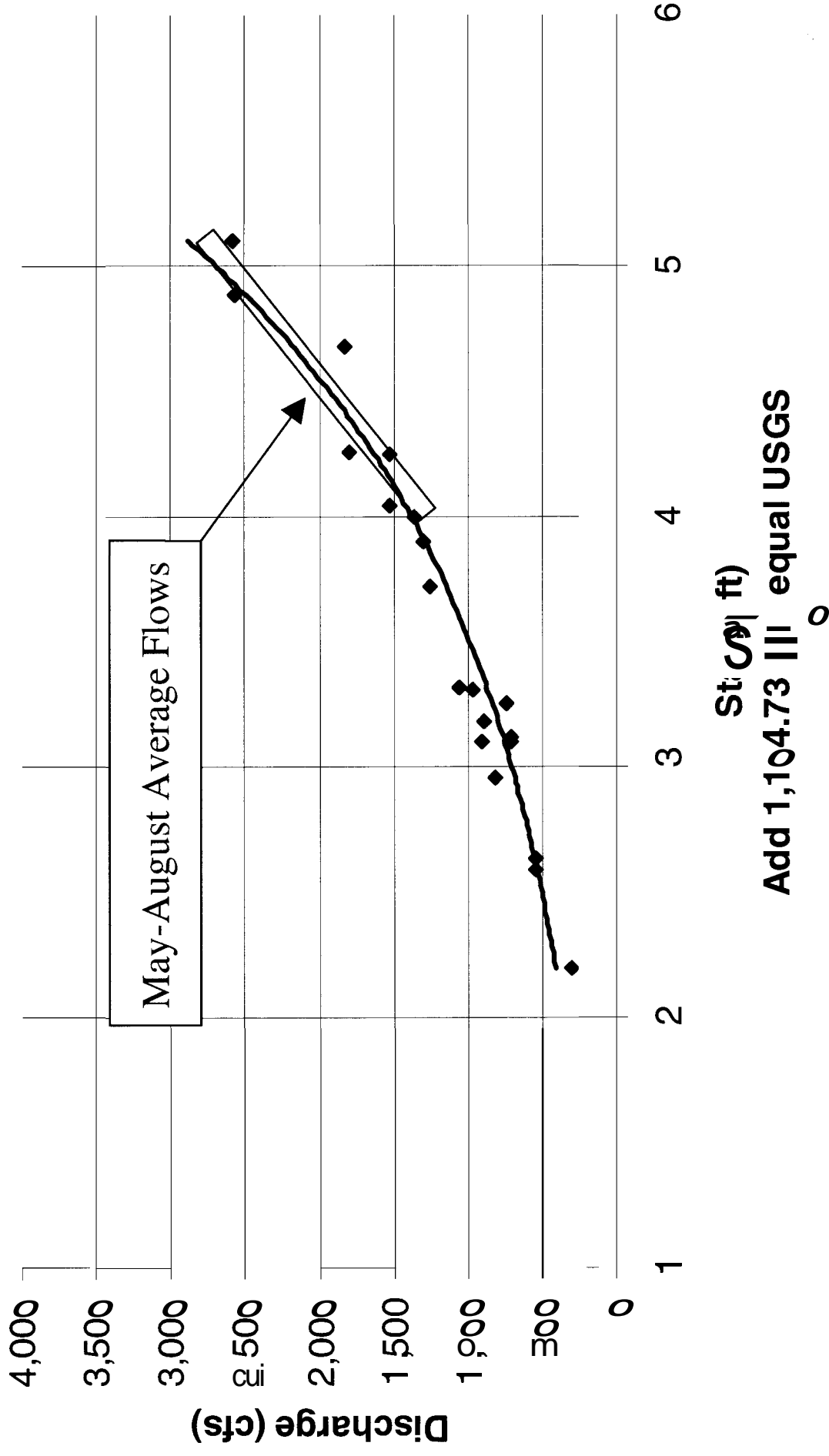
# Site Evaluation Example



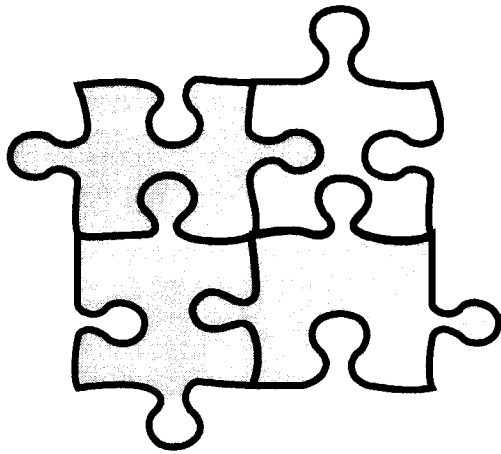
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# Elkhorn River Stage vs Discharge



# Putting the Pieces Together



- Summarize site features into a prioritization matrix
- Invite NG&PC, NDEQ, and NDOR to be part of the process
- Involve the potential users with Public Meetings
- Public Meetings will help set the prioritization

# Grants and Funding

- Cost benefit ratios are your friend !
- NG&PC Motor Boat Access fund
- Resources Development Fund
- Nebraska Environmental Trust
- Land and Water Conservation Fund

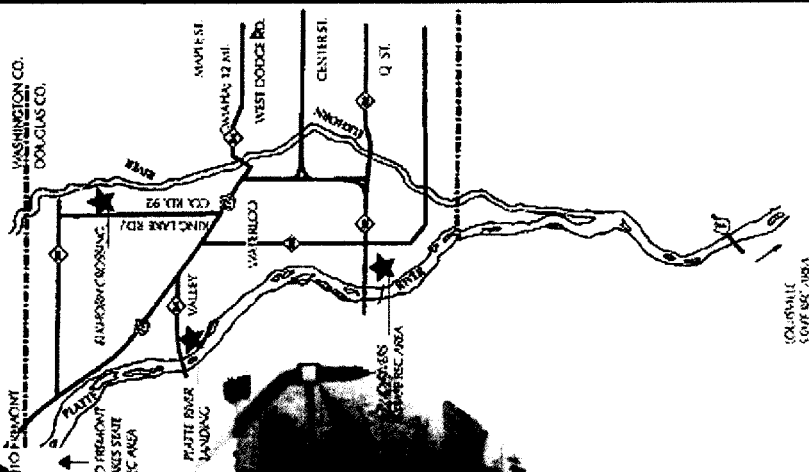


# Why Us ?

- Genuine Interest and Specific Experience
- Respect and Work with Nature
- Grant Savvy

# Metro Area River Access

# Elkhorn River Access Study



# Questions!

# Nebraska Canoe Trails



# THE SCHEMMER ASSOCIATES

# INTERVIEW NOTES:

## ELKHORN RIVER ACCESS Feasibility Study

**Papio-Missouri River Natural Resources District**  
OMAHA, NEBRASKA

### DESIGN TEAM:

**Big Muddy Workshop, Inc.**

Landscape Architecture

Interpretive Planning

**Ehrhart Griffin & Associates**

Civil Engineering

Land Surveying

**Jacobson Helgoth Consultants, Inc.**

Wetlands Delineation

Environmental Permitting

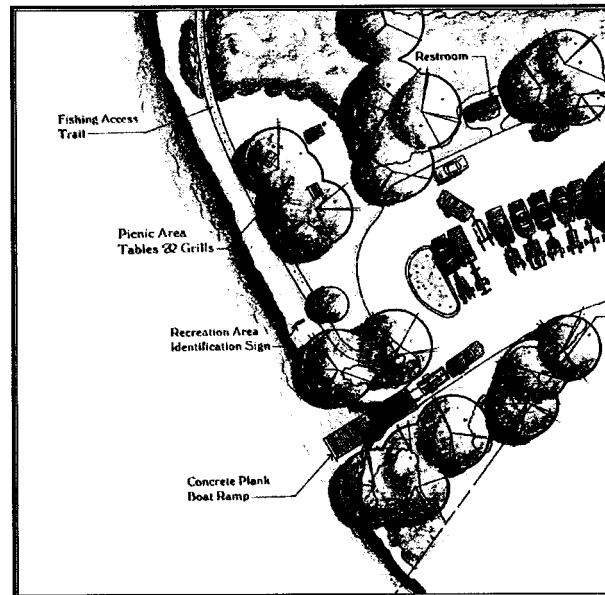
**Midwest Right of Way Services, Inc.**

Property Ownership

Land Acquisition

**Thiele Geotech, Inc.**

Geotechnical Engineering



# Elkhorn River Access Feasibility Study

Big Muddy Workshop, Inc.

Landscape Architects & Interpretive Planners

Ehrhart Griffin & Associates, Inc.

Civil Engineers & Land Surveyors

Jacobson Helgoth Consultants

Wetland Scientist & Environmental Permitting

Midwest Right of Way Services, Inc.

Property Ownership and Land Acquisition

Geotechnical Investigation & Engineering

# In the next

We will identify the key factors for project success:

- Participatory Planning Process
- Proactive Outreach & Public Relations
- Site Selection Strategies that include “M&O”
- Funding Opportunities & Economic Development

# Participatory Planning Process

Identify & include a diversity of stakeholders in a participatory planning team:

- recreational user groups
- local residents of river corridor & its communities
- NRD Board members & staff
- staff from other government agencies

Process: Series of meetings for stakeholder input as planning progresses for review and comment

Create local, positively vocal advocates, disperse information & eliminate the “they are doing this in our backyard” syndrome

# Site

# Criteria

- Select sites - sites whose by their location are proximate to busy roadways, near local communities and under “watchful eyes” to minimize problems
- Select sites with
  - driveways near bridges used by vehicles with trailers
- sites to minimize acquisition costs
- Analyze if “ ” exist with potential sites

And we

in our planning

- We don't forget the term "long term" which is the
- Simple
- Durable
- Floodable
- Lifecycle costs
- **BOMB PROOF**  
(at least pretty much)



Platte River Landing near Valley



# Funding Opportunities

Stakeholder Groups –rec. users – advocacy & possible funding  
Local communities & community groups – support businesses on “Main Street”  
Private business – community relations and betterment  
Organizations needing wetland mitigation sites  
Nebraska Land Trust – conservation easements to preserve open space and for tax benefits  
Local economic development groups – diversify economy

Nebraska Game & Parks Commission – operations & federal funding  
Nebraska Department of Roads – site access & TEA-21 funding (?)  
County Highway Departments – site access  
Federal Emergency Management Agency – floodway buy-outs  
County Planning & Zoning – open space designation /greenways

# Why the Big Muddy Team?

We know the river front

We know many of the stakeholders & potential partners

We listen and build consensus

We have the experienced team of professionals, and



**NOTICE OF  
PUBLIC MEETINGS**

Notice is hereby given of  
the following  
Papio-Missouri River  
Natural Resources District  
meeting(s) which will be  
held at the Natural  
Resources Center, 8901 S.  
154th Street, Omaha, NE  
unless otherwise indicated:

1. Elkhorn State Public  
Access - State of the  
Conservation Selection  
Subcommittee Meeting  
April 1, 2003 at 7:00 p.m.

An agenda for such  
meeting(s) shall be kept  
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public inspection at the  
District's principal office  
during normal business  
hours.

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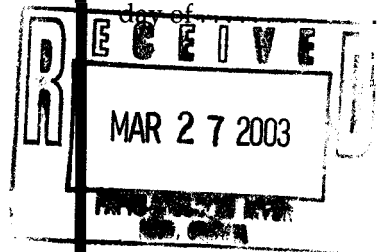
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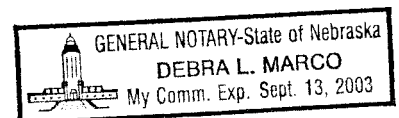
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ELKHORN RIVER PUBLIC ACCESS STUDY  
AD HOC CONSULTANT SELECTION SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING

Date: April 1, 2003

Number										
		<i>Roll call</i>	<i>agenda</i>	<i>present</i>						
COMMITTEE MEMBERS										
CONLEY (JOHN)		P	- Y <sup>1</sup>	Y <sup>1</sup>						
CONNEALY		A	-							
GARDNER		P	- Y	Y						
NICHOLS		P	- Y <sup>2</sup>	Y <sup>2</sup>						
*TESAR	*	P	- Y	Y						
<i>Fred Conley</i>		P	- A	Y						
ALTERNATE MEMBERS										
TOTAL PRESENT		5								
YEA			4							
NAY										
ABSTAIN	<i>Absent @ Roll call present @ meeting</i>									
OTHERS PRESENT										
1.) Caccio		Dick S.		Alvin Caccio	Mike Sotak					
2.) Big Muddy		Marlin		TOOD	MAIELARO					7:03 p.m.
3.) Selma		Steve		KEVIN STRABLE						

\* Subcommittee Chairperson

~~Eric Dove~~ Joel Bauch  
ERIC DOVE UNO  
Shawn Overden

ANDY MILER  
JOHN ROYSTER  
JAN DOZAL

MEMORANDUM TO: Rich Tesar, Elkhorn River Public Access Study  
Ad-Hoc Subcommittee

SUBJECT: Attendance at April 1,2003,PPO Subcommittee Meeting

DATE: April 1,2003

FROM: Pat Teer, Administrative Coordinator

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The following Director(s) contacted the Omaha office indicating that they would not be able to attend the April 1,2003, **Ad** Hoc Subcommittee meeting:

None to date.

cc: Steve Oltmans  
**Dick Sklenar**