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 154th 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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*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 Dennel 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 Dennell 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.
PAPIO–MISSOURI RIVER NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT

Ronald J. Woracek, P.E.
The Schemmer Associates
Principal-in-Charge

Eric Dove, P.E.
The Schemmer Associates
Project Manager

Civil Engineering
The Schemmer Associates
Shawn Ovenden, P.E.
Matt Sutton, P.E.
Jeff Rav. P.E.

GIS Specialist
The Schemmer Associates
Brent Jorgensen, S.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
What do boaters want?

Features that will improve the boaters' experience and protect the interests of local land owners.
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
Elkhorn River
Stage vs Discharge

May-August Average Flows

Discharge (cfs)

St (ft)
Add 1,104.73 ft equal USGS
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
Elkhorn River Access Study

Questions?

Nebraska Canoe Trails
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

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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
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<td>Select sites - sites whose location are proximate to busy roadways, near local communities and under “watchful eyes” to minimize problems</td>
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<td>Select sites with driveways near bridges used by vehicles with trailers</td>
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<td>sites to minimize acquisition costs</td>
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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 154th Street, Omaha, NE unless otherwise indicated:

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(Signed) Michelle Revis, Title: Advertising

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Debra L. Marco
Notary Public

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**AD HOC CONSULTANT SELECTION SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING**

**Date:** April 1, 2003

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| Fred Conley       | P - A Y   | | | |

| ALTERNATE MEMBERS | | | | |

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| OTHERS PRESENT | | | | |
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| 1.) CREEK      | Dick, Mike, Todd, Maie | | 7:03 pm. |
| 2.) Big Muddy  | Steve                | |      |
| 3.) ELKHORN    |                        | |      |

* Subcommittee Chairperson

**Joel Sauch**
**Eric Dove**
**Andy Mieke**
**John Royster**
**DAN 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

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