

**PAPIO-MISSOURI RIVER
NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
April 13, 2006
MINUTES**

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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 April 13, 2006. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Rich Jansen at 8:00 p.m.

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

John Conley	Joe Neary
Fred Conley	John Schwope
Dick Connealy	Rich Tesar
Tim Fowler	Jim Thompson
Rick Kolowski	Rich Jansen
Dorothy Lanphier	

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

- **MOTION NO. 1:** It was moved by Director Schwope and seconded by Director Kolowski that the agenda be adopted.

Roll call vote was held on the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Voting Yea	-	Conley (Fred), Conley (John), Connealy, Fowler, Kolowski, Lanphier, Neary, Schwope Tesar, Thompson, Jansen
Voting Nay	-	None
Abstaining	-	None
Absent	-	None

ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA:

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

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

Agenda Item 2.A.:

BE IT RESOLVED that the following Director(s) have an excused absence from the April 13, 2006 Board of Directors Meeting:

None.

Agenda Item 6 A&B.:

BE IT RESOLVED that the March 9, 2006, Papio-Missouri River NRD Board meeting minutes and the March 23, 2006, Special Board meeting minutes be approved as printed.

Roll call vote was held on the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Voting Yea	-	Conley (Fred), Conley (John), Connealy, Fowler, Kolowski, Lanphier, Neary, Schwope Tesar, Thompson, Jansen
Voting Nay	-	None
Abstaining	-	None
Absent	-	None

PROOFS OF PUBLICATION OF MEETING NOTICE: Notice of the meeting was published in the Omaha World Herald on April 6, 2006. The District's February, 2006, expenditures were published in the Douglas County Gazette on April 4, 2006. 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: Verlon Barnes, NRCS District Conservationist at the NRC office in Omaha, reported on Natural Resources Conservation Service activities for the past month. The NRCS Report is posted to the District website.

B. Nebraska Association of Resources District Report:

1. NARD Board Meeting: Director Tesar reported that the NARD Board would be meeting on June 19, 2006 in Sidney, NE. He also reported that the NARD is sponsoring a Basin Tour of the western reaches June 19-21, 2006. The tour will be leaving from Sidney immediately following the NARD Board meeting. He encouraged Directors to attend.
2. Report on NARD Washington DC Conference: Directors John Conley and Schwope and Assistant General Manager Marlin Petermann reported on the NARD Washington DC Conference, March 27-29, 2006. Major topics of discussion were the Farm Bill and cuts to the USDA. Mr. Petermann showed pie charts of revenues and expenditures for the federal government that were

provided by Congressman Fortenberry's office. He also showed a slide indicating three projects the District has submitted requests for federal funding - Western Sarpy/Clear Creek Flood Damage Reduction Project, Floodplain Mapping for Big and Little Papio Watershed and Water Resources Development Act.

- C. Lower Platte River Corridor Alliance Report: Rodney Verhoeff, LPRCA Coordinator, distributed copies of the LPRCA monthly report. He asked Directors to keep the following dates open: July 14, 2006 – LPRCA Airboat Tour; August 22, 2006 – Water Quality Open Golf Tourney at Quarry Oaks and September 19, 2006 – LPRCA Summit. The next Quarterly meeting is scheduled for May 23, 2006 at 9:30 a.m. at the LPSNRD office in Lincoln.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:

A. Programs, Projects and Operations Subcommittee: Director John Conley reported that the PPO Subcommittee met on April 13, 2006 and gave a brief recap of the meeting.

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

PPO Recommendation #1 Request from the Florence Futures Development Group to Participate in Feasibility Study – Recommendation that the District contribute \$25,000 to the Florence Futures Development Group for a feasibility study and that the Chairperson be authorized to appoint a representative to serve on the Florence Futures Development Group Board, subject to the Group raising the other necessary funds, and subject to inclusion in the FY 2007 Budget.

Jim Suttle addressed the Board and showed an updated map of the proposed site. He then answered several questions from the Board.

Roll call vote was held on the motion. The motion failed on a vote of 5-yea, 5-nay and 1-abstain.

Voting Yea	-	Conley (Fred), Kolowski, Neary, Schwope, Thompson
Voting Nay	-	Conley (John), Connealy, Fowler, Tesar, Jansen
Abstaining	-	Lanphier
Absent	-	None

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

PPO Recommendation #2: MoPac Equestrian Trail Head – Recommendation that the July 14, 2005 Board action to require a trailhead on the Springfield end (north) be amended to allow the expansion of the Mopac Trail's south parking lot near the intersection of Highways 50 and 31, for usage as an equestrian trailhead.

Roll call vote was held on the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Voting Yea - Conley (Fred), Conley (John), Connealy, Fowler, Kolowski, Lanphier, Neary, Schwope Tesar, Thompson, Jansen
Voting Nay - None
Abstaining - None
Absent - None

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

PPO Recommendation #3: Nebraska Department of Roads Agreement on Western Douglas County Trails Project - Recommendation that the General Manager or Assistant General Manager be authorized to execute an agreement with the Nebraska Department of Roads for the Western Douglas County Trails Project.

Roll call vote was held on the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Voting Yea - Conley (Fred), Conley (John), Connealy, Fowler, Kolowski, Lanphier, Neary, Schwope Tesar, Thompson, Jansen
Voting Nay - None
Abstaining - None
Absent - None

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

PPO Recommendation #4.a: Urban Cost Share Programs - Recreation Area Development Program – Recommendation that the applications from the City of Omaha for \$50,000 and the City of Dakota City for \$37,500 be approved, for a total of \$87,500, plus the additional \$32,150 for the City of Omaha, for a grand total of \$119,650, subject to funding in the FY 2007 budget.

Amendment
No 1 to
Motion No. 6 It was moved by Director Schwope and seconded by Director Thompson to vote on RAD applications individually.

Roll call vote was held on Amendment No. 1 to Motion No. 6. The amendment carried unanimously.

Voting Yea - Conley (Fred), Conley (John), Connealy, Fowler, Kolowski, Lanphier, Neary, Schwope Tesar, Thompson, Jansen
Voting Nay - None
Abstaining - None
Absent - None

Director Schwope then asked about the City of Omaha's application for \$32,150 for improvements to Kiwanis Park, located at Abbott Drive and Locust Street. Larry Forster, City of Omaha, then explained the project. It was noted that the District approved \$50,000 for the project in 2002 and the City was requesting an additional \$32,150 to complete the project. The District's total cost share would be \$82,150.

- **MOTION NO. 7** It was moved by Director John Conley and seconded by Director Kolowski that PPO item 4.a. be approved in its entirety.

PPO Recommendation #4.a.: Urban Cost Share Programs - Recreation Area Development Program – Recommendation that the applications from the City of Omaha for \$50,000 and the City of Dakota City for \$37,500 be approved, for a total of \$87,500, plus the additional \$32,150 for the City of Omaha, for a grand total of \$119,650, subject to funding in the FY 2007 budget.

Roll call vote was held on the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Voting Yea	-	Conley (Fred), Conley (John), Connealy, Fowler, Kolowski, Lanphier, Neary, Schwope Tesar, Thompson, Jansen
Voting Nay	-	None
Abstaining	-	None
Absent	-	None

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

PPO Recommendation #4.b.: Urban Cost Share Programs - Trails Assistance Program – Recommendation that the applications from the City of Omaha for \$26,000, the City of South Sioux City for \$11,975, the City of Blair for \$43,202, the Winnebago Tribe for \$40,569, the City of Ralston for \$61,819, and the City of Fort Calhoun for \$61,179 be approved, for a total of \$244,744 subject to funding in the FY 2007 budget.

Roll call vote was held on the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Voting Yea	-	Conley (Fred), Conley (John), Connealy, Fowler, Kolowski, Lanphier, Neary, Schwope Tesar, Thompson, Jansen
Voting Nay	-	None
Abstaining	-	None
Absent	-	None

- **MOTION NO. 9** It was moved by Director John Conley that the following recommendation be adopted:

PPO Recommendation #4.c.: Urban Cost Share Programs - Urban Drainageway Program – Recommendation that the applications from the City of Elkhorn for

\$53,541, the City of LaVista for \$84,000, the City of Fort Calhoun for \$88,920, and the Omaha Tribe for \$149,909 be approved, and that the District budget the remaining \$94,000 for the City of LaVista and \$80,000 for the City of Papillion, for a total of \$550,370, subject to funding in the FY 2007 Budget.

Roll call vote was held on the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Voting Yea - Conley (Fred), Conley (John), Connealy, Fowler, Kolowski, Lanphier, Neary, Schwope Tesar, Thompson, Jansen
Voting Nay - None
Abstaining - None
Absent - None

- **MOTION NO. 10** It was moved by Director John Conley that the following recommendation be adopted:

PPO Recommendation #5: Addendum to Papillion Creek Watershed Partnership Agreement – Recommendation that the General Manager or Assistant General Manager be authorized to execute the Amended Interlocal Agreement for the Continuation of the Papillion Creek Watershed Partnership among the communities of Bellevue, Bennington, Boys Town, Elkhorn, Gretna, La Vista, Omaha, Papillion, and Ralston; the counties of Douglas, and Sarpy; and the NRD, subject to changes deemed necessary by the General Manager or Assistant General Manager and approved as to form by District Legal Counsel.

Director Tesar pointed out that Directors had just been e-mailed amendments to the agreement at 4:30 p.m. today. He stated he did not feel he had sufficient time to review the changes.

- **MOTION NO. 11** It was moved by Director Tesar and seconded by Director Neary that the Amended Interlocal Agreement for the Continuation of the Papillion Creek Watershed Partnership Agreement be tabled.

Roll call vote was held on the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Voting Yea - Conley (Fred), Conley (John), Connealy, Fowler, Kolowski, Lanphier, Neary, Schwope Tesar, Thompson, Jansen
Voting Nay - None
Abstaining - None
Absent - None

- **MOTION NO. 12** It was moved by Director John Conley that the following recommendation be adopted:

PPO Recommendation #6.a.: Boat Ramp Approach Renovation Bids – Recommendation that the General Manager or Assistant General Manager be authorized to award the bid for the Boat Ramp Approach renovation project at Chalco Hills Rec Area to Navarro Construction Company for the total of \$38,528.75.

Roll call vote was held on the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Voting Yea	-	Conley (Fred), Conley (John), Connealy, Fowler, Kolowski, Lanphier, Neary, Schwope Tesar, Thompson, Jansen
Voting Nay	-	None
Abstaining	-	None
Absent	-	None

•• **MOTION NO. 13** It was moved by Director John Conley that the following recommendation be adopted:

PPO Recommendation #6.b.: Bids for Siding for Natural Resources Center – Recommendation that all bids for the Natural Resources Center Building siding project be rejected and that the project be re-bid in FY 2007.

Roll call vote was held on the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Voting Yea	-	Conley (Fred), Conley (John), Connealy, Fowler, Kolowski, Lanphier, Neary, Schwope Tesar, Thompson, Jansen
Voting Nay	-	None
Abstaining	-	None
Absent	-	None

B. Finance, Expenditures and Legal Subcommittee: Director Connealy reported that the FEL Subcommittee met on April 11, 2006 and gave a brief recap of the meeting. He stated that Director Lanphier gave a presentation regarding the District’s auditing services and that a motion to appoint an Ad Hoc Subcommittee had failed, therefore, there was no recommendation. The Subcommittee also took no action on the Purchase Agreement with Dial Realty Development Corp. for property acquisition at Papio Dam Site 8A.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

•• **MOTION NO. 14:** It was moved by Director John Conley and seconded by Director Fred Conley 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 March, 2006, 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 #1 and Washington County #2 rural water supply projects, the Elkhorn River Bank Stabilization Project, the Elkhorn Breakout Project, the Elk/Pigeon Creek Drainage Project, and the Western Sarpy/Clear Creek Project, the project bills listed on the March, 2006, 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 the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 8-yea and 2-nay.

Voting Yea	-	Conley (Fred), Conley (John), Connealy, Fowler, Kolowski, Neary, Schwope, Thompson, Jansen
Voting Nay	-	Lanphier, Tesar
Abstaining	-	None
Absent	-	None

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT:

A. Special Board Meeting: Chairperson Jansen announced that a Special Board Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 20, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. at the NRC.

B. Possible Change of Date for May Subcommittee Meetings: Chairperson Jansen explained that the May Subcommittee meetings are scheduled the same day as the Primary Election and Sarpy County uses the NRC as a polling place. It was also noted that the November Subcommittee meetings are the same day as the General Election.

•• **MOTION NO. 13:** It was moved by Director Tesar and seconded by Director Fowler that that the May and November Subcommittee meetings and Board meetings each be held 1 week later than originally scheduled so that P-MRNRD meetings will not conflict with the Primary or General Elections.

Roll call vote was held on the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Voting Yea	-	Conley (Fred), Conley (John), Connealy, Fowler, Kolowski, Lanphier, Neary, Schwope Tesar, Thompson, Jansen
Voting Nay	-	None
Abstaining	-	None
Absent	-	None

The effect of the motion is that the May Subcommittee meetings will be held on May 16, 2006 and the May Board meeting will be held on May 18, 2006; and, the November Subcommittee meetings will be held on November 14, 2006 and the November Board meeting will be held on November 16, 2006.

Director Neary requested that a Directors Workshop regarding the Amended Interlocal Agreement for the Continuation of the Papillion Creek Watershed Partnership be scheduled. A workshop will be set up after the April 20th Board meeting and the May 16th Subcommittee meetings. Directors will be notified of the date as soon as it is available.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT:

Assistant GM Petermann noted that his report had been posted to the website and asked Directors to contact him if there were any questions. The following videos were shown:

KPTM Channel 42 – Public Meeting on Flood Control Study at Bennington High School
KPTM Channel 42 – Donation of ATV to Sarpy County Sheriff’s Department

Larry Foster, City of Omaha, then updated the Board on the Missouri River Pedestrian Bridge Project. He reported that three proposals were received and that they each could be built for \$22 million or less. A committee will review the proposals and make a recommendation to Mayor Mike Fahey on May 8. Mayor Fahey then will choose the design, and send it to the Omaha City Council for approval.

Mr. Petermann then distributed the Nebraska Association of Resources Districts Legislative Update and reviewed legislative bills of interest to the P-MRNRD.

The following individuals addressed the Board:

- * Tyler Morh, 12101 Pawnee Road, Omaha, NE 68142, regarding LB 552 – NRD General Obligation Bonds.
- * Jennifer Andersen, 7272 Co. Rd. 25, Kennard, NE 68034, requested a copy of all of GM Oltmans employment contracts. She was directed to submit a written request to the District office.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

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

April 20, 2006	Special Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
April 22, 2006	Earth Day and Earth Day Omaha
April 28, 2006	Arbor Day (Plant a Tree)
May 2-3, 2006	Water Works, Schramm Aquarium Directors are welcome!!!!

May 9, 2006	Primary Election
May 14, 2006	P-MRNRD Subcommittee Meetings
May 18, 2006	P-MRNRD Board Meeting
May 23, 2006	Lower Platte River Corridor Alliance Quarterly Meeting, 9:30 a.m., Lower Platte South NRD Offices
May 29, 2006	Memorial Day - P-MRNRD Offices Closed
June 6, 2006	P-MRNRD Subcommittee Meetings
June 8, 2006	P-MRNRD Board Meeting

B. Next Meeting: The next regularly scheduled meeting of the P-MRNRD Board of Directors will be held on May 18, 2006, at the NRC.

ADJOURNMENT: Being no further business, at 9:50 p.m. the Chairperson declared that the meeting was adjourned.

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 April 13, 2006, 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