

**Programs, Projects, and Operations Subcommittees  
Meeting Minutes  
April 11, 2006**

A meeting of the Papio-Missouri River Natural Resources District’s Programs, Projects, and Operations Subcommittee was held at the Natural Resources Center, 8901 South 154<sup>th</sup> Street, Omaha, Nebraska, on April 11, 2006. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson John Conley at 7:00 p.m.

**QUORUM CALL:** Quorum call was taken. The following subcommittee members were in attendance.

<b>Subcommittee Members Present</b>	<b>Subcommittee Members Absent</b>	<b>Other Directors Present</b>	<b>Others in Attendance</b>
John Conley		Richard Connealy	P-MRNRD Staff:
Fred Conley		Rich Jansen	Gerry Bowen
Rick Kolowski		Dorothy Lanphier	Jerry Herbster
Joe Neary		John Schwope	Dick Sklenar
Rich Tesar		Jim Thompson	Marlin Petermann
			Paul Woodward
			Trent Heiser
			Terry Schumacher
			Paul Peters, NRD Legal Counsel
			Jim Suttle, City of Omaha Councilmember
			Larry Foster, City of Omaha
			Barb Nichols
			Jennifer Andersen
			Michael Larimore
			Russell Falconer, Sides & Associates
			Tim Dreessen
			Linda Meigs
			Kirk Fraser

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

◆ **It was moved by Director Tesar and seconded by Director Kolowski that the agenda be adopted.**

Roll call was taken on the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 5 to 0.

Voting Yea: J. Conley, Fred Conley, Tesar, Kolowski, Neary  
 Voting Nay: None  
 Abstaining: None  
 Absent: None

**PROOF OF PUBLICATION:** Public notice of the meeting was posted at all District offices and published in the Omaha World-Herald on April 6, 2006.

**REQUEST FROM THE FLORENCE FUTURES DEVELOPMENT GROUP TO PARTICIPATE IN FEASIBILITY STUDY:** Jim Suttle spoke at length about the NRD partnering with the Florence Futures Foundation (501 ( c) (3)) developing a visitor's center in the Florence area where I-680 crosses over the Missouri River. The master plan would incorporate Missouri River Corridor and Back to the River themes. He indicated that the feasibility study/master plan would cost an estimated \$110,000 of which he is requesting the District to fund \$25,000. He noted that a companion master plan focusing on a motel complex was also being pursued at a cost of \$110,000. Mr. Suttle also requested that the Board be an active participant in the project by appointing a staff or Board member to the Florence Futures Board.

- ❖ **It was moved by Director Fred Conley and seconded by Director Kolowski, that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board 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.**

Roll call was taken on the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 3 to 2.

Voting Yea: Fred Conley, Neary, Kolowski,  
Voting Nay: J. Conley, Tesar  
Abstaining: None  
Absent: None

**MOPAC EQUESTRIAN TRAIL HEAD:** Gerry Bowen reported as noted in his memo that the Equestrian Advisory Committee has determined that a trailhead for the Mopac Equestrian trail would best be suited at the south end along Highway 31 rather than at the north end as specified in the District's previous action. It would be located on the same lands donated to the District for vehicular parking. Directors inquired about the location and surfacing of the Equestrian parking lot. Bowen explained that the lot would be divided so as to separate the horse trailers from other vehicular parking. Kirk Fraser spoke about maintenance of the trail and parking lot, as well as signage.

- ❖ **It was moved by Director Fred Conley and seconded by Director Kolowski, that the Subcommittee recommends to the Board 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 was taken on the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 5 to 0.

Voting Yea: J. Conley, Neary, Tesar, Kolowski, Fred Conley  
Voting Nay: None  
Abstaining: None  
Absent: None

**NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF ROADS AGREEMENT ON WESTERN DOUGLAS COUNTY TRAILS PROJECT:** Gerry Bowen stated that about \$4.8 million has been earmarked in federal funding over a 5-year period for development of the Western Douglas County Trails Project. The federal cost-share is 80%. The remainder is the local share estimated at \$191,626. He explained the District's share of costs for this project, as per an agreement with other government agencies in that area.

- ❖ **It was moved by Director Fred Conley and seconded by Director Kolowski that the Subcommittee recommends to the Board 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 was taken on the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 5 to 0.

Voting Yea: J. Conley, Tesar, Kolowski, Neary, Fred Conley  
Voting Nay: None  
Abstaining: None  
Absent: None

**URBAN COST SHARE PROGRAMS:**

a. Recreation Area Development Project: The applications received from the Cities of Omaha & Dakota City for the District's Recreation Area Development program, as outlined in his memo, were explained by Gerry Bowen.

- ❖ **It was moved by Fred Conley, and seconded by Neary, that the Subcommittee recommends to the Board 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 was taken on the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 5 to 0.

Voting Yea: J. Conley, Tesar, Kolowski, Neary, Fred Conley  
Voting Nay: None  
Abstaining: None  
Absent: None

b. Trails Assistance Program: Gerry Bowen then reviewed his memorandum summarizing applications received from The Winnebago Tribe, and the Cities of Omaha, S. Sioux City, Blair, Ft. Calhoun & Ralston for the Trails Assistance program.

- ❖ **It was moved by Director Fred Conley and seconded by Director Neary that the Subcommittee recommends to the Board 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 Ft. Calhoun for \$61,179 be approved, for a total of \$244,744 subject to funding in the FY 2007 budget.**

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

Voting Yea: J. Conley, Neary, Kolowski, Fred Conley, Tesar

Voting nay: None

Abstaining: None

Absent: None

c. Urban Drainageway Project: Urban Drainageway Program applications for financial assistance were presented by Gerry Bowen as summarized in his memo. The communities included the Cities of Elkhorn, LaVista, Ft. Calhoun & the Omaha Tribe and carry-over applications for the LaVista and Papillion.

- ❖ **It was moved by Director Fred Conley and seconded by Director Neary that the Subcommittee recommends to the Board that the applications from the City of Elkhorn for \$53,541, the City of LaVista for \$84,000, the City of Ft. 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 was taken on the motion. The motion passed on a vote of 5-0.

Voting Yea: J. Conley, Neary, Tesar, Fred Conley, Kolowski

Voting Nay: None

Abstaining: None

Absent: None

**ADDENDUM TO PAPILLION CREEK WATERSHED PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT:**

Staff member Paul Woodward discussed the need to have an amendment to the Papillion Creek Watershed Partnership Agreement. Marlin Petermann reminded the Subcommittee that this agreement essentially implements the Watershed by Design effort over the past year, which is a part of the stormwater permit requirements for cities and counties in the Omaha area. Paul handed out a slightly revised version of the agreement which is posted to the website and stated that all of the communities involved would also have to approve the amendment which details how the District would be able to collect fees and then transfer them to the NRD for the implementation of regional detention basins in Douglas and Sarpy Counties. Director Neary expressed his concerns regarding the fee system and the Partnership. There was further discussion.

- ❖ **It was moved by Director Fred Conley and seconded by Director Kolowski, that the Subcommittee recommends to the Board 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 between 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 approval as to form by District Legal Counsel.**

Roll call was taken on the motion. The motion passed on a vote of 4-1.

Voting Yea: J. Conley, Tesar, Kolowski, Fred Conley  
Voting Nay: Neary  
Abstaining: None  
Absent: None

**RECOMMENDATION ON BIDS:**

a. Boat Ramp Approach Renovation at Chalco Hills Rec Area: Jerry Herbster provided bid information to the Subcommittee for replacement of damaged blacktop surfacing adjacent to the boat ramp at the Chalco Hills Recreation Area. Three bids were received for this work.

- ❖ **It was moved by Director Fred Conley and seconded by Director Kolowski, that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board that the General Manager or Assistant General Manager be authorized to award the bid for the Boat Ramp Approach Renovation at Chalco Hills Rec Area to Navarro Construction Company for the total of \$38,528.75.**

Roll call was taken on the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 5 to 0.

Voting Yea: J. Conley, Fred Conley, Tesar, Kolowski, Neary  
Voting Nay: None  
Abstaining: None  
Absent: None

b. Siding for Natural Resources Center: Jerry Herbster pointed out that the Natural Resources Center building was in need of new siding and that he solicited bids for that work. Only one bid was received for steel siding which amounted to \$48,552.00. Herbster indicated that he would prefer that new bids be taken for vinyl, steel and aluminum siding. Directors Tesar and Thompson expressed concern that the new siding should consist of a more natural material to go along with the District's conservation and natural resources theme, which was the intent when the Natural Resources Center was built.

- ❖ **It was moved by Director Fred Conley and seconded by Director Neary that the Subcommittee recommends to the Board 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 was taken on the motion. The vote passed by a vote of 4-1.

Voting Yea: J. Conley, Neary, Fred Conley, Kolowski,  
Voting Nay: Tesar  
Abstaining: None  
Absent: None

**ADJOURNMENT:** Being no further business, the meeting adjourned by acclamation at 8:30 p.m.