

**Programs, Projects & Operations  
Subcommittee Meeting  
April 10, 2007  
7:45 p.m.  
Agenda**

**Programs, Projects & Operations:**

John Conley, Chairman  
Rich Tesar, Vice-Chairman  
Fred Conley  
David Klug  
Rick Kolowski

**Alternate Members:** Dorothy Lanphier  
Jim Thompson

**Staff Liaison:** Gerry Bowen  
Martin Cleveland  
Ralph Puls  
Dick Sklenar  
Paul Woodward \*

1. Meeting Called to Order – Chairperson John Conley
2. Notification of Open Meetings Act Posting and Announcement of Meeting Procedure – Chairperson John Conley
3. Quorum Call
4. Adoption of Agenda
5. Proof of Publication of Meeting Notice
6. Review and Recommendation on Papio Trails Project – User Survey – Gerry Bowen and Dr. Donald Greer, UNO
7. Review and Recommendation on RAD – City of Omaha Standing Bear Lake Trail Project – Gerry Bowen and Larry Foster, City of Omaha
8. Review and Recommendation on Interlocal Agreement with Newport Hill (SID #544) for Trail and Storm Sewer Connections to Prairie View – Gerry Bowen
9. Review and Recommendation on Urban Cost Share Program Applications – Gerry Bowen
  - a. Recreation Area Development
  - c. Trails Assistance Program
  - b. Urban Drainageway Program
  - d. Urban Conservation Assistance Program

10. Review and Recommendation on Agreement with MAPA for Aerial Photography – Paul Woodward
11. Review and Recommendation on Bids for Dam Site 13 Mitigation Planting – Paul Woodward
12. Review and Recommendation on Resolution regarding FSA Office Relocation – Ralph Puls
13. Update on Forrest Run Channel Issue – Director Tesar
14. Adjourn

# Memorandum

To: Programs, Projects and Operations Subcommittee

Subject: Papio Trails Project – User Survey

Date: March 19, 2007

By: Gerry Bowen

The District received the attached proposal from Dr. Donald Greer, UNO, to conduct a survey of trail usage in the metro area. As you may be aware, Dr. Greer conducted two similar studies in 2000 (Omaha Recreational Trails: Their Effect on Property Values and Public Safety) and 2001 (Nebraska Rural Trails: Three Studies of Trail Impact). These two studies concerned the impacts of trails on surrounding neighborhoods and economies. The current proposal would attempt to quantify the various trail users by type, reason for using the trails, travel patterns to and from the trails, and other demographic information.

It is proposed that the District enter into an interlocal agreement with the National Park Service (NPS), the City of Omaha, and the Nebraska Trails Foundation to conduct this study/survey. It is proposed that the NPS be the lead agency and to contract with UNO for the survey. The remaining partners would contribute cash to fund the \$5,000 survey/study. The proposed funding scheme is as follows:

Nebraska Trails Foundation	\$2,000
Papio-Missouri River NRD	\$1,500
City of Omaha	\$1,000
National Park Service	<u>\$ 500</u>
	\$5,000

**It is recommended that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board that the General Manager be authorized to execute an interlocal agreement with the National Park Service, the City of Omaha, and the Nebraska Trails Foundation to conduct a trail user survey/study in the Omaha Metropolitan area, subject to changes deemed necessary by the General Manager and accepted as to form by the District Legal Counsel.**

# Memorandum

To: Programs, Projects and Operations Subcommittee

Subject: RAD – City of Omaha Standing Bear Lake Trail Project

Date: March 19, 2007

By: Gerry Bowen

The District received the attached letter from Larry Foster, Administrator of the Omaha Parks, Recreation and Public Property Department concerning the Standing Bear Trail Project. This project is included in the FY 07 Budget approved by the Board in April, 2006, and was allocated \$50,000 to assist the City with the relocation of one of the Ak-Sar-Ben Bridges to Standing Bear Lake Park to be used on the trail rehabilitation project at the park.

As noted in Mr. Foster's letter, the City is no longer able to use the bridge, but is proceeding with the trail construction project in Standing Bear Lake and Recreation Area. They have asked to allow the use of the \$50,000 on the trail construction.

Since the funds have been allocated to Standing Bear Lake Park for trail construction, and the intended purpose is still the same, Management recommends approval.

**It is recommended that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board that the City of Omaha's request to utilize funds previously allocated to move a trail bridge to Standing Bear Lake and Recreation Area, on trail construction at the park.**

## Memorandum

To: Programs, Projects, and Operations Subcommittee

Subject: Interlocal Agreement with Newport Hill Subdivision

Date: April 3, 2007

From: Gerry Bowen

The District has been approached by the developers of the Newport Hill Subdivision (SID #544) located immediately north of the Prairie View Recreation Area about the possibility of building a connecting trail from their area to the park trail. In addition, they would also like to install three storm sewers through park property and outlet near the water surface of Prairie View.

Staff has met with the developers and concurred on the conceptual plans. The attached interlocal agreement covers the aspects of the project. All design and construction costs for both the trail and the storm sewers will be paid by the developers. The storm sewers will be maintained by the SID. In addition, if the trail or storm sewer needs to be relocated to better allow for our operation and maintenance of the recreation area, these costs will also be borne by the SID.

The District needs to approve all plans and specifications for the trail and storm sewer. Management recommends approval of the agreement.

- **It is recommended that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board that the General Manager be authorized to execute and interlocal agreement with Douglas County SID #544 (Newport Hill) to allow for the installation of a trail and storm sewer in the Prairie View Recreation Area, subject to minor changes deemed necessary by the General Manager, and accepted as to form by District legal counsel.**

# Memorandum

To: Programs, Projects, and Operations Subcommittee

Subject: FY 2008 Urban Cost Share Programs

- Recreation Area Development Program
- Trails Assistance Program
- Urban Drainageway Program
- Urban Conservation Assistance Program

Date: March 27, 2007

From: Gerry Bowen

The District solicited applications for the urban cost share programs from the various units of government in the District for the upcoming fiscal year. The following applications were received.

## Recreation Area Development

The Recreation Area Development Program (RAD) cost shares with cities and villages to develop and improve recreation areas within their jurisdiction. The cost share rate is 50%. On projects requesting more than \$20,000, the Policy Manual notes that Board approval is required. On all others, Management has approval authority.

The following application has been approved by Management.

- a. The City of Papillion is requesting assistance to install two (2) picnic shelters at the Clarence Petersen Fields Complex located west of the Sarpy YMCA on First Street in Papillion. The total cost of the project is estimated at \$39,299. The City is requesting 50% of this amount, or **\$19,649**.

The following application requires Board approval.

- a. The City of Omaha is requesting assistance with improvements to Hummel Park located near N.P. Dodge Park along the Missouri River. The improvements include hiking trails, shelter improvements, and new shelters. The total cost of all improvements is estimated to cost \$583,692. The City is requesting the maximum allowed under this program, or **\$50,000**.

The following table summarizes the RAD project requests for FY 2008. The FY 2007 budget for this program was \$119,650.

Sponsor	Total Estimated Cost	Cost Share Requested
City of Papillion – Petersen Fields	\$39,299	\$19,649
City of Omaha – Hummel Park	\$583,692	\$50,000
Total	<b>\$622,991</b>	<b>\$69,649</b>

**Management recommends that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board that the applications from the City of Papillion for \$19,649, and the City of Omaha for \$50,000 be approved, for a total of \$69,649, subject to funding in the FY 2008 budget.**

### **Trails Assistance Program**

The Trails Assistance Program cost shares with sponsors on trail projects approved for funding under the Transportation Enhancement Program. The cost share rate is 50% of the local share. All projects require Board approval.

The following sponsors have requested assistance.

- a. The City of Omaha has requested assistance to build a trail connecting the Keystone Trail in Karen Park with the Field Club Trail. The first phase of the project will stop at 45<sup>th</sup> & Dayton and has been approved under the NDOR Transportation Enhancement Program. The project will also receive a grant from the Peter Kiewit Foundation. The total estimated cost of the project is \$1,208,200. The local share following application of all cost share and grants is estimated at \$400,000. The City is requesting 50% of this amount, or **\$200,000**.
- b. The City of South Sioux City has requested assistance to build the All America Trail that will connect the Tri-State Trail with the All American Subdivision in the western part of the City. The trail route will also connect several city parks along the route and the future Wayne State University and Northeast Community College joint campus. The project was approved for funding by the NDOR's Transportation Enhancement Program. The estimated cost for the project is \$522,090. They are requesting 50% of the local share, or **\$104,418**.
- c. The City of South Sioux City has requested assistance to relocate and rehabilitate an existing trail located near 26<sup>th</sup> Street. The project was approved under the NGPC's Recreational Trails Program. The total estimated cost of the project is \$32,370. They are requesting 50% of the local share, or **\$8,092**.

The following table summarizes the applications for the TAP for FY 2008. The FY 2007 budget for this program was \$244,744.

Sponsor	Total Estimated Cost	FY 08 Cost Share Requested
City of Omaha	\$1,208,200	\$200,000
City of South Sioux City	\$522,090	\$104,418
City of South Sioux City	\$32,370	\$8,092
Grand Total	<b>\$1,762,660</b>	<b>\$312,510</b>

**Management recommends that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board that the applications from the City of Omaha for \$200,000, the City of South Sioux City All American Trail for \$104,418, and the City of South Sioux City 26<sup>th</sup> Street Trail for \$8,092 be approved, for a total of \$312,510, subject to funding in the FY 2008 budget.**

### **Urban Drainageway Program**

The District received one application under the Urban Drainageway Program.

- a. The Omaha Tribe proposes to continue a project to solve flooding and erosion problems in the Village of Macy through the downtown area. They are requesting assistance for Phase 3 of the project for stormwater management facilities in southwest Macy. The estimated cost of the project is \$165,250. They are requesting 60% of this amount, or **\$99,150**.

The FY 2007 Budget included \$550,370 for this item.

- **Management recommends that the subcommittee recommend to the Board that the application from the Omaha Tribe for \$99,150, subject to funding in the FY 2008 Budget.**

### **Urban Conservation Assistance Program**

The Urban Conservation Assistance Program (UCAP) cost shares with units of government to solve relatively minor erosion, flooding, and stormwater management problems in their jurisdiction. Construction costs only are eligible. The Policy Manual calls for Management approval of all applications. The following application was received.

Management intends to approve the following application.

- a. The City of South Sioux City is requesting assistance to install three (3) rain gardens in the City to manage and treat stormwater runoff in these areas that are not currently served by storm sewers. The total estimated cost of the project is \$42,570. The City is requesting the maximum allowed under the program, or **\$25,000**.

There were no applications received under this program in FY 2007.

**It is recommended that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board that the application from the City of South Sioux City for \$25,000, be approved, subject to funding in the FY 2008 budget.**



## Memorandum

**To:** PPO Subcommittee

**Re:** Aerial Photography Agreement with MAPA

**Date:** April 5, 2007

**From:** Paul Woodward, Water Resources Engineer

Over the past several years, the District has been involved with several city, county and state agencies to produce new aerial photography and expand Natural Resource GIS data availability. Currently, MAPA is in the process of obtaining 6" aerial photography for much of the District including Douglas, Sarpy, and Washington County (see attached map). The total project will cover nearly 8200 square miles in Nebraska and Iowa and is being performed by GE/M.J. Harden Associates, Inc. for a total cost of around \$1,160,000. The District's total cost-share is set at \$50,000 (\$25,000 in FY 07 and 08) and a comprehensive list of all 21 participants is attached.

The proposed agreement between the District and MAPA is enclosed for your consideration and would commit the NRD to pay \$25,000 this fiscal year and \$25,000 next fiscal year. A steering committee, made up of five knowledgeable representatives from the cities and counties, will assist MAPA in managing the contract. The District has previously participated in obtaining aerial photography for the area since 1995.

**Management recommends that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board that the General Manager be authorized to execute the Interlocal Agreement to obtain digital map products with the Metropolitan Area Planning Agency for the sum of \$50,000, subject to minor changes deemed necessary by the General Manger and approved to form by District legal council.**

## Memorandum

**To:** PPO Subcommittee

**Re:** Dam Site 13 404 Permit Tree Mitigation Bids

**Date:** April 5, 2007

**From:** Paul Woodward, Water Resources Engineer

As part of the requirements in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers 404 Permit obtained for the Dam Site 13 project (northwest of 192<sup>nd</sup> and W. Dodge St), the District is required to plant 4200 trees and a 100 foot native grass buffer around the perimeter of the lake. Originally, management considered completing this project with NRD staff and equipment. However, due to the maintenance required to accomplish the 5-year, 90% tree survival rate required by the Corps, it was decided that the planting and maintenance should be bid and brought to the Board for approval.

BCDM prepared the attached plan showing the proposed areas of tree planting and the 100' buffer surrounding the lake as part of their professional services contract with the City of Omaha. The plan and specifications calls for the planting of 4200 seedlings of varied species along with the seeding of native grasses on approximately 22 acres. This project was advertised for bids on both March 21 and 28, 2007. All planting is required to be completed by June 1, 2007.

Bids were received and opened at 4:00 PM on April 3, 2007. A bid summary is attached for your consideration. The apparent low bidder is Lanoha Nursery with a Lump Sum Base Bid of \$96,600.00.

BCDM's estimate for this work was 113,620.00.

**It is Management's recommendation that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board of Directors that the General Manager be authorized to execute a contract for the Dam Site 13 404 Permit Tree Mitigation with Lanoha Nursery, for their total base bid of \$96,600.**

## MEMORANDUM

TO: Programs, Projects and Operations Subcommittee

SUBJECT: USDA State Review Plan Proposal

DATE: April 5, 2007

FROM: Puls, Ralph

The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) and the Farm Service Agency (FSA), both agencies of the United States Department of Agriculture, have announced the results of their recently concluded business plan review. The FSA proposes the consolidation of 12 of the 81 offices in Nebraska. Offices in the Papio-Missouri River NRD that would be affected are the Sarpy/Douglas County office and the Dakota County office. The proposal would consolidate the Sarpy/Douglas County office with the Cass County office in Weeping Water. The Dakota County office would be consolidated with Dixon County and the combined offices would be located in the FSA office in Dakota City; the office building the P-MRNRD constructed in 2005 to house FSA, NRCS and Dakota County Rural Water.

The consolidation of the Sarpy /Douglas offices with the Cass County office would result in the closure of the Sarpy /Douglas office and their five employees would be moved to Cass County and/or Washington County. This move would have a negative impact on the landowners, operators and others in Sarpy and Douglas Counties. Cooperators routinely visit both the FSA and NRCS and in many cases the P-MRNRD offices to conduct their business.

The USDA has been promoting the efficiency of one stop service centers for many years, and the P-MRNRD has responded by providing office space to these USDA agencies in Sarpy/Douglas County, Washington County and Dakota County. In each of these locations the District has at least one P-MRNRD employee, who assists with the implementation of both USDA programs and P-MRNRD programs. In the case of the Sarpy/Douglas office here at the Natural Resources Center cooperators can and visit offices of the Department of Environmental Quality, the Corps of Engineers and the Headquarters offices of the P-MRNRD. Frequently these cooperators will learn of District programs available to them by meeting with District staff in the building.

The USDA has proposed a plan which they say will address declining budgets and staff numbers and focus more on serving producers through a more efficient network of FSA offices. The plan doesn't appear to give credit to the added efficiency and convenience to the public that is offered by providing a local, one stop service center to the cooperators in Sarpy and Douglas County.

The FSA has a 30 day comment period with a deadline of April 27, 2007 during which time it will accept comments or concerns.

**It is recommended that the subcommittee recommend to the Board of Directors that staff respond to the USDA Review Plan Proposal expressing the District's concerns about the proposed closure of the Sarpy/Douglas County FSA office.**

Agenda Item 13

Update on Forrest Run Channel Issue – Photos of the area will be shown at the Subcommittee Meeting.