

**Programs, Projects, and Operations Subcommittees
Meeting Minutes
April 10, 2007**

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 154th Street, Omaha, Nebraska, on April 10, 2007. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson John Conley at 7:50 p.m.

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

Subcommittee Members Present	Subcommittee Members Absent	Other Directors Present	Others in Attendance
John Conley		Dorothy Lanphier	John Winkler
Rich Tesar		John Schwope	Marlin Petermann
Fred Conley			Randy Lee
Rick Kolowski			Paul Woodward
David Klug			Gerry Bowen
			Ralph Puls
			Emmett Egr
			Trent Heiser
			Nancy Gaarder
			Dr. Donald Greer
			Paul Peters
			Larry Foster

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

❖ **It was moved by Director Kolowski and seconded by Director Fred Conley, that agenda be adopted.**

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

Voting Yea: J. Conley, R. Tesar, F. Conley, R. Kolowski, D. Klug
 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 5, 2007.

PAPIO TRAILS PROJECT – USER SURVEY: Gerry Bowen introduced the topic and Dr. Donald Greer from UNO. Dr. Greer reviewed slides supporting his proposal to research the usage of Omaha Area Trails. Dr. Greer noted that data and personal surveys of trail users would be conducted throughout the summer with a final report anticipated by January of 2008.

- ❖ **It was moved by Director Fred Conley and seconded by Director Kolowski 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 providing for the performance of a trail user survey/study in the Omaha Metropolitan area, and providing for a total District cost-share of \$1,500.**

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

Voting Yea: J. Conley, R. Tesar, F. Conley, R. Kolowski, D. Klug
Voting Nay: None
Abstaining: None
Absent: None

RAD – CITY OF OMAHA STANDING BEAR LAKE TRAIL PROJECT: Gerry Bowen reviewed the past RAD project that was approved by the Board which provided the City of Omaha \$50,000 and the opportunity to obtain a pedestrian bridge from the Keystone Trail near Aksarben and relocate it to Standing Bear. Larry Foster with the City of Omaha Parks Department reviewed the overall plan to complete a trail around Standing Bear Lake and the difficulties experienced when trying to bid the project with the proposed bridge. He explained that an alternative west route would be more affordable and other sources of funding were being sought. The City’s request was that the District continues its commitment of \$50,000 to the project in order to complete the north section of trail. Gerry Bowen noted that this approval would not require an amendment to the existing agreement.

- ❖ **It was moved by Director Fred Conley and seconded by Director Klug that the Subcommittee recommend that the Board approve the City of Omaha’s request to utilize District funds previously allocated to the City to pay for moving a trail bridge to Standing Bear Lake and Recreation Area, for other trail construction work at such facility.**

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

Voting Yea: J. Conley, R. Tesar, F. Conley, R. Kolowski, D. Klug
Voting Nay: None
Abstaining: None
Absent: None

INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH NEWPORT HILL SUBDIVISION:

Gerry Bowen explained the location of the proposed Newport Hill subdivision just southwest of 180th Street and Highway 36, just north of Prairie View Recreation Area. The proposed agreement with SID #544 would allow for the development to connect to the trail at prairie view as well as allow for stormwater outlets to be properly extended to the water quality basin, all at no cost to the District.

The following individuals addressed the Subcommittee:

- Mike Ryan, 11130 Jackson St., Omaha, NE
- Julie Thacker, 16506 Dutch Hall Road, Bennington, NE

Gerry Bowen explained that both NRD staff and Douglas County would have to approve the final Low Impact Development plan before they could install storm sewer outlets.

- ❖ **It was moved by Director Fred Conley and seconded by Director Kolowski that the General Manager be authorized to execute an interlocal agreement with Douglas County SID 544 (Newport Hill) providing for the installation by SID 544 of a trail and storm sewer outlets in the Prairie View Recreation Area, subject to changes deemed necessary by the General Manager and approved as to form by District Legal Counsel.**

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

Voting Yea: J. Conley, R. Tesar, F. Conley, R. Kolowski, D. Klug
Voting Nay: None
Abstaining: None
Absent: None

FY 2008 URBAN COST SHARE PROGRAMS: Gerry Bowen reviewed proposed projects and cost share applications received for the Recreation Area Development Program, Trails Assistance Program, Urban Drainageway Program, and the Urban Conservation Assistance Program.

- ❖ **It was moved by Director Kolowski and seconded by Director Fred Conley that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board that the applications for the following programs be approved, all subject to funding in the FY 2008 budget:**
 - **Recreation Area Development Program - City of Papillion for \$19,649, and the City of Omaha for \$50,000, for a total of \$69,649**
 - **Trails Assistance Program - 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 26th Street Trail for \$8,092, for a total of \$312,510**
 - **Urban Drainageway Program - Omaha Tribe for \$99,150**
 - **Urban Conservation Assistance Program - City of South Sioux City for \$25,000**

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

Voting Yea: J. Conley, R. Tesar, F. Conley, R. Kolowski, D. Klug
Voting Nay: None
Abstaining: None
Absent: None

AGREEMENT WITH MAPA FOR AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHY: Paul Woodward reviewed the District's past involvement with several city, counties and state agencies to produce aerial photography and expended GIS data availability. He pointed out that even though the overall project continues to get bigger and require better imagery, the overall cost-share for the District is less due to lower acquisition costs and more funding partners.

- ❖ **It was moved by Director Tesar, and seconded by Director Fred Conley, that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board that the General Manager be authorized to execute an Interlocal Agreement with the Metropolitan Area Planning Agency calling for the District to pay \$50,000 of the cost of obtaining digital map products, subject to changes deemed necessary by the General Manger and approved to form by District legal counsel.**

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

Voting Yea: J. Conley, R. Tesar, F. Conley, R. Kolowski, D. Klug
Voting Nay: None
Abstaining: None
Absent: None

BIDS OF DAM SITE 13 MITIGATION PLANTING: Paul Woodward reviewed the U.S. Army Corps of Engineer's 404 Permit requirements for completing tree and native grass buffer mitigation around the Dam Site 13 reservoir. He explained that 3 bids had been received and the Lanoha had the apparent low and best bid of \$96,600. Larry Foster took the opportunity to update the subcommittee on the progress made by the Omaha Parks Department to install the boat ramp and deepen the lake. He noted that the City hoped to complete an access road to the boat ramp within the next 2 years.

- ❖ **It was moved by Director Kolowski, and seconded by Director Tesar, that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board that the General Manager be authorized to execute a contract with Lanoha Nursery for the Dam Site 13 404 Permit Tree Mitigation, for Lanoha Nursery's total base bid of \$96,600.**

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

Voting Yea: J. Conley, R. Tesar, F. Conley, R. Kolowski, D. Klug
Voting Nay: None
Abstaining: None
Absent: None

RESOLUTION REGARDING FSA OFFICE RELOCATION: Ralph Puls updated the subcommittee on the recent FSA plans to consolidate field offices which included closing their Douglas/Sarpy County office located within the building. He noted that the FSA would be receiving input in the following months on the proposed closure and suggested that the Board go on record opposing the consolidation of the Douglas/Sarpy County Field Office.

- ❖ **It was moved by Director Fred Conley, and seconded by Director Tesar, that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board of Directors that staff respond to the USDA Review Plan Proposal by expressing concern about the proposed closure of the Sarpy/Douglas County FSA office.**

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

Voting Yea: J. Conley, R. Tesar, F. Conley, R. Kolowski, D. Klug
Voting Nay: None
Abstaining: None
Absent: None

UPDATE ON FOREST RUN CHANNEL ISSUE: Director Tesar reviewed photos from a recent rainfall event which caused overbank flooding on the channel within the Forest Run subdivision. He reported that he had visited the site with Director Klug and Rich Jansen. Based on the performance of the Iva Street Culverts and the already improved portions of the creek channel within Lyman Highlands, it was his opinion that the proposed channel enlargement within Forest Run would provide some flood relief. There was discussion with Forest Run Homeowners present at the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT: Being no further business, the meeting adjourned by acclamation at 9:10 p.m.

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