

**Programs, Projects, and Operations Subcommittees
Meeting Minutes
August 10, 2004**

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 August 10, 2004. Public notice of the meeting was posted at all District offices and published in the Omaha World-Herald on August 5, 2004.

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.

| Subcommittee Members Present | Subcommittee Members Absent | Other Directors Present | Others in Attendance |
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| John Conley | | Richard Connealy | Laurie Carrette-Zook, HDR |
| Tim Fowler | | Barb Nichols | Lyle Christensen, HDR |
| Rich Jansen | | | Ken Molzer, PACB |
| Joe Neary | | | Larry Jacobsen, Schemmer |
| Rich Tesar | | | Bill Japp |
| | | | Kay Haslam |
| | | | Jeff Rawlinson, NGPC |
| | | | Mike Kojdecki |
| | | | Dave Pavian |
| | | | Chris Koenig, HGM |
| | | | Steve Oltmans |
| | | | Marlin Petermann |
| | | | Paul Woodward |
| | | | Terry Schumacher |
| | | | Randy Lee |
| | | | Gerry Bowen |
| | | | Pat Teer |
| | | | Jean Tait |
| | | | Jerry Herbster |
| | | | Ronnie Lehman |
| | | | Bernie Taylor |
| | | | Penny Burch |
| | | | (see attached list) |

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

❖ **It was moved by Jansen, seconded by Tesar, that the agenda be adopted.**

Roll call was taken on the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 4-0.

Voting Yea: Conley, Fowler, Jansen, Tesar
Voting Nay: none
Abstaining: none
Absent: Neary

Papillion Creek Watershed – Stage II Study Agreement

Paul Woodward noted the Multi-Reservoir Analysis prepared for the District by HDR Engineering was nearly complete. HDR was asked to submit a proposal for another chapter on financial feasibility of the reservoirs, and to assist with public education on the project. The additional services were estimated to be \$64,000. This would be in the form of a second amendment to the existing contract. Staff recommended approval.

❖ **It was moved by Tesar, seconded by Jansen, that the following resolution be adopted:**

“WHEREAS, the intent of the Papio-Missouri River Natural Resources District is to develop plans for Papio Watershed Dam Sites 1 and 3C that are consistent with the following goals and objectives:

- 1. Minimize acres taken from the tax rolls,**
- 2. Maximize dollars received by original landowners for land rights,**
- 3. Minimize tax dollars that are spent by the District to develop such projects, and**
- 4. Maximize the tax valuation of Washington County.**

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Papio-Missouri River Natural Resources District that the District shall first complete its preliminary plans for Dam Sites 1 and 3C and thereafter hold a series of public meetings to study and determine the development methods that are most feasible for the District and most acceptable to the landowners, citizens and supervisors of Washington County.”

There was considerable discussion.

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

Voting Yea: Fowler, Jansen, Tesar
Voting Nay: Conley, Neary
Abstaining: none
Absent: none

❖ **It was moved by Jansen, seconded by Fowler, that the subcommittee recommend to the Board that the General Manager be authorized to execute Amendment**

No. 2 to the Papillion Creek Watershed Study – Stage II Contract with HDR Engineering, Inc. and increase the maximum fee from \$370,000 to \$434,000.

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

Voting Yes: Conley, Fowler, Jansen, Tesar
Voting No: Neary
Abstaining: none
Absent: none

Bill Japp, member of the Papio Valley Preservation Association, addressed the Subcommittee expressing support for flood control and development, but not for taking private property for development.

Kay Haslam, 205 W. 6th St., Kennard, NE, expressed disappointment over how the project had been presented to the public and the many unanswered questions about the project.

Walnut Creek Amphitheater Plans

Randy Lee noted that the preliminary plans for the amphitheatre were available for review, with final plans to be prepared within 90 days.

Ken Molzer, Papillion Area Concert Band, told of continuing efforts to raise the necessary funds for construction.

Larry Jacobsen, Schemmer Associates, briefly discussed the preliminary plans noting that the plans would include all phases of the project, but that only Phase 1 would be constructed at this time.

- ❖ **It was moved by Neary, seconded by Jansen, that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board that the District provide written approval for the preliminary plans, that the Papillion Area Concert Band (PACB) be required to provide final plans and cost estimates within the requirements of the existing agreement, and that the lease between the District and the PACB clearly delineate that PACB will be responsible for operation and maintenance of the parking lot.**

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

Voting Yea: Conley, Fowler, Jansen, Neary, Tesar
Voting Nay: none
Abstaining: none
Absent: none

Youth-Mentored Hunting at Vencil's Island

Gerry Bowen noted that the lower end of Vencil's Island was purchased by the District to provide conservation measures for endangered species potentially affected by the Western Sarpy/Clear Creek Flood Control Project. The District was approached by the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission (NGPC) about managing the area for youth-mentored hunting and fishing. He noted that Management recommended that an agreement be negotiated and brought back to the Board for further consideration.

Jeff Rawlinson, NGPC, described the proposed uses for the area and answered questions.

Director Tesar expressed opposition for water fowl hunting on the area.

Mike Kojdecki and Dave Pavian also expressed opposition to water fowl hunting at the site, but supported hunting for terrestrial species.

Several alternatives were discussed to address the concerns.

- ❖ **It was moved by Tesar, seconded by Jansen, that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board that the General Manager be authorized to negotiate an agreement with the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission for youth-mentored hunting and fishing on the Glasshoff Tract at Vencil's Island in Sarpy County, limiting the youth water fowl hunting to only the current two-day season, and that the agreement be brought back to the Board for approval.**

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

Voting Yea: Conley, Fowler, Jansen, Neary, Tesar
Voting Nay: none
Abstaining: none
Absent: none

Silver Creek Watershed Sites 32 and 33 Bids

Terry Schumacher noted that bids had been received for construction of Silver Creek Sites 32 and 33. The low bid was from Glup Construction Inc. in the amount of \$153,996.82. He noted that federal EQIP funds would be utilized on the project.

- ❖ **It was moved by Jansen, seconded by Neary, that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board that the bid of Glup Construction, Inc in the amount of \$153,996.82 for construction of Silver Creek Sites 32 and 33 be approved, and that the General Manager be authorized to execute the necessary contract documents.**

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

Voting Yea: Conley, Fowler, Jansen, Neary, Tesar
Voting Nay: none
Abstaining: none
Absent: none

Washington County Rural Water System #2 Water Tower

Chris Koenig, HGM Associates, noted that bids were received to construct a water tower for the Washington County Rural Water System #2. The lowest bid was received from Landmark Structures in the amount of \$1,377,000 for the composite alternative. He also noted that the City of Blair had approved the bid earlier in the evening.

- ❖ **It was moved by Jansen, seconded by Neary, that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board that the bid from Landmark Structures in the amount of \$1,377,000 for construction of the Washington County Rural Water System #2 water tower be approved, and that the General Manager be authorized to execute the necessary contract documents.**

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

Voting Yea: Conley, Fowler, Jansen, Neary, Tesar
Voting Nay: none
Abstaining: none
Absent: none

Adjournment: There being no further business, the meeting adjourned by acclamation at 8:20 p.m.