

**Programs, Projects, and Operations Subcommittees
Meeting Minutes
August 8, 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 154th Street, Omaha, Nebraska, on August 8, 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.

Subcommittee Members Present	Subcommittee Members Absent	Other Directors Present	Others in Attendance
John Conley - Chairman	Rich Tesar*	Richard Patterson	Marlin Petermann, NRD
Jim Thompson**		John Schwope	Paul Woodward, NRD
Rick Kolowski			Jim Becic, NRD
Fred Conley			Paul Peters, NRD Legal
Dorothy Lanphier**, ***			Trent Heiser, NRD
			Dick Sklenar, NRD
			Dave Sands, NE Land Trust
			Jim Cannia, USGS
			Greg Steele, USGS
			Jerry Herbster, NRD
			Lowen Kruse, Florence
			Gerry Bowen, NRD
			Rodney Verhoeff, LPRCA
			Attendance List attached to file copy of minutes.

- * Excused Absence
- ** Alternate Voting Member
- *** Arrived after Quorum Call

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

- ◆ **It was moved by Director Kolowski and seconded by Director Thompson 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, J. Thompson, R. Kolowski, F. Conley
 Voting Nay: None
 Abstaining: None
 Absent: Tesar, D. Lanphier
 Excused Absence: Tesar

PROOF OF PUBLICATION: Public notice of the meeting was posted at all District offices and published in the Omaha World-Herald on August 3, 2006.

REQUEST FROM FLORENCE FUTURES FEASIBILITY STUDIES: Gerry Bowen reviewed the previous consideration by the Board of this request to contribute \$25,000 toward a \$100,000 (+) east-west gateway master plan/feasibility study in the Florence/I-680 area. Handouts were provided. Linda Meigs with Florence Futures explained that they were close to getting enough funding for the study and wished to update the Board on some positive changes from their last proposal. One of these aspects included a trail head to be located along with the high tech visitor welcome center and connection for Florence to the Missouri River Trail. Lowen Kruse, State Senator, handed out another fact sheet and reviewed the historical significance of the proposed visitor center on an existing aerial photo. There were several questions from Directors answered by Senator Kruse and Ms. Meigs.

- ❖ **It was moved by Director Fred Conley and seconded by Director Kolowski that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board that the request from the Florence Futures Development Group for a contribution of \$25,000 to a feasibility study be approved, that the District appoint a member to serve on the Florence Future Board of Directors, and that the needed \$25,000 be assigned to the project from the Missouri River Trail Construction account (#07 08 4410) in the FY07 Budget.**

Roll call was taken on the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 3-yea, 1-nay and 1-abstain.

Voting Yea: J. Thompson, R. Kolowski, F. Conley,
Voting Nay: J. Conley
Abstaining: D. Lanphier
Absent: Tesar
Excused Absence: Tesar

CAMP ASHLAND RIVER OBSTRUCTION REMOVAL PROJECT INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT: Gerry Bowen introduced Rodney Verhoeff who reviewed the project location adjacent to Nebraska Army National Guard Camp Ashland approximately one half mile north of Highway 6 over the Platte River and scope (estimated cost \$247,000). LPSNRD would serve as fiscal agent through the proposed Interlocal Agreement between three NRDs (LPSNRD, LPNNRD and P-MRNRD) and separate agreements with the Army National Guard and the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission. The P-MRNRD and LPNNRD cost would be equal shares of \$28,000 based on the fact that the project is between the two largest contributing NRDs.

- ❖ **It was moved by Director Thompson, and seconded by Director Fred Conley, that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board that the Acting General Manager be authorized to execute an Interlocal Agreement for the Camp Ashland River Obstruction Removal Project.**

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

Voting Yea: J. Conley, J. Thompson, R. Kolowski, F. Conley, D. Lanphier
Voting Nay: None
Abstaining: None
Absent: Tesar
Excused Absence: Tesar

GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT PLAN – EASTERN NEBRASKA WATER RESOURCES ASSESSMENT: Gerry Bowen discussed the District’s existing groundwater management plan and explained the need for better geological data in order to prepare more accurate groundwater assessments in the future. He explained that this same problem exists in other eastern Nebraska NRDs, so a consortium of six NRDs and some state and federal agencies have joined together to address this need in a project called Eastern Nebraska Water Resources Assessment. Jim Cannia with USGS in Lincoln reviewed his past experience with the Nebraska Department of Natural Resources and explained that decisions regarding fully appropriated basin designations in the eastern part of Nebraska were limited by a lack of information. He provided a presentation which overviewed the use of the Helicopter Electromagnetics Surveys (HEM) to map the geologic formations in three pilot projects in Eastern Nebraska. He also explained that once this geophysics work is done, hydrology would be applied to develop groundwater models in future phases of work. Mr. Cannia noted that the data, information and results of the studies will first be used to help determine surface and groundwater interactions, but that later on it will be useful for many other purposes including domestic water supply. The estimated cost of this first year of the assessment is \$701,000 with the P-MRNRD contributing \$15,000.

- ❖ **It was moved by Director Fred Conley, and seconded by Director Lanphier, that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board that the Acting General Manager be authorized to submit a letter of support including a commitment for \$15,000, for the Eastern Nebraska Water Resources Assessment Project.**

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

Voting Yea: J. Conley, J. Thompson, R. Kolowski, F. Conley, D. Lanphier
Voting Nay: None
Abstaining: None
Absent: Tesar
Excused Absence: Tesar

AGREEMENT WITH NEBRASKA LAND TRUST: Jim Becic reviewed the prior presentation by David Sands with the Nebraska Land Trust and the potential to work together on future projects through the proposed Interlocal Agreement. Mr. Sands provided a brief presentation covering the make up of the Nebraska Land Trust Board, cooperative agreements with other agencies, and their focus on the Lower Platte River and specifically the Schramm Park District. Virginia Miller expressed support for conservation easements in the Schramm Park area.

- ❖ **It was moved by Director Fred Conley, and seconded by Director Lanphier, that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board that the Agreement Between Pappio-Missouri River Natural Resources District and Nebraska Land Trust for Cooperative Assistance in the amount of \$5,000.00 be approved, in the form as presented to the Subcommittee, and the Acting General Manager be authorized to execute the Agreement for and on behalf of the District.**

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

Voting Yea: J. Conley, J. Thompson, R. Kolowski, F. Conley, D. Lanphier
Voting Nay: None
Abstaining: None
Absent: Tesar
Excused Absence: Tesar

COST SHARING WITH SARPY COUNTY AND BRIARCLIFF/CINNAMON ESTATES HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATIONS TO PAVE SEGMENT OF CORNHUSKER ROAD TO CHALCO HILLS:

Jerry Herbster reviewed discussions with the Homeowner's Associations (HOA) along Cornhusker Road and Sarpy County for a proposal to pave the road up to and including the Chalco Hills west parking lot at a county estimated cost of approximately \$65,000. It was discussed that the District's cost share should possibly be limited to one-quarter of the costs which will be worked out if and when Sarpy County approved the project.

- ❖ **It was moved by Director Fred Conley, and seconded by Director Kolowski, that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board that the District cost share with Sarpy County and the Briarcliff/Cinnamon Estates Homeowners Associations at a rate of up to one-third of the construction cost, up to a maximum District contribution of \$21,667, for the proposed Cornhusker Road/West Parking Lot paving project.**

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

Voting Yea: J. Conley, R. Kolowski, F. Conley, D. Lanphier
Voting Nay: J. Thompson
Abstaining: None
Absent: Tesar
Excused Absence: Tesar

RESOLUTIONS TO THE NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF ROADS FOR FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM FUNDS:

a. Missouri River Trail, Phase 2 - Jim Becic provided background on this Phase of the Missouri River Trail from Ponca road to the Washington County line. It was noted that the proposed resolution merely authorizes the staff to apply for the federal funding.

b. MoPac Trail (Highway 50 to Chalco Hills) - Gerry reviewed the proposed trail alignment between Highway 50 and Chalco Hills Recreation Area along Highway 370, for which federal funding is also being sought. The NRD has recently sent out an RFP for professional services to design this section of the MoPac trail.

- ❖ **It was moved by Director Fred Conley and seconded by Director Thompson that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board that the resolutions, as presented to the Subcommittee, seeking funding assistance for the Missouri River Trail Phase 2 and a segment of the Mopac trail (Highway 50 to Chalco Hills) be adopted and that the Acting General Manager be authorized to sign the Resolutions for the Board.**

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

Voting Yea: J. Conley, J. Thompson, R. Kolowski, F. Conley, D. Lanphier

Voting Nay: None

Abstaining: None

Absent: Tesar

Excused Absence: Tesar

ELKHORN RIVER PUBLIC ACCESS SITE AT WEST DODGE ROAD: Dick Sklenar reviewed the application for grant funding and the proposed site on the southeast side of the intersection of W. Dodge Road and the Elkhorn River. Directors questioned the potential use of this site for air boats. Dick noted that Directors had been forwarded a petition by nearby neighbors requesting that motorized boat access not be allowed and that the Board would need to make decisions concerning that issue during the design phase sometime later this year.

- ❖ **It was moved by Director Fred Conley, and seconded by Director Kolowski, that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board that the following resolution be adopted:**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Papio-Missouri River NRD be the applicant for federal and state aid program grants for development of the Elkhorn River Public Access Site at West Dodge Road in Douglas County, Nebraska, and furthermore:

- 1. The Papio-Missouri River Natural Resources District of Nebraska is applying for federal assistance from the Recreational Trails Program, Land & Water Conservation Fund and the Trails Development Assistance Fund for the purpose of developing the Elkhorn River Public Access site at West Dodge Road in Douglas County, Nebraska.**
- 2. The General Manager of the Papio-Missouri River NRD of Nebraska is authorized to sign the application for federal assistance, and any other official project documents that are necessary to obtain such assistance, including any agreements, contract or other documents that are required by the State of Nebraska, the National park Service, or the Federal Highway Administration.**
- 3. The Papio-Missouri River NRD of Nebraska currently has the written commitment for the local matching share for the project elements that are identified on the Application form and the Supplemental Documents and will, as it becomes necessary, allocate the local funds for this project.**
- 4. The Papio-Missouri River NRD of Nebraska will commit the necessary financial resources to operate and maintain the completed project in a safe and attractive manner.**
- 5. The Papio-Missouri River NRD of Nebraska will not discriminate against any person on the basis of race, color, age, religion, disability,**

sex or nation origin in the use of any property or facility that is acquired or developed pursuant to the project proposal, and shall comply with the terms and intent of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, and any of the regulations promulgated pursuant to such Act.

6. **The Papio-Missouri River NRD of Nebraska will comply with all rules and regulations of the Recreational Trails Program, Land & Water Conservation Fund and Tails Development Assistance Fund, applicable Executive Orders and all state laws that govern the grant applicant during the performance of the project. The Papio-Missouri River NRD of Nebraska will replace land in the event of a conversion in use in accordance with Section 6 (f) (3) of the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965, as amended.**
7. **The Papio-Missouri River NRD of Nebraska will comply with the Federal disability access and use standards where they can be reasonably applied, in accord with the American with Disability Act of 1991.**
8. **All paperwork may be signed by the project sponsor, but the Resolution MUST be signed by the Board Chairperson.**

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

Voting Yea: J. Conley, J. Thompson, R. Kolowski, F. Conley, D. Lanphier
Voting Nay: None
Abstaining: None
Absent: Tesar
Excused Absence: Tesar

INTERIOR PAINTING CONTRACT FOR DAKOTA COUNTY RURAL WATER: Dick Sklenar noted that this water tower was in need of repainting since it hadn't been done in 19 years. He reviewed the bids and discussed the lowest bidder's references. Sklenar reviewed the procedure for repainting the water tower. He also noted that the project will hopefully get started by the end of this month and be finish by Oct 1st. A sub-consultant will be providing inspection of the work including paint thickness, etc.

- ❖ **It was moved by Director Thompson, and seconded by Director Fred Conley, that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board that the firm of Tri-Brothers Contracting be awarded the contract in the bid amount of \$39,500.00 for the painting of the interior of the Dakota County Rural Water elevated reservoir.**

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

Voting Yea: J. Conley, J. Thompson, Kolowski, F. Conley, D. Lanphier
Voting Nay: None
Abstaining: None
Absent: Tesar
Excused Absence: Tesar

COOPERATING TECHNICAL PARTNERS GRANT APPLICATION AND AGREEMENTS FOR DETAILED FLOODPLAIN MAP SCOPING OF DOUGLAS, SARPY, WASHINGTON AND DAKOTA COUNTIES:

Paul Woodward noted that during the time when the Board decided to remap the floodplains in the West Papillion Creek watershed, no overall assessment was performed to identify floodplain remapping needs and priorities throughout the District. FEMA is now requesting that this prioritization take place before future grant funds are provided to Cooperating Technical Partners (CTPs). He also noted that FEMA specifically asked that the NRD apply for these funds in order to complete this scoping study. In addition, to working on potential FEMA funds for floodplain remapping in the Big and Little Papillion Creek, the staff is communicating with Nebraska Senators and Congressmen to earmark funds (\$1.9 million) in the Corp of Engineers budget.

- ❖ **It was moved by Director Fred Conley, and seconded by Director Kolowski, that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board that the following resolution be adopted by the Board:**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Papio-Missouri River Natural Resources District, that the District should apply to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) under the FEMA Cooperating Technical Partners (CTP) Program, for CTP grants in the maximum obtainable amount (presently estimated to be \$140,000) towards the cost of activities needed to produce detailed scoping of Douglas, Sarpy, Washington, and Dakota County, and should apply for technical assistance, training, data and other assistance available from FEMA under the CTP Program to support such mapping activities; and, be it further resolved, that the Acting General Manager of the District is hereby authorized to carry out the Detailed Scoping Project and to execute, for and on behalf of the District, Applications for Federal Assistance for such FEMA CTP grants, a CTP Cooperative Agreement with FEMA, CTP Mapping Activity Statements, and such other applications, assurances, certificates, reports and other documents, and amendments thereto, as the Acting General Manager determines necessary to obtain such CTP grants and other mapping activity assistance from FEMA.

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

Voting Yea: J. Conley, J. Thompson, R. Kolowski, F. Conley, D. Lanphier
Voting Nay: None
Abstaining: None
Absent: Tesar
Excused Absence: Tesar

REVIEW OF PAPILLION CREEK WATERSHED PARTNERSHIP STORMWATER POLICIES PUBLIC FORUM: Paul Woodward reviewed public input from the July 20, 2006 Public Forum concerning the proposed Stormwater Policies. He noted that the transcript from the meeting was available for review and any suggestions would be appreciated. Marlin Petermann handed copies of the transcript to Directors and noted that consideration of the policies was tabled until September, but any comments from Directors would be welcomed ahead of time. No action taken.

ADJOURNMENT: Being no further business, the meeting adjourned by acclamation at 8:25 p.m.

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