

**Finance, Expenditure & Legal
Subcommittee Meeting Minutes
August 7, 2007**

A meeting of the Papio-Missouri River Natural Resources District's Finance, Expenditure & Legal Subcommittee was held at the Natural Resources Center, 8901 South 154th Street, Omaha, Nebraska, on August 7, 2007. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Dick Connealy at 7:45 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
Dick Connealy			John Winkler
Tim Fowler		Dave Klug	Marlin Petermann
John Conley		Tesar	Gerry Bowen
Dorothy Lanphier		Kolowski	Dick Sklenar
Richard Patterson		Schwope	Paul Woodward
			Trent Heiser
			Paul Peters
			Jerry Herbster

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

*** It was moved by Director Fowler and seconded by Director Lanphier that agenda be adopted.**

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

Voting Yea: Lanphier, J. Conley, Connealy, Patterson, Fowler
 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 August 2, 2007. The proof of publication affidavit is included with the file copy of these minutes.

ADOPTION OF FY 2008 BUDGET:

John Winkler gave the Subcommittee members an update on the changes in the budget since the last meeting. With these updates the total budget would be \$45.46 million with a total property tax requirement of \$16.3 million. Based upon a projected 5% increase in valuation (except for Sarpy County's preliminary projection of a 9.74% increase Douglas County's projection of 10%) the tax levy would be 0.034519. He noted that these figures included \$100,000 for a new Lower Platte River Vegetative Management Project, but that management is now recommending that the account be increased to \$200,000.

Director Tesar showed photographs and live examples of some invasive plants (phragmites and purple loose strife) on the Platte River that are on the rise. It was noted that Director Tesar was recently appointed as the District II representative to the Governor's Vegetation Management Task Force created by LB 701 passed during the 2007 legislative session. He indicated that the very rapid spread of phragmites with its runners and large seed head, is of particular concern and wholeheartedly supported management's recommendation that an additional \$100,000 added to the budget to address this problem

- ❖ **It was moved by Director John Conley and seconded by Director Fowler that the following resolution be adopted:**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Papio-Missouri River Natural Resources District that the attached budget document incorporated herein by reference, showing Total Requirements of \$45,513,893.67 (\$45,463,893.67 – general and \$50,000 – sinking fund) and Property Tax Requirement of \$16,341,611.14 be and is hereby adopted as the Fiscal Year 2008 budget of the Papio-Missouri River Natural Resources District.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of the Papio-Missouri River Natural Resources District hold a Public Hearing to set the Final Property Tax Request and Tax Levy for Fiscal Year 2008 at the September 13, 2007 Board of Directors meeting, after final valuations have been received from Douglas, Sarpy, Dodge, Washington, Burt, Thurston and Dakota Counties.

- ❖ **It was moved by Director Fowler and seconded by Director John Conley that the proposed budget be amended to add an additional \$100,000 to account #05-00-4451 – Lower Platte Vegetation Management for a total of \$200,000.**

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

Voting Yea: Lanphier, J. Conley, Connealy, Patterson, Fowler
Voting Nay: None
Abstaining: None
Absent: None

The amended motion would read as follows:

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September 13, 2007 Board of Directors meeting, after final valuations have been received from Douglas, Sarpy, Dodge, Washington, Burt, Thurston and Dakota Counties.

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

Voting Yea: Lanphier, J. Conley, Connealy, Patterson, Fowler
Voting Nay: None
Abstaining: None
Absent: None

MISSOURI RIVER TRAIL – PHASE 2 RIGHT OF WAY ACQUISITION – SURFSIDE

NORTH: Jim Becic explained that a signed purchase agreement by Surfside in the amount of \$1,200.00 is anticipated on Monday, August 13, 2007. He noted that the District's initial offer based upon an appraisal was \$900.00 and recommended that the Subcommittee approve the \$1,200 figure.

- ❖ **It was moved by Director Patterson and seconded by Director Fowler that the General Manager be authorized to execute a purchase agreement with Surfside North, Inc., in the amount of \$1,200 for easement right-of-way on the Missouri River Trail – Phase 2 Project.**

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

Voting Yea: Lanphier, J. Conley, Connealy, Patterson, Fowler
Voting Nay: None
Abstaining: None
Absent: None

ADJOURNMENT: Being no further business, the meeting adjourned by acclamation at 8:15 p.m.