



**PAPIO-MISSOURI RIVER  
NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
December 11, 2003**

**MINUTES**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:** A regular meeting of the Papio-Missouri River Natural Resources District Board of Directors was held at the Natural Resources Center, 8901 S. 154<sup>th</sup> Street, Omaha, NE on December 11, 2003. The meeting was called to order by the Chairperson, Fred Conley, at 8:00 p.m.

**QUORUM CALL:** The following Directors were present for the Quorum Call:

John Conley	Barb Nichols
Dick Connealy	Pete Rubin
Tim Fowler	Jim Thompson
Melissa Gardner	Fred Conley
Joe Neary	

Chairperson Fred Conley noted that Directors Jansen and Tesar had excused absences.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA:**

- **MOTION NO. 1:** It was moved by Director Connealy and seconded by Director John Conley that the following resolution be adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED that the agenda be adopted.

Roll call vote was held on the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Voting Yea	-	Conley (John), Connealy, Fowler, Gardner, Neary, Nichols, Rubin, Thompson, Conley (Fred)
Voting Nay	-	None
Abstaining	-	None
Absent	-	Jansen, Tesar
Absence excused	-	Jansen, Tesar

**ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA:**

- **MOTION NO. 2:** It was moved by Director Rubin and seconded by Director Gardner that the following resolution be adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED that the following resolutions on the consent agenda are hereby adopted.

Agenda Item 3.A.:

BE IT RESOLVED that the following Director(s) have an excused absence from the December 11, 2003, Board of Directors Meeting:

Rich Jansen  
Rich Tesar

Agenda Item 6 A. & B.:

BE IT RESOLVED that the November 13, 2003, Papio-Missouri River NRD Board meeting minutes and the November 12, 2003, Dakota County Rural Water Advisory Board meeting minutes be approved as printed.

Roll call vote was held on the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Voting Yea - Conley (John), Connealy, Fowler, Gardner, Neary, Nichols, Rubin, Thompson, Conley (Fred)  
Voting Nay - None  
Abstaining - None  
Absent - Jansen, Tesar  
Absence excused - Jansen, Tesar

**PROOFS OF PUBLICATION OF MEETING NOTICE:** Notice of the meeting was published in the Omaha World Herald on December 4, 2003. The District's October, 2003, expenditures were published in the Papillion Times on December 4, 2003. The Chairperson ordered the Proofs of Publication recorded in the minutes of this meeting. (They are contained as part of the file copy of these minutes.)

**AGENCY AND ASSOCIATION REPORTS:**

A. Natural Resources Conservation Service: Don Doty, District Conservationist at the NRCS office, reported on NRCS activities for the past month. A copy of his report is attached to the file copy of these minutes.

B. Nebraska Association of Resources Districts: Director Rubin reported that the NARD Legislative Conference would be held January 27-28, 2004 at the Embassy Suites in Lincoln. He urged Directors to attend.

C. Lower Platte River Corridor Alliance: Rodney Verhoeff, LPRCA Coordinator, noted that the Lower Platte River Corridor Alliance Report had been posted to the District website and e-mailed to Directors. He pointed out that the work has begun on a river obstruction inventory that would identify old bridge pilings along the Platte River. He also reported that he was working with the LPNNRD and LPSNRD to develop GIS maps of the corridor region.

Chairperson Conley noted that members of Boy Scout Troop 100 from St. Cecilia's were attending the Board meeting as a requirement for their Citizenship Badge.

**SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:**

A. West Papio Watershed Floodplain Mapping Project Ad Hoc Consultant Selection Subcommittee: Director Neary reported that the Ad Hoc Subcommittee had met on December 2, 2003. He reported that HDR Engineering, Inc., was ranked first and that staff was directed to develop a scope of services and negotiate a contract for the project. CDM was ranked second as an alternate.

- **MOTION NO. 3** It was moved by Director Neary and seconded by Director Nichols that the following resolution be adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED that the December 2, 2003, minutes of the West Papio Watershed Floodplain Mapping Ad Hoc Consultant Selection Subcommittee are accepted and incorporated in these minutes.

Roll call vote was held on the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Voting Yea - Conley (John), Connealy, Fowler, Gardner, Neary, Nichols, Rubin, Thompson, Conley (Fred)  
Voting Nay - None  
Abstaining - None  
Absent - Jansen, Tesar  
Absence excused - Jansen, Tesar

B. Dakota County Service Center Ad Hoc Consultant Selection Subcommittee: Director Connealy reported that the Ad Hoc Subcommittee had met on December 9, 2003. He reported that interviews for the design of the Dakota County Service Center will be conducted with Brown Architecture & Design Co., Erickson Sullivan Architects, Prochaska and Associates, and Kenneth Hahn Architects. The meeting is scheduled for January 15, 2004.

- **MOTION NO. 4** It was moved by Director Connealy and seconded by Director Rubin that the following resolution be adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED that the December 9, 2003, minutes of the Dakota County Service Center Ad Hoc Consultant Selection Subcommittee are accepted and incorporated in these minutes.

Roll call vote was held on the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Voting Yea - Conley (John), Connealy, Fowler, Gardner, Neary, Nichols, Rubin, Thompson, Conley (Fred)  
Voting Nay - None  
Abstaining - None  
Absent - Jansen, Tesar  
Absence excused - Jansen, Tesar

C. Platte River Trail (Hwy 50 to Lied Bridge) Ad Hoc Consultant Selection Subcommittee: Director John Conley reported that the Ad Hoc Subcommittee had met on December 9, 2003 and gave a brief recap of the meeting.

•• **MOTION NO. 5** It was moved by Director John Conley and seconded by Director Connealy that the following recommendation be adopted:

*Ad Hoc Recommendation #1:* Professional Services Contract with Ehrhart Griffin & Associates – Recommendation that the General Manager be authorized to negotiate and execute a professional engineering services contract with Ehrhart Griffin & Associates for the Platte River Trail Project (Highway 50 to Lied Bridge) with a “not-to-exceed” amount of \$238,046.45, subject to approval as to form by District legal counsel.

Roll call vote was held on the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Voting Yea - Conley (John), Connealy, Fowler, Gardner, Neary, Nichols, Rubin, Thompson, Conley (Fred)  
Voting Nay - None  
Abstaining - None  
Absent - Jansen, Tesar  
Absence excused - Jansen, Tesar

D. Programs, Projects and Operations Subcommittee: Director John Conley reported that the PPO Subcommittee had met on December 9, 2003 and gave a brief recap of the meeting.

•• **MOTION NO. 6:** It was moved by Director John Conley and seconded by Director Connealy that the following recommendation be adopted:

*PPO Recommendation #1:* Interlocal Cooperation Act Agreement for Washington County Rural Water Project No. 2 between Washington County/City of Blair/Papio-Missouri River NRD – Recommendation that the General Manager be authorized to execute the proposed Agreement between Washington County, the City of Blair and the District for Washington County Rural Water Project #2, with any amendments thereto determined necessary by the General Manager and approved as to form by District legal counsel.

Roll call vote was held on the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Voting Yea - Conley (John), Connealy, Fowler, Gardner, Neary, Nichols, Rubin, Thompson, Conley (Fred)  
 Voting Nay - None  
 Abstaining - None  
 Absent - Jansen, Tesar  
 Absence excused - Jansen, Tesar

Director John Conley reported that the PPO Subcommittee considered an amendment to the agreement with the Papillion Area Concert Band for the Walnut Creek Amphitheater. He pointed out that the staff recommendation failed on a vote of 2-yea and 3-nay. Therefore there was no Subcommittee recommendation.

•• **MOTION NO. 7:** It was moved by Director Neary and seconded by Director Nichols that the following recommendation be adopted:

Recommendation that the General Manager be authorized to execute the proposed Amended and Restated Development Agreement with the Papillion Area Concert Band providing for the District cost-share of \$100,000 towards the completion of the Amphitheater Parking Area at Walnut Creek Recreation Area, with any amendments thereto determined necessary by the General Manager and approved as to form by District Legal Counsel. (Original agreement was approved by P-MRNRD Board August 12, 1999.)

The following individuals addressed the Board in support of the recommendation:

James Blinn, Mayor, Papillion  
 Ken Molzer, Papillion Area Concert Band

There was extended discussion.

Roll call vote was held on the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 7-yea and 2-nay.

Voting Yea - Connealy, Gardner, Neary, Nichols, Rubin, Thompson, Conley (Fred)  
 Voting Nay - Conley (John), Fowler  
 Abstaining - None  
 Absent - Jansen, Tesar  
 Absence excused - Jansen, Tesar

•• **MOTION NO. 8:** It was moved by Director John Conley and seconded by Director Rubin that the following recommendation be adopted:

*PPO Recommendation #3:* Interlocal Agreements with MAPA and Sarpy County for Obtaining Digital Mapping Products for the GIS System – Recommendation that the General Manager be authorized to execute the Phase II GIS Interlocal Agreement with Sarpy County for \$5,000 and the Interlocal Agreement to obtain digital map products with the Metropolitan Area Planning Agency for the sum of \$70,000, with any amendments thereto determined necessary by the General Manager and approved as to form by District Legal Counsel.

Roll call vote was held on the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Voting Yea - Conley (John), Connealy, Fowler, Gardner, Neary, Nichols, Rubin, Thompson, Conley (Fred)  
Voting Nay - None  
Abstaining - None  
Absent - Jansen, Tesar  
Absence excused - Jansen, Tesar

Director John Conley reported that the Subcommittee had considered a proposed Co-Occupation Agreement between the District, Douglas County and OPPD for a power line along the Little Papio Creek and Keystone Trail. He stated that the Subcommittee had tabled the item until the next PPO meeting.

•• **MOTION NO. 9** It was moved by Director John Conley and seconded by Director Connealy that the following recommendation be adopted:

*PPO Recommendation #5:* Request to Cost Share on Grass Stripper Head with U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service – Recommendation that the District cost share with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, one-half of the cost, up to \$15,000, for the purchase of a rice stripper cutter head for use in harvesting native grass seed with the understanding that a portion of the harvested seed will be available for NRD use at no cost.

Roll call vote was held on the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Voting Yea - Conley (John), Connealy, Fowler, Gardner, Neary, Nichols, Rubin, Thompson, Conley (Fred)  
Voting Nay - None  
Abstaining - None  
Absent - Jansen, Tesar  
Absence excused - Jansen, Tesar

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

•• **MOTION NO. 10:** It was moved by Director John Conley and seconded by Director Connealy that the following resolution be adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Treasurer is authorized to expend general funds to pay: (1) claims listed in the November, 2003, financial report; and, (2) any claims made prior to the next Board meeting for (a) earned salaries of District employees, (b) withholding taxes, (c) social security payments, (d) retirement program contributions, (e) utilities, (f) registration fees and expenses for upcoming meetings and conferences, (g) certified completed CAP and Special Project Area applications, (h) invoices which offer a credit or discount for payment made prior to the next Board meeting, (i) postage, and, (j) building and grounds contract expenses.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Treasurer is authorized to pay, from the respective operating accounts of the Dakota County, Thurston County and Washington County rural water supply projects, the Elkhorn River Bank Stabilization Project, the Elkhorn Breakout Project, the Elk/Pigeon Creek Drainage Project, and the Western Sarpy/Clear Creek Project, the project bills listed on the November, 2003, financial report, and future claims for project utilities.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the financial reports be affixed to and made a part of the minutes.

Roll call vote was held on the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Voting Yea - Conley (John), Connealy, Fowler, Gardner, Neary, Nichols, Rubin, Thompson, Conley (Fred)  
Voting Nay - None  
Abstaining - None  
Absent - Jansen, Tesar  
Absence excused - Jansen, Tesar

### **CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT:**

A. P-MRNRD 2004 Elections: Chairperson Fred Conley announced that Directors from odd-numbered subdistricts are up for re-election in 2004. He reminded Directors that the filing date for incumbents is February 15, 2004.

B. P-MRNRD Employee Service Awards: The following P-MRNRD employees were recognized for their years of service with the District:

❖ <b>Christine Jacobsen</b> , Education/Volunteer Specialist	5 years
❖ <b>Ryan Trapp</b> , Groundskeeper	5 years
❖ <b>Jean Tait</b> , Purchasing Agent/OTG Coordinator	10 years
❖ <b>Marvin Baker</b> , Water Systems Operator	15 years
❖ <b>Kelly Fravel</b> , Field Office Secretary – South Sioux City	15 years
❖ <b>Jerry Herbster</b> , Park Superintendent	15 years
❖ <b>Teresa Murphy</b> , Field Office Secretary - Walthill	15 years
❖ <b>Marty Nissen</b> , Drafter	15 years
❖ <b>John Zaugg</b> , Field Representative, Omaha NRCS	20 years
❖ <b>Martin Cleveland</b> , Construction Engineer	25 years
❖ <b>Bill Warren</b> , O&M Assistant Superintendent	25 years
❖ <b>Ronnie Lehman</b> , O&M Superintendent	30 years

**GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT:** GM Oltmans noted that Directors had received a copy of his written report. GM Oltmans reported on the following items:

- \* GM Oltmans had been speaking to area Rotary Clubs regarding the Metro Area Trails Marking Project. He displayed two markers from the Field Club Trail. The markers will be installed on recreational trails in Douglas and Sarpy Counties. The markers will include the trail name and “milepost” that will be incorporated into the 911 emergency response system to aid in responding to emergencies on the trails.
- \* The GM distributed a list indicating applications that received T-21 funding in FY 2004. He noted that the District had not made application for FY 2004, but will have 2 applications for the following year.
- \* He then distributed a newspaper article from the Lincoln Journal Star, “Two men blaze way for a new 700-mile Quad State trail.” The article is about Ross Greathouse and John Royster who are working on a 700-mile plan that would take hikers and bikers through sections of Nebraska, Iowa, Kansas and Missouri.
- \* A letter to Tarracon, Inc., for geotechnical services in evaluating the concrete in the Big Papio Trail between Center and Blondo Streets was distributed. The testing will include heavy-weight deflectometer testing, ground penetrating radar pavement thickness survey along the entire length of the trail, borings, etc.
- \* He then distributed a letter from Kent Holm, Director of Douglas County Environmental Services. The letter was a following up on comments made at the PPO Subcommittee meeting regarding the proposed OPPD Power Line along the Little Papio Creek/Keystone Trail.
- \* Omaha World Herald article, “Nebraska Proposes River Plan” was distributed. The GM pointed out that State of Nebraska had proposed a compromise plan and that 6 of the 8 key states have signed off on the plan.

The GM then reported that the office had received information that President Bush had given Federal employees December 26<sup>th</sup> off as a holiday.

- **MOTION NO. 11:** It was moved by Director Rubin and seconded by Director Nichols that the day after Christmas (December 26, 2003) be declared a holiday for P-MRNRD employees.

Roll call vote was held on the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Voting Yea - Conley (John), Connealy, Fowler, Gardner, Neary, Nichols, Rubin, Thompson, Conley (Fred)  
Voting Nay - None  
Abstaining - None  
Absent - Jansen, Tesar  
Absence excused - Jansen, Tesar



The following videos were then shown:

- \* Channel 6 – Cole Creek Buyout
- \* Channel 7 – Dundee Trail
- \* Channel 3 – Metro Area Trails Marking Project
- \* Channel 6 – Metro Area Trails Marking Project

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:**

A. Future Meetings: The Chairperson reviewed the following upcoming meetings with the Directors:

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| Dec. 25 & 26, 2003  | Christmas Holiday – Offices Closed   |
| January 1, 2004     | News Years Holiday – Offices Closed  |
| January 6, 2004     | P-MRNRD Subcommittee Meetings  |
| January 8, 2004     | P-MRNRD Board Meeting  |
| January 19, 2004    | Martin Luther King Holiday – Offices Closed  |
| January 27-28, 2004 | NARD Legislative Conference, Embassy Suites, Lincoln   |
| February 1-5, 2004  | National Association of Conservation Districts Annual Meeting, Hawaii (Directors Pete Rubin and Jim Thompson will be representing the District.) |
| February 10, 2004   | P-MRNRD Subcommittee Meetings  |
| February 12, 2004   | P-MRNRD Board Meeting  |

B. Other Information Items: None.

C. Next Meeting: The next regularly scheduled meeting of the P-MRNRD Board of Directors will be held on January 8, 2004 at the NRC.

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

I, the undersigned, Secretary of the Pappio-Missouri River Natural Resources District, hereby certify that the foregoing are true and correct minutes of a meeting of the Board of Directors of the District held on December 11, 2003, that all of the subjects included in the foregoing proceedings were contained in the agenda for the meeting, kept continually current and readily available for public inspection at the office of the District; that such subjects were contained in said agenda for at least twenty-four hours prior to said meeting; that at least one copy of all reproducible material discussed at the meeting was available at the meeting for examination and copying by members of the public; that the minutes were in written form and available for public inspection within ten working days and prior to the next convened meeting of said body; and, that all news media requesting notification of the meeting of said body were provided advance notification of the time and place of said meeting.

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Barbara A. Nichols  
District Secretary