

Dakota County Rural Water Minutes August 13, 2003

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MINUTES OF THE
DAKOTA COUNTY RURAL WATER
ADVISORY BOARD
NOVEMBER 12, 2003

The Rural Water Dakota County Advisory Committee Meeting was called to order by Chairman, Dave Soelberg at 7:30 P.M. on November 12, 2003.

MEMBERS

<u>PRESENT</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>	<u>OTHERS PRESENT</u>
Dave Soelberg	Dennis Kirkholm*	Randy Hummel P-MR NRD
Bill Rohde		Margie Stark P-MR NRD
Pat Green		Lance Olerich P-MR NRD
Mick Samuelson		
Bill Haafke		
Gail Jensen		
Bryce Andersen		
Hank Hurley/Resigned		

*Denotes excused absence

CONSIDERATION OF SEPTEMBER 10th, 2003 ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES FOR APPROVAL. (NO MEETING IN OCTOBER).

Minutes of the September 10th, 2003 meeting were reviewed.

Motion #1 A motion was made by Bryce Andersen and seconded Mick Samuelson to approve the September 10th, 2003 Rural Water Advisory Board Meeting Minutes. On roll call vote, all yes. Motion carried 7-0.

FINANCIAL REPORT/ACTION.

A. BILLS B. REVIEW REV/EXP WITH ANNUAL BUDGET

Randy gave the Financial Report for the month of September and October with review of the Fiscal Year Revenue and Expense with Annual Budget. Checks for the month of October, (\$23,512.17), and Manual Checks for the month of September, (\$1,860.17) were presented. Checks for the month of November (\$29,853.53), Manual Checks for the month of October, (2,149.18) were presented.

Motion #2 A motion was made by Bill Rohde and seconded by Pat Green to recommend to the District to accept the Financial Report and November checks to be paid on November 13th, 2003. On roll call vote, all yes. Motion carried. 7-0.

Credit on account with Curtis Rust HKP#711 Lake Village Trailer Court was returned with check #13043 for \$10,000.00 on hook-up charges. Retained on Rust Rural Water Account was \$8,866.98.

WATER USE REPORT/DELINQUENT ACCOUNTS

The water use report was given. Use for August water was 91.5% with the monthly average at 86.4%. There were 31 customers on the certified/shut-off list. All 31 customers made payment or arrangements to make payment. Use for September water was 88.3% with the monthly average at 86.6%. There were 30 customers on the Certified/shut-off list. All 30 customers made payment or arrangements to make payment.

CONSIDERATION OF NEW HOOK-UPS AND TRANSFERS

No Hook-ups for the month.

There were six Transfers: #189 Corey Rager to Brian Poulosky, #235 Robin Nelson to Tim Nelson, and #325 Holly Rogers (canceled contract), property went back to previous owner, Kent & Tami Herbold. Unit #369 Everett Dean Neal to Angie & Richard Coan, #464 Renee & Brent Highfill to Gary & Laura Powell, #627 Sherry McArthur to Larry Albenesius.

Motion #3 A motion was made by Mick Samuelson and seconded by Gail Jensen to recommend to the District to accept the above transfers. On roll call vote, all yes. Motion carried 7-0.

MANAGERS REPORT

Randy gave the Manager's report. Regular rural water maintenance was done for the month. All System meters have been read for the fall. Several meters had high usage, faulty meters have been changed. Water flushing nearly complete for now.

Lance Olerich has his Grade 4 Water Operator License.

Papio-Missouri River NRD/Dakota County Rural Water Bond Interest Payment was wired on October 15th, from Dakota County Bank for \$10,302.50 to Ameritas Investment Corp., Series 2003A – Dated April 15, 2003.

OTHER BUSINESS

The Annual Dinner at Hungry's will be Wednesday, December 10th, at 6:30 P.M.

No other business.

ADJOURN

There being no other business, the Rural Water Advisory Board adjourned at 8:25 P.M.

Margie Stark -- Rural Water, Sec.

Nebraska's Natural Resources Districts



2004 Legislative Conference

Embassy Suites, Lincoln, January 27 – 28, 2004

The Nebraska Association of Resources Districts, along with Nebraska's 23 state wide Districts, who work diligently in assisting and addressing natural resource concerns in their respective districts extend this invitation to attend our 2004 Legislative Meeting. This year's conference will feature legislative speakers, sessions and activities that are sure to keep attendees informed of issues pertinent to Nebraska's natural resources.



Tuesday

Participate in the NARD Legislative process and positions on legislative bills. State Senators and other key leaders will be speaking on current issues. Tuesday will include a Senators Reception at the Embassy Suites.

Wednesday

A day of concurrent sessions that are sure to be of interest to directors, NRD staff, and agency staff persons. We're planning plenty of variety in each session, providing something of interest for everyone. Continuing Education Units will be awarded for appropriate session. Michael Tefft, NRD's Financial Representative will hold a three hour update session the NRD Employee retirement program.

Motel Information

A block of sleeping rooms has been reserved at the Embassy Suites with a room rate of \$119 for single or double occupancy. Included in this rate is a complementary two-hour cocktail reception Monday evening, and a complementary buffet with cook to order breakfast each morning. These room rates are available until January 5, 2004. Make your reservations soon 402/474-1111 or 1-800-EMBASSY and request the NARD room block.

Registration Information

The registration form is located on the last page of this letter. Registration deadline is Friday January 16, 2004. "Walk-In" registrations will be an additional \$25 fee per person. Cancellations after January 19th will be subject to a \$25 processing fee. No refunds will be awarded after January 22, 2004.



In This Letter

- ♦ Times and location of Managers, NARD Board and Staff meetings.
- ♦ Tentative conference agenda.
- ♦ Hotel information.
- ♦ Registration Information.

*Tentative Agenda
Monday January 26, 2004*

- 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. NRD Managers Meeting, Lower Platte South NRD
 NARD Legislative Committee to meet immediately following, Lower Platte South NRD
- 1:00 NRD Staff Information & Education Meeting, Embassy Suites

*Tuesday January 27, 2004
Embassy Suites*

- 7:30 a.m. NARD Fiscal Planning & Budget Committee Breakfast Meeting
 NARD Native Vegetation and Forestry Subcommittee Breakfast Meeting
- 8:00 Registration
- 9:00 Opening Remarks, Governor Mike Johanns (invited)
- 9:15 Water Policy Task Force Update
- 10:00 Framing Legislative Issues and Discussion of Proposed Legislation of Interest
- 12:00 p.m. Luncheon, Senator Schrock (invited)
- 1:30 Caucus
- 3:00 Action on Proposed Legislation
- 5:30 Reception with Senators
- 7:00 Meeting with your Senator(s) - on your own.

*Wednesday January 28, 2004
Embassy Suites*

- 7:30 a.m. NARD and NRD Staff Information & Education Committee Breakfast Meeting
 NARD Program and Planning Committee Breakfast Meeting
- 8:00 Registration
- 8:00 - 11:00 Visit Senators and their staff at the Capitol Building - Optional

Concurrent Sessions

- 8:30 - 9:15 USDA Conservation Programs Update
 Don Thobor, NRCS
- Bacteria Monitoring Project,
 Pat O'Brien, NDEQ
 Pesticide Monitoring Project,
 Craig Romary, NDA and Dick Ehrman, NARD
- NRD Computer Networking, *TBA*
- 9:20 - 10:05 Conservation Security Program
 Steve Chick, NRCS
- Statewide Ground Water Quality Monitoring
 Dick Ehrman, NARD
 Ground Water Level Monitoring Program
 Mark Burbach, UNL
- Staff Development, *TBA*
- 10:20 - 11:05 NRD's Utilizing GIS/GPS, Part I
- In-Situ Nitrate Treatment of Ground Water
 Dr. Roy Spalding, UNL
 Regional Water Systems
 Jackie Stumpff, NDEQ
- NRD Office Imaging, *TBA*
- 11:10 - 11:55 NRD's Utilizing GIS/GPS, Part II
- NDEQ Livestock Waste Legislation
 Dennis Heitmann, NDEQ
 Watershed/Lake/Community-Based Planning
 John Bender and Paul Brakhage, NDEQ
- CREP/FSA, *TBA*
- 12:00 p.m. Luncheon, Senator Wehrbien (invited)
- 1:30 - 4:30 NRD Insurance and Retirement Program updates
- 1:30 NARD Board of Directors Meeting
- 1:30 Department of Natural Resources Commission Meeting
- 1:30 Pallid Sturgeon Study Group Meeting



Lower Platte River
CORRIDOR ALLIANCE

November 2003 Edition

From the Coordinator...

Rodney L. Verhoeff, Coordinator

River Obstructions Project

Work has begun on reviewing previous information and reports on lower Platte River obstructions including bridge pilings. A couple of years ago, some work was done with the help of the Nebraska Airboaters Association to identify and map obstructions in the river. Last year, the LPRCA did a reconnaissance canoe trip down the river to GPS the locations and take photos of each obstruction. River obstructions can be problematic for a variety of reasons including: hazards to boaters, they can catch debris and divert channel flow resulting in flooding and/or bank erosion, and degradation of the natural and scenic qualities of the area. I hope to have a preliminary report this spring to present to the Alliance and its members along with recommendations and potential funding sources for removal. The LPNNRD along with the UP Railroad removed approximately 18 cement bridge pilings from an old railroad bridge back in 1997 and 1998. Dynamite was used and the process was recorded on video. It is quite an undertaking. The majority of obstructions we are looking at currently are wood, metal, and a few cement obstructions.

GIS Mapping I just began working with the LPNNRD and LPSNRD to develop several GIS maps of the corridor region including an overall base map of the area. The base map will include the corridor boundary, counties, major roads, communities in the corridor, NRDs, and topography. Other maps will show water and wastewater systems, soils, geology, current projects, floodplains, and a variety of other parameters of interest. If you have an idea for an informational map that would help describe the corridor and its resources, please let me know.

Lower Platte Weed Management Area (LPWMA) The LPWMA just finished putting together a U.S. Fish & Wildlife Foundation "Pulling Together Initiative" or PTI grant to get some additional summer help and the necessary biological and chemical supplies for noxious weed control in the 10 corridor counties. The grant is a one-year grant renewable for up to three years. Each county took an inventory of needed chemicals, biological control, equipment, and summer help. This information was then submitted as a part of the grant to show the need for noxious weed control in the counties. Recall, that earlier this year the LPWMA submitted a grant to the Nebraska Environmental Trust Fund (NETF) for equipment, specifically ATVs and sprayers for 8 of the 10 corridor counties.

Lower Platte River Watershed Nature Center On Wednesday, November 12th there was a meeting at the UNL Ag Research Development Center (ARDC) site near Ithica to bring together potential partners and stakeholders for the development of a nature center showcasing the lower Platte River Watershed. We were able to gauge interest in the nature center and to explain in greater detail what the project is all about. There was a small showing at the meeting, but the major stakeholders were in attendance and all showed overwhelming support for the project. The project will entail the development of a series of trails and interpretive panels along the trails highlighting the many natural features of the ARDC area. There will also be opportunities for hands-on learning and nature hikes through woodlands, wetlands, pastures, fields and feedlots highlighting the benefits of wetlands for stormwater and field runoff, native and planted woodlands and grasslands, wildlife management, and BMPs for agricultural practices. The group decided to have quarterly meetings with a smaller group made up of UNL, the NPS, and the LPRCA to serve as the steering committee. As various components of the project were initiated, then the appropriate stakeholder would be brought in to assist. The LPNNRD, the district where this project lies, has already discussed this project and shown support for the concept.

Water Quality/Resources Meetings I just met again with the UNL Cooperative Extension to discuss the details regarding our upcoming Water Quality/Resources public meetings. As I mentioned previously, these meetings will be similar to the Water Wellness meetings held a couple of years ago, except we want to add background information on water resources and drinking water treatment components. We have roughed out an agenda and assigned the folks who will cover each component at the meetings. We will offer a variety of tools for assessment of groundwater quality, septic system placement and maintenance, and water well issues including the Farm*A*Syst manual, Water Wellness booklets, Fact Sheets, NebGuides, and a variety others as are determined appropriate. The focus is to provide corridor residents with the proper information and tools to prevent, assess, and treat water quality issues. The meetings will be held from April through July and will be comprised of a series of approximately 8 meetings at specific locations throughout the corridor during both the evening and daytime, possibly some Saturdays. We anticipate a two-hour meeting for each location. If you have any suggestions for a meeting venue, please let me know. I hope to distribute draft agendas and a description of the program in the near future.

Ice Jam Cooperative Agreement Meeting The annual ice agreement stakeholder meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 17th starting at 9:30 a.m. at the PMRNRD in Omaha. This is the kick-off meeting for the group to get things started and discuss roles and responsibilities for all stakeholders. NEMA and DNR head up the meeting which will cover general issues regarding ice jams in addition to presentations on issues such as new and current technologies for relieving ice jams.

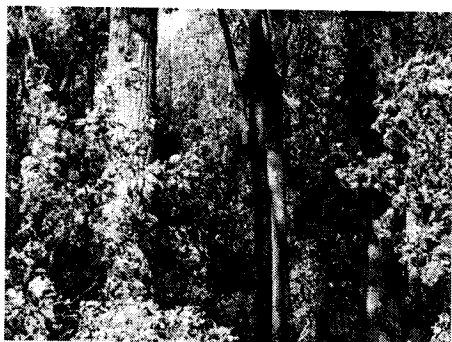
NDEQ State Revolving Funds Meetings Last week, the LPNRRD hosted a meeting presented by NDEQ to discuss the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) and the Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) as well as Sources water protection issues. The DWSRF is a revolving fund established to assist communities and districts in upgrading their drinking water systems through low interest loans and grants. Similarly, the CWSRF addresses wastewater systems for communities and districts also using loans and grants (or loan forgiveness). This is very pertinent to the Lower Platte River Corridor since there are two counties considering a regional water/wastewater system. Other topics discussed including source water protection projects and grants as well as the Nebraska Environmental Partnership (NEP) program which offers assistance to communities for planning and community assessment funding.

Upcoming NCRD and Alliance Meetings:

- NEXT LPRCA QUARTERLY MEETING - Tuesday, January 13th, 2004 * 9:30 a.m. * LPSNRD Meeting Room located in Lincoln.
NOTE - Meeting is back at the LPSNRD with new start time of 9:30 a.m.
- LPNRRD Board Meeting - Monday, December 8th, 2003 * 1:00 p.m. - Wahoo @ 511 Industrial Road
- PMRNRD Board Meeting - Thursday, December 11th, 2003 * 8 p.m. - Omaha @ Chalco Hills Rec. Area
- LPSNRD Board Meeting - Wednesday, December 17th, 2003 * 2:00 p.m. - Lincoln @ 3125 Portia Street

Future Meetings - Meetings and Events in the Not-So-Distant Future:

- 60-Mile Radius Committee - Thursday, December 11th, 2003 * 2:00 p.m. * Joslyn Castle Institute in Omaha
- Lower Platte River Ice Jam - Wednesday, December 17th * 9:30 a.m. * PMRNRD - Chalco Hills Rec Area in Omaha



MEMORANDUM



SUBJ: Papio-Missouri River NRD 2004 Elections

- ➔ **February 15, 2004 - Incumbent Deadline for Filing**
- ➔ **March 1, 2004 - Non-Incumbent Deadline for Filing**
- ➔ **May 11, 2004 - Primary Election**
- ➔ **November 2, 2004 - General Election**

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DATE: December 1, 2003

FROM: Fred Conley, P-MRNRD Chairperson

The Papio-Missouri River Natural Resources District 2004 election will be for odd-numbered subdistricts (Subdistricts #1, #3, #5, #7, #9 and #11). Individuals running for election will have to run in the May 11, 2004, primary to narrow the field of candidates to two for each subdistrict for the November 2, 2004, general election.

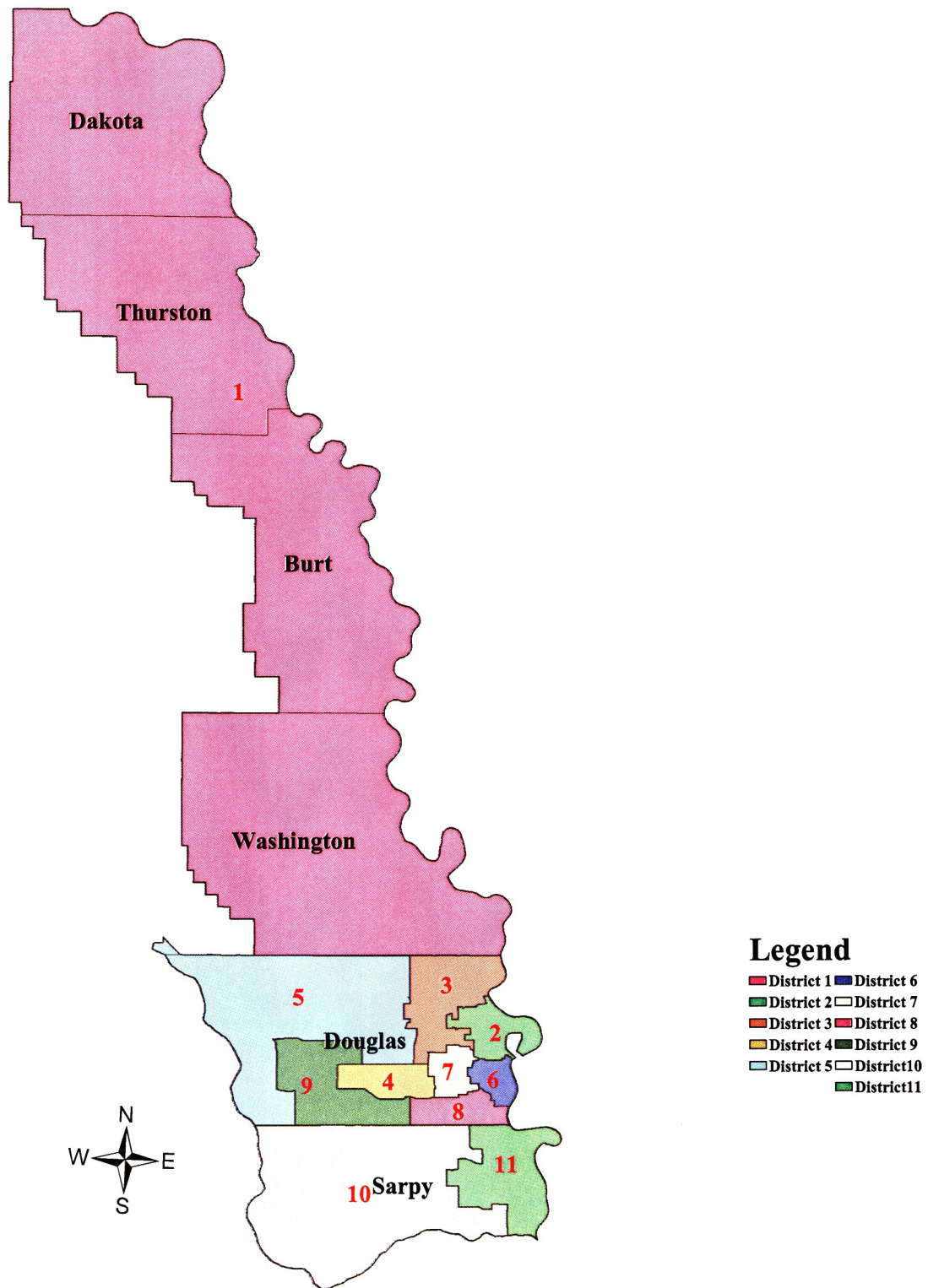
Individuals wishing to file for office can pick up the candidate filing forms at their respective County Election Commissioner's Office or County Clerk's Office. Please note the Douglas County Election Commissioner's Office has moved to 225 N. 115th Street (south of Dodge between Davenport and Burt Streets). As noted above, the deadline for incumbent candidates to file is February 15, 2004; and, for non-office holders, the deadline is March 1, 2004. Completed forms must be received by the Secretary of State's Office by 5:00 p.m. of the applicable day. There is no filing fee for NRD Director.

P-MRNRD Directors are nominated and elected by subdistrict. A copy of the P-MRNRD subdistrict map is attached to this memo. Directors receive \$70 per diem (maximum \$2,800 per calendar year) plus expenses for mileage, lodging and meals while conducting NRD business.

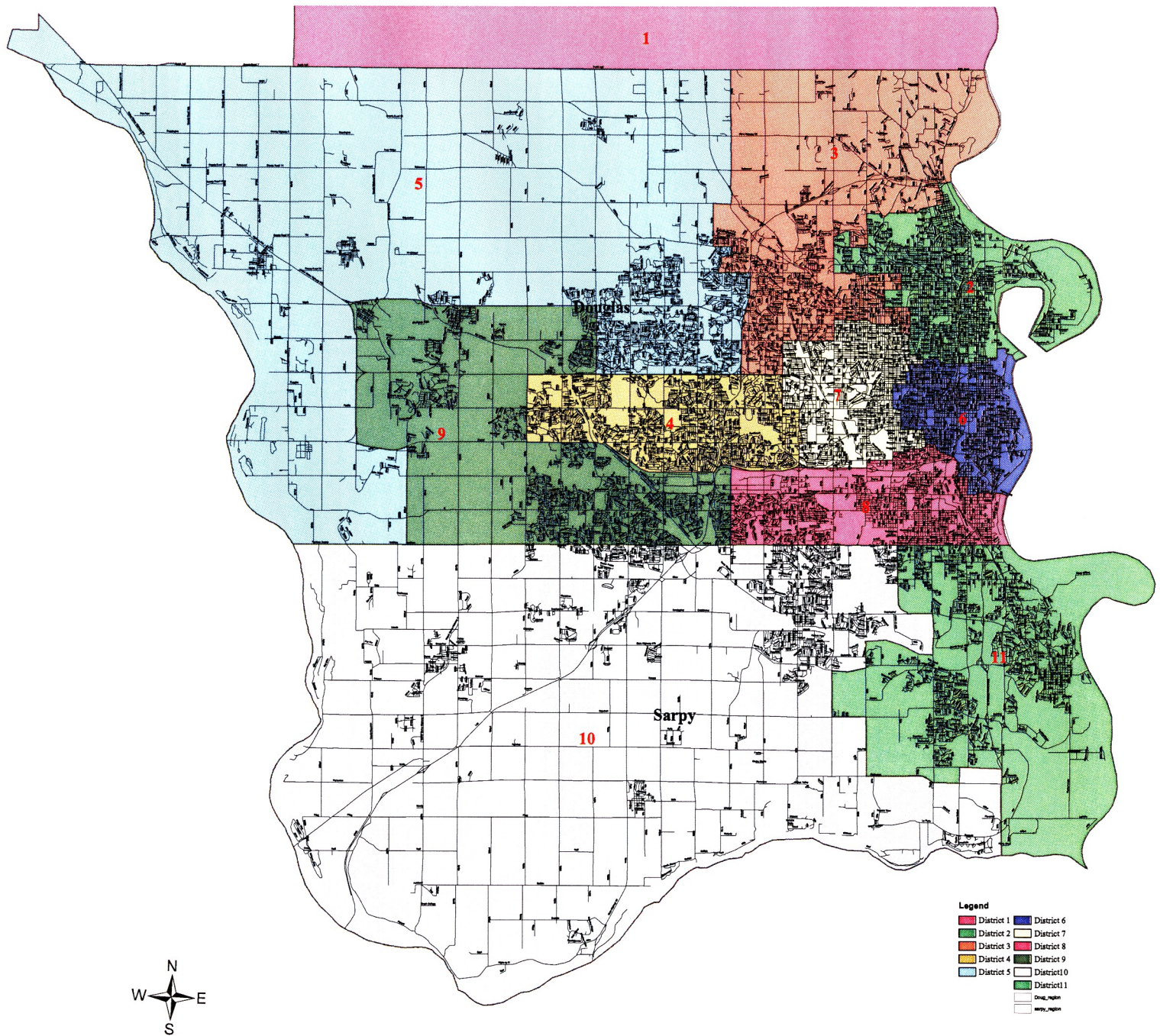
The term of office for present P-MRNRD Directors who were elected in 2000 will expire on December 31, 2004. The following is a list of current P-MRNRD Directors and the subdistricts they represent pursuant to subdistrict boundaries.

Director Name	Subdistrict
Fred Conley	#2
John Conley	#4
Richard Connealy *	#1
Tim Fowler	#8
Melissa Gardner *	#7
Richard Jansen	#10
Joe Neary *	#3
Barbara Nichols *	#9
Peter Rubin *	#11
Richard Tesar *	#5
Jim Thompson	#6

* Elected in 2000



Papio-Missouri River NRD Subdistricts



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