

**Programs, Projects, and Operations Subcommittees
Meeting Minutes
December 9, 2003**

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 December 9, 2003. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson John Conley at 7:28 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,	Rich Jansen*	Barb Nichols	Steve Oltmans
Tim Fowler***		Jim Thompson	Marlin Petermann
Joe Neary			Trent Heiser
Rich Tesar			Gerry Bowen
Dick Connealy**			Paul Peters
			Paul Woodward
			Dick Sklenar
			Jim Becic
			Kent Holm
			Randy Lee
			Martin Cleveland
			Larry Jacobsen
			Ken Molzer
			Terrence Shaughnessy

- * Excused Absence
- ** Alternate Voting Member
- *** Not present for quorum call, but attended meeting

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

◆ It was moved by Connealy and Seconded by Neary that agenda be adopted.

Roll call was taken on the motion. The motion carried on a vote of four (4) to Zero (0).

Voting Yea: J. Conley, Neary, Tesar, Connealy
 Voting Nay: None
 Abstaining: None
 Absent: Fowler

PROOF OF PUBLICATION: Public notice of the meeting was posted at all District offices and published in the Omaha World-Herald on December 4, 2003.

INTERLOCAL COOPERATION ACT AGREEMENT FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY RURAL WATER PROJECT NO. 2:

Dick Sklenar handed out a revised memo and the latest agreement with changes underlined. He reviewed the project and project map before explaining the features of the agreement including the oversizing of mains, the water tower, and a future connection between Blair, MUD, and the rural water system. He further explained that both the City of Blair and Washington County would receive rebates for their contributions from future hook-up fees. Sklenar also informed the subcommittee that Washington County had approved the draft agreement earlier that day with the stipulation that rebates from future hook-up fees would begin May 1, 2004. Issues such as payment schedules, water tower operation and maintenance, fire protection, oversized mains, and the hook-up fee increase on July 1, 2004 were all discussed.

- ◆ **It was moved by Neary, and seconded by Connealy, that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board of Directors 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 subject to changes determined necessary by the General Manager and approved as to form by District legal counsel.**

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

Voting Yea: J. Conley, Neary, Tesar, Connealy, Fowler
Voting Nay: None
Abstaining: None
Absent: None

AMENDED AGREEMENT WITH THE PAPIILLION AREA CONCERT BAND (PACB) FOR THE WALNUT CREEK AMPHITHEATER:

Randy Lee reviewed previous action by the Board in 1999 concerning the amphitheater and associated parking lot along with recent events that resulted in the need for a new location within the park. He reviewed the new proposed location on the west side of the Walnut Creek Recreation Area and the new estimated cost of \$700,000 to \$800,000. This proposed agreement would obligate the District to contribute the same \$100,000 previously agreed to by the Board. Contributions by the City of Papillion of \$35,000 and waived fees along with the land area required, the need for additional parking on the east side, other interest in the previously planned athletic field, and added maintenance responsibilities were thoroughly discussed. Ken Molzer addressed recent accomplishments of the PACB Steering Committee and Board of Directors and future plans for constructing the project. Steve Oltmans discussed the City of Papillion current involvement and outlook for other park improvements on the west side. The impact of the amphitheater on the pack-in, pack-out and 10 PM closing policy of the park was also discussed.

- ◆ **It was moved by Neary, and seconded by Connealy, that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board of Directors 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, subject to changes deemed necessary by the General Manager and approved as to form by District Legal Counsel.**

Chairperson Conley questioned the proposed restroom facilities size. Larry Jacobsen responded that additional facilities would be added in the future as necessary. Randy Lee addressed concerns about parking lot runoff expressed by Rich Tesar.

Roll call was taken on the motion. The motion failed on a vote of 2-yea and 3-nay.

Voting Yea: Neary, Connealy
Voting Nay: J. Conley, Tesar, Fowler
Abstaining: None
Absent: None

INTERLOCAL AGREEMENTS WITH MAPA AND SARPY COUNTY FOR OBTAINING DIGITAL MAPPING PRODUCTS FOR THE GIS SYSTEM:

Paul Woodward reviewed previous District involvement in GIS related activities in the past and explained that the two proposed agreements are a continuation of those efforts. He explained that the agreement with Sarpy County was in addition to a previous agreement, and that for \$5,000 in FY 04 the District would receive training and support from County GIS staff. Similarly, he reviewed that the agreement between only the District and MAPA for a sum of \$70,000 in FY 03 and 04 would be used to produce aerial photography along with topography necessary for floodplain mapping. A draft list of others participating in producing these digital map products was distributed and reviewed. Neary wondered when the Board had recently reviewed obtaining aerial photography, and Woodward responded that new aerial photos were developed for the area every three to four years and the last photos were flown in 2001.

- ◆ **It was moved by Neary, and seconded by Fowler, that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board 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, subject to changes deemed necessary by the General Manager and approval as to form by District Legal Counsel.**

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

Voting Yea: J. Conley, Neary, Tesar, Connealy, Fowler
Voting Nay: None
Abstaining: None
Absent: None

PROPOSED CO-OCCUPATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE DISTRICT, DOUGLAS COUNTY AND OPPD FOR A POWER LINE ALONG LITTLE PAPIO CREEK AND KEYSTONE TRAIL:

Comments from Kent Holm with Douglas County Environmental Services were handed out along with a recently redlined agreement. Martin Cleveland discussed the agreement and proposal history. Board members noted that OPPD was not represented at the meeting. Kent Holm addressed his opposition to the project as proposed based on a concern for disruption of trail caused by power line installation and maintenance. He also explained that the proposal had been discussed at a recent meeting held with 3 County Commissioners in which they also expressed opposition to the location of the power line next to the trail. Holm also relayed responses from OPPD at a previous meeting with Cleveland, Marlin Petermann and himself that

little maintenance of the lines would be needed and that they did not oppose suggested alternate routes through this corridor along the Little Papio. Neary explained that he would like to see the County's comments addressed before proceeding. Holm reviewed a route that he had proposed to OPPD with the lines on the west side from Pine to Center, on the east side from Center to Grover, and back on the west side to I-80.

Mr. Shaughnessy, a resident in the area, expressed his concerns and opposition to proposed power line. He explained that from his perspective, EMFs and aesthetics need to be thoroughly discussed and considered. Connealy addressed the subject of EMFs, stating that he thought it would be better to locate lines in areas of limited daily use by the public instead of near homes and businesses where individuals may be exposed for longer periods of time.

- ◆ **It was moved by Tesar, and seconded by Neary, that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board that based on the fact that representatives from OPPD failed to appear this evening on this agenda item, that this agenda item be tabled until the next Programs, Projects, and Operations Subcommittee when OPPD's representatives will be asked to be in attendance so questions can be asked of them.**

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

Voting Yea: J. Conley, Neary, Tesar, Fowler
Voting Nay: Connealy
Abstaining: None
Absent: None

REQUEST TO COST SHARE ON GRASS STRIPPER HEAD WITH THE U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE: A memo addressing the item was handed out. Jim Becic explained that the District had been approached by Brian Schultz, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, with a request to cost-share on a grass stripper head in order to harvest native grass seed from the Boyer Chute refuge. Oltmans explained that some of the grass seed harvested could be used to offset seeding efforts undertaken by the District with costs savings in the range of \$35,000 to \$60,000 annually. Becic responded to a question from J. Conley that a future agreement would need to detail the amount of seed that the District would receive.

- ◆ **It was moved by Connealy, and seconded by Neary, that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board 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 the NRD use at no cost.**

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

Voting Yea: J. Conley, Neary, Tesar, Connealy, Fowler
Voting Nay: None
Abstaining: None
Absent: None

OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST: No other items of interest were discussed.

ADJOURNMENT: Being no further business, the meeting adjourned by acclamation at 9:18 p.m.

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