Programs, Projects & Operations
Subcommittee Meeting
December 9, 2003
7:30 p.m.

Agenda

1. Meeting Called to Order – Chairperson John Conley
2. Quorum Call
3. Adoption of Agenda
4. Proof of Publication of Meeting Notice
5. Review and Recommendation on the Interlocal Cooperation Act Agreement for Washington County Rural Water Project No. 2 between Washington County/City of Blair/Papio-Missouri River NRD – Dick Sklenar
6. Review and Recommendation on Amended Agreement with the Papillion Area Concert Band for the Walnut Creek Amphitheater – Ken Molzer and Randy Lee
7. Review and Recommendation on Interlocal Agreements with MAPA and Sarpy County for Obtaining Digital Mapping Products for the GIS System – Paul Woodward
8. Review and Recommendation on Proposed Co-Occupation Agreement between the District, Douglas County and OPPD for a Power Line along Little Papio Creek and Keystone Trail – Kent Holm, Douglas County Special Services; Larry Hagan, OPPD; and Martin Cleveland
9. Review and Recommendation on Request to Cost Share on Grass Stripper Head with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service – Jim Becic
10. Other Items of Interest
11. Adjourn
MEMORANDUM

TO: Programs Projects and Operations Subcommittee

FROM: Dick Sklenar

SUBJECT: Inter-local Cooperation Act Agreement between the NRD/Washington County/City of Blair for the Washington Rural Water Project No. 2

DATE: December 2, 2003

Over the past several weeks the District Staff has been negotiating with the City of Blair and Washington County officials regarding a three party agreement on the development of the Washington County Rural Water Project No. 2. The Agreement entails the purchase of water from the City of Blair to provide rural water service to approximately 230 rural residences. The estimated cost of the rural water distribution network is $1.6 million with an additional $1.2 million for the construction of a water tower.

Language within the Agreement indicates that the City of Blair will jointly provide funding for the construction of the one million gallon reservoir which will provide water pressure and storage capacity for both the City of Blair and the District’s rural water system. Eighty Percent of the cost of constructing the water tower will be paid by the City of Blair over a ten year period. The remaining twenty percent will be paid by the District. In addition the City of Blair will be contributing approximately $355,000.00 to oversize the principal main in the hopes of getting emergency water supplies from the Metropolitan Utilities District. An interconnection between the proposed rural water system and the existing Washington County Rural Water System No. 1 will be necessary to provide the emergency supply. It will be necessary to make modifications to the District’s existing pump station at a future point in time.

Washington County will be providing $200,000.00 in regards to oversizing the arterial mains. In order to provide rural water service for future customers, and to expand the system, the oversizing of the arterial mains are considered very important for future growth in the rural area. The county’s contribution of $200,000.00 will be provided to the District over a ten year period.

Furthermore, the Agreement indicates that $1,500.00 of each future hookup fee would be proportionately rebated to both the City of Blair and Washington County. The rebates would continue until the principal of Washington County’s $200,000.00 is repaid and the City of Blair’s financial contribution of the $355,000.00 for oversizing the principal water main is repaid.

It is recommended that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board of Directors that the attached Agreement be approved and that the General Manager be authorized to execute said Agreement subject as to form approved by the District’s legal counsel.
Memorandum

TO: Programs, Projects and Operations Subcommittee

SUBJECT: Papillion Area Concert Band

DATE: December 1, 2003

FROM: Randy Lee, Assistant Park Superintendent

On August 12th, 1999 the Papio-Missouri River Natural Resources District Board of Directors approved a contract with the Papillion Area Concert Band to design, construct and fund a parking lot on the east side of the Recreation Area. At that time the estimated costs for the parking lot would have been approximately $100,000.00 or $1000.00 a stall.

Since that contract was entered into the location has changed and staff concurs that this change is an ideal location and fits better into the master plan for Walnut Creek. The new location also allows for foot traffic access from the new Papillion LaVista South High School and the Walnut Creek Campground which is a tremendous benefit.

With this contract amendment the Districts obligation would be to simply cost-share with the PACB. The cost-share would be a $100,000.00 that would be paid after substantial completion of the parking lot and written certificate of a Nebraska-licensed architect certifying that the PACB Parking Areas are substantially complete in accordance with the NRD-approved plans and specifications.

This contract amendment would relieve the district from hiring an engineer to design, inspect, and administer the contracts to construct the parking areas, while still having veto power over the design. This updated agreement continues with the NRD philosophy of partnering with private enterprise.

Management recommends that the subcommittee recommend to the Board that the General Manager be authorized to execute the proposed Amended and Restated Development Agreement with the Papillion Area Concert Band providing for District cost-share of $100,000.00 towards completion of the Amphitheater Parking Area at Walnut Creek Recreation Area, subject to changes deemed necessary by the General Manager and approval as to form by the District Legal Counsel.
Over the last year, District staff has worked with representatives from cities and counties in Sarpy County toward the production of a comprehensive GIS system. In addition, District staff has been involved with several agencies representing four counties including Douglas, Sarpy, and Washington in Nebraska and Pottawattamie County, Iowa to select a contractor to produce new aerial photography and topography for the region in 2004. Interlocal agreements have been drafted for each activity and are attached. Below is a description of each agreement.

The GIS Interlocal Agreement proposed between the Cities of Gretna, Papillion, Bellevue, La Vista, and Springfield along with Sarpy County and the NRD would be an addition to a prior agreement previously approved by the District. The District has fulfilled its obligation under this previous agreement with a contribution of $10,000 made last fiscal year. However, the prior agreement will remain in effect until a “Base Map” is completed or for the remainder of its 5 year period. Under the proposed Phase II GIS Interlocal Agreement, the District would agree to pay $5,000 for training and GIS support from Sarpy County during the FY 04 fiscal year. Other parties in the agreement are agreeing to additional activities including funding for 2004 aerial photography. However, a separate agreement is proposed between the NRD and MAPA because the District will be participating with multiple counties in this aerial photography effort.

This new agreement between the District and MAPA is attached and would commit the NRD to pay $25,000 from this year’s budget and $45,000 next fiscal year as a contribution to the production of new aerial photography in all of Douglas, Sarpy, and Washington Counties and topography (2 foot contours) in all of Douglas and Sarpy County. Horizons, Inc out of Rapid City, South Dakota has been selected to perform this large scope as detailed in the attached cost breakdown. A steering committee, likely made up of five knowledgeable representatives from the cities and counties, will assist MAPA in managing the contract. Topography produced as a result of this project is vital to the floodplain mapping project concurrently being undertaken by the District and all digital mapping products produced through this project will be made available as soon as possible.

Management recommends 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 council.
MEMORANDUM

TO: PROGRAMS, PROJECTS & OPERATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE

SUBJECT: Proposed OPPD Transmission Line along Little Papio Channel/Keystone Trail Project

DATE: November 24, 2003

BY: Martin P. Cleveland

At the November 13, 2003 Board of Directors meeting the General Manager was directed to prepare a permit for the proposed OPPD Transmission Line on District ROW along the Little Papio Channel/Keystone Trail Project (Pine Street to the Union Pacific Railroad), for consideration by the Subcommittee at its December Meeting. Attached is a copy of this draft permit and letters related to remaining project questions. Also attached is a letter sent to OPPD outlining the issues and concerns expressed at the November 11, 2003 Subcommittee meeting.

It is Management’s recommendation that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board that the General Manager be authorized to execute the proposed Co-occupation Agreement between the District, Douglas County and OPPD for a Power Transmission Line on District ROW along the Little Papio Channel/Keystone Trail Project (Pine Street to the Union Pacific Railroad) for a cost of $____________, subject to changes deemed necessary by the General Manager and approval as to form by District Legal Counsel.

Enclosure

CC: Janelle Mavis, Corps of Engineers
    Kent Holm, Douglas County
MEMO

To: Programs, Projects, and Operations Subcommittee

From: Jim Becic

Re: Request to Cost Share on Grass Stripper Head

Date: December 8, 2003 Updated: December 9, 2003

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Seed costs for the Nathan’s Lake/Stratbucker site (not including labor) was approximately $60,000. Most recently, a similar $250 per acre cost (total of ~ $14,000) has been seen for the California Bend Habitat Restoration Site as well.

This type of a cutter head is crucial for harvesting native grass seed and the $15,000 expenditure by the NRD, based solely on the NRD’s annual seed purchase costs for our current and future habitat restoration projects, is certainly justified.

It is staff recommendation that the PPO Subcommittee recommend to the Board that the Papio-Missouri River Natural Resources 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.
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