

**PAPIO-MISSOURI RIVER
NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
December 8, 2005
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. 154th Street, Omaha, NE on December 8, 2005. The meeting was called to order by Vice-Chairperson Jim Thompson at 8:00 p.m.

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

Fred Conley	Dorothy Lanphier
John Conley	Joe Neary
Dick Connealy	Rich Tesar
Tim Fowler	Jim Thompson
Rick Kolowski	

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

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

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

Voting Yea	-	Conley (Fred), Conley (John), Connealy, Fowler, Kolowski, Lanphier, Neary, Tesar, Thompson,
Voting Nay	-	None
Abstaining	-	None
Excused Absence	-	Schwoppe, Jansen
Absent	-	Schwoppe, Jansen

ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA:

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

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

Agenda Item 2.A.:

BE IT RESOLVED that the following Director(s) have an excused absence from the December 8, 2005 Board of Directors Meeting:

Rich Jansen
John Schwope

Agenda Item 6 A.:

BE IT RESOLVED that the November 10, 2005, Papio-Missouri River NRD Board meeting minutes be approved as printed.

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

Voting Yea - Conley (Fred), Conley (John), Connealy, Fowler, Kolowski, Lanphier, Neary, Tesar, Thompson,
Voting Nay - None
Abstaining - None
Excused Absence - Schwope, Jansen
Absent - Schwope, Jansen

PROOFS OF PUBLICATION OF MEETING NOTICE: Notice of the meeting was published in the Omaha World Herald on December 1, 2005. The District's October, 2005, expenditures were published in the Douglas County Gazette on November 29, 2005. 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: Verlon Barnes, NRCS District Conservationist at the NRC office in Omaha, reported on Natural Resources Conservation Service activities for the past month. He briefed the Board on financial assistance dollars (cost share dollars) for major conservation programs available in Nebraska. The NRCS Report is posted to the District website.

B. Nebraska Association of Resources District Report: Director Tesar reminded Directors that the NARD Legislative Conference would be held on January 24-25, 2006 and urged Directors to attend.

C. Lower Platte River Corridor Alliance Report: Rodney Verhoeff, LPRCA Coordinator, showed slides and a video of the river obstruction removal being done on the Platte River near the Highway 50 bridge.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:

A. Papio Dam Sites 3C and 1 Preliminary Design Ad Hoc Consultant Selection Subcommittee: Director Fowler reported that the Ad Hoc Subcommittee met on December 6, 2005 and he gave a recap of the meeting.

- **MOTION NO. 3** It was moved by Director Fowler that the following recommendation be adopted:

Ad Hoc Recommendation #1 Professional Services Contract with HDR Engineering:
Recommendation that the General Manager be authorized to execute a professional services contract with HDR Engineering, Inc. for the Papio Dam Sites 3C and 1 Preliminary Design for a maximum fee of \$621,907.00, subject to minor changes deemed necessary by the General Manager and approved as to form by District Legal Council.

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

Voting Yea - Conley (Fred), Conley (John), Fowler, Kolowski, Lanphier, Tesar, Thompson,
Voting Nay - Connealy, Neary
Abstaining - None
Excused Absence - Schwope, Jansen
Absent - Schwope, Jansen

B. Programs, Projects and Operations Subcommittee: Director John Conley reported that the PPO Subcommittee met on December 6, 2005 and he gave a brief recap of the meeting.

- **MOTION NO. 4** It was moved by Director John Conley that the following recommendation be adopted:

PPO Recommendation #2a Washington County Rural Water System #1 Bids - Pump Station Modifications: Recommendation that the Washington County Rural Water #1 pump station modification contract in the amount of \$130,279.00 be awarded to Luxa Construction

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

Voting Yea - Conley (Fred), Conley (John), Connealy, Fowler, Kolowski, Lanphier, Neary, Tesar, Thompson,
Voting Nay - None
Abstaining - None
Excused Absence - Schwope, Jansen
Absent - Schwope, Jansen

- **MOTION NO. 5** It was moved by Director John Conley that the following recommendation be adopted:

PPO Recommendation #2b: Washington County Rural Water System #1 Bids - Pressure Reducing Valve Vaults: Recommendation that the Washington County Rural Water #1 pressure reducing vaults contract in the amount of \$49,800.00 be awarded to Thompson Construction.

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

Voting Yea - Conley (Fred), Conley (John), Connealy, Fowler, Kolowski, Lanphier, Neary, Tesar, Thompson,
Voting Nay - None
Abstaining - None
Excused Absence - Schwope, Jansen
Absent - Schwope, Jansen

Director Conley noted that he had overlooked Agenda Item 8.B.1.

- **MOTION NO. 6** It was moved by Director John Conley that the following recommendation be adopted:

PPO Recommendation #1 Overage of Fees for Engineering Services Contract Regarding Washington County Rural Water #2: Recommendation that the request by HGM Associates to amend the engineering contract agreement to provide for additional engineering fees not to exceed \$42,300.00, be approved.

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

Voting Yea - Conley (Fred), Conley (John), Connealy, Fowler, Kolowski, Lanphier, Neary, Tesar, Thompson,
Voting Nay - None
Abstaining - None
Excused Absence - Schwope, Jansen
Absent - Schwope, Jansen

- **MOTION NO. 7** It was moved by Director John Conley that the following recommendation be adopted:

PPO Recommendation #3 Elkhorn River Public Access Bids: Recommendation that a contract for the development of the Elkhorn River public access site at W. Maple Road in the amount of \$236,500.00 be awarded to Dostals Construction, subject to approval by the Nebraska Game & Parks Commission.

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

Voting Yea - Conley (Fred), Conley (John), Connealy, Fowler, Kolowski, Lanphier, Neary, Tesar, Thompson,
 Voting Nay - None
 Abstaining - None
 Excused Absence - Schwope, Jansen
 Absent - Schwope, Jansen

C. Finance, Expenditures and Legal Subcommittee: Director Thompson reported that the FEL Subcommittee met on November 8, 2005 and he gave a recap of the meeting. He reported that the Subcommittee recommended that the amendments to the following District Policies be recommended for adoption and tabled pursuant to District Policy 1.5, with final consideration at the January 12, 2006 Board Meeting

- ➔ 14.1 – Financial – Investments
- ➔ 14.2 – Financial – Disbursements
- ➔ 14.4 – Financial – Reports
- ➔ 15.2 – Purchasing – Professional Services

Director Thompson also reported that the Subcommittee discussed the implementation of improvements to the District’s accounting system that had been identified in the Bland and Associates management letter. No action was taken on this item.

- **MOTION NO. 8** It was moved by Director Thompson that the following recommendation be adopted:

FEL Recommendation #3 Purchase Agreement with Metropolitan Community College for Dam Site 13: Recommendation that that the General Manager be authorized to execute the proposed Purchase Agreement with Metropolitan Technical Community College to acquire land rights needed for the Papio Dam Site 13 Project for the purchase price of \$357,927.08, subject to changes deemed necessary by the General Manager and approval as to form by District Legal Counsel.

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

Voting Yea - Conley (Fred), Conley (John), Connealy, Fowler, Kolowski, Lanphier, Neary, Tesar, Thompson,
 Voting Nay - None
 Abstaining - None
 Excused Absence - Schwope, Jansen
 Absent - Schwope, Jansen

TREASURER'S REPORT:

- **MOTION NO. 9:** It was moved by Director John Conley and seconded by Director Fowler 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 2005, 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 #1 and Washington County #2 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 2005, 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 (Fred), Conley (John), Connealy, Fowler, Kolowski, Lanphier, Neary, Tesar, Thompson,
Voting Nay	-	None
Abstaining	-	None
Excused Absence	-	Schwope, Jansen
Absent	-	Schwope, Jansen

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT:

A. P-MRNRD 2006 Elections: Vice-Chair Thompson reported that the even-numbered subdistricts would be up for re-election in 2006. He pointed out the following dates of interest:

- ➔ February 15, 2006 - Incumbent Deadline for Filing
- ➔ March 1, 2006 - Non-Incumbent Deadline for Filing
- ➔ May 9, 2006 - Primary Election
- ➔ November 7, 2006 - General Election

B. Attendance at Upcoming Meetings: Vice-Chair Thompson reported that Director Tesar would be attending the NACD Annual Conference scheduled for January 29 - February 2, 2006 in Houston, TX; and that Directors John Conley and John Schwope would be attending the NARD Washington, D.C., Conference scheduled for March 27-29, 2006.

C. P-MRNRD Employee Service Awards: Services awards were presented to the following P-MRNRD employees:

❖ Adam Weimer , Engineering Aide/Surveyor	5 years
❖ Dave Krueger , Night Security	5 years
❖ Randy Lee , Asst. Park Superintendent – Walnut Creek	25 years
❖ Ralph Puls , Land and Water Programs Coordinator	35 years

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT: GM Oltmans noted that his report had been posted to the website and asked Directors to contact him if there were any questions. He then updated the Board on the Shadow Lake/Midlands Lake Project. He reported that \$990,000 had been included in Congressional additions in the USDA budget for the projects.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

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

- December 26, 2005 Christmas Holiday – P-MRNRD Offices Closed
- January 2, 2006 New Years Holiday – P-MRNRD Offices Closed
- January 10, 2006 P-MRNRD Subcommittee Meetings
- January 12, 2006 P-MRNRD Board Meeting
- January 16, 2006 Martin Luther King Day – P-MRNRD Offices Closed
- January 24-25, 2006 Nebraska Association of Resources Districts Legislative Conference, Lincoln, NE
- Jan 29 – Feb 2, 2006 National Association of Conservation Districts Annual Conference, Houston, TX
- February 7, 2006 P-MRNRD Subcommittee Meetings
- February 9, 2006 P-MRNRD Board Meeting
- February 20, 2006 President’s Day – P-MRNRD Offices Closed
- March 7, 2006 P-MRNRD Subcommittee Meetings
- March 9, 2006 P-MRNRD Board Meeting
- March 27-29, 2006 Nebraska Association of Resources Districts Washington DC Conference

B. Next Meeting: The next regularly scheduled meeting of the P-MRNRD Board of Directors will be held on January 12, 2006, at the NRC.

ADJOURNMENT: Being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m. by acclamation.

I, the undersigned, Secretary of the Papio-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 8, 2005, 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 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.

Richard Tesar
District Secretary