

**Programs, Projects, and Operations Subcommittees  
Meeting Minutes  
December 12, 2006**

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 154<sup>th</sup> Street, Omaha, Nebraska, on December 12, 2006. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson John Conley at 7:07 p.m.

**Quorum Call:** Quorum call was taken. The following subcommittee members were in attendance.

<b>Subcommittee Members Present</b>	<b>Subcommittee Members Absent</b>	<b>Other Directors Present</b>	<b>Others in Attendance</b>
John Conley	Fred Conley *	Richard Patterson	David Klug, Director-elect
Rick Kolowski	Rich Jansen *	Tim Fowler	Mike McIntosh, LRA
Rich Tesar		John Schwope	Renae Held, Tern & Plover
Dorothy Lanphier **			Mike Ryan
Jim Thompson **			Tyler Moore
			Robert Davis
			Paul Peters
			John Winkler
			Marlin Petermann
			Trent Heiser
			Jim Becic
			Jean Tait
			Martin Cleveland
			Paul Woodward
			Gerry Bowen

\* excused absence

\*\* alternate voting member

**Adoption of Agenda**

- **It was moved by Director Lanphier, seconded by Director Kolowski, that the agenda be adopted.**

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

Voting yes: John Conley, Kolowski, Tesar, Lanphier, Thompson  
 Voting no: none  
 Abstain: none  
 Excused Absence: Fred Conley, Jansen  
 Absent: Fred Conley, Jansen

**Proof of Publication:** Public notice of the meeting was posted at all District offices and in the Omaha World-Herald on December 7, 2006.

**Cole Creek Mitigation Interlocal Agreement with the City of Omaha:** Paul Woodward summarized the interlocal agreements between the District and the City of Omaha to cost-share on projects along Cole Creek. The projects include property buy-outs, culvert replacements, and channel improvements. He noted that the City intended two more culverts which would cost more than currently allotted. Therefore, it is proposed that the District increase its cost share amount to \$250,000 over the next four years increasing the total NRD contribution from \$1.4 million to \$2.1 million.

- **It was moved by Director Kolowski, seconded by Director Thompson that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board that the General Manager be authorized to execute the Second Amendment to the Cole Creek Flood Mitigation Program Agreement with the City of Omaha for a maximum cost share of \$2,100,000 over eight years, in the form as presented to the Subcommittee meeting.**

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

Voting yes:	John Conley, Kolowski, Tesar, Lanphier, Thompson
Voting no:	none
Abstain:	none
Excused Absence:	Fred Conley, Jansen
Absent:	Fred Conley, Jansen

### **Update on Forrest Run Channel Improvement Project**

Paul Woodward noted that the Board had requested staff to investigate a channel improvement project in the Forrest Run Subdivision near Gretna to help alleviate flooding concerns of the residents. Mike McIntosh with Lamp Rynearson and Associates gave a brief summary of the hydrology, preliminary design, and potential flood reduction benefits of such a project. He indicated that the channel improvements would help reduce flooding from 5-year and less return interval storm events but would essentially have no impact on larger storm events. He further noted that the roadways and size of culverts located downstream of the subdivision were the limiting factor for reducing the flooding from larger storms. He also presented a preliminary cost estimate for channel improvements (including engineering, utility relocations and a contingency) of \$133,648. There was general discussion.

Tyler Moore and Robert Davis addressed comments to the Subcommittee.

Mr. Woodward indicated that Sarpy County had not yet been contacted about cooperating on the project. Staff will continue its investigation of the issue, including the responsibilities of and potential cost sharing by other local jurisdictions as well as right-of-way and future maintenance of improvements, and bring back a full report to the Subcommittee at a future meeting.

### **Tern and Plover Conservation Partnership:**

Gerry Bowen noted that the District had received a request from the Tern and Plover Conservation Partnership for a contribution of \$5,000 to help fund their operations for 2007. He

noted that a similar request was made to the Lower Platte South and Lower Platte North NRDs. Renae Held with the partnership gave a brief presentation about the partnership and their request.

- It was moved by Director Tesar that the project be delayed 90 days so that the participation of the other NRDs could be determined, and to give staff the opportunity to investigate other funding sources to clear trees and other vegetation from sandbars/islands in order to create suitable habitat for these birds. **The motion was not seconded.**

There was general discussion. Ms. Held noted that a Lower Platte South NRD Subcommittee recommended approval of a similar request at their meeting earlier this evening.

- **It was moved by Director Thompson, seconded by Director Lanphier, that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board that the District provide financial assistance in the amount of \$5,000 to support the 2007 program activities of the Tern and Plover Conservation Partnership.**

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

Voting yes: John Conley, Kolowski, Lanphier, Thompson  
Voting no: Tesar  
Abstain: none  
Excused Absence: Fred Conley, Jansen  
Absent: Fred Conley, Jansen  
Voting

**Eastern Nebraska Water Resources Assessment Project Interlocal Agreement:** Gerry Bowen noted that the Board had approved the support for a grant application to the Interrelated Water Management Fund for this project in August, 2006 for the Eastern Nebraska Water Resources Assessment Project. The project would conduct studies to map the geology and groundwater hydrology of eastern Nebraska. An interlocal agreement between six NRDs, two state agencies, and the US Geological Survey had been prepared for the project. The agreement called for the NRD to contribute a total of \$75,000 over the next three years.

- **It was moved by Director Thompson, seconded by Director Kolowski that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board that the General Manager be authorized to execute the proposed interlocal agreement to contribute \$75,000 over a three year period for the Eastern Nebraska Water Resources Assessment Project.**

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

Voting yes: John Conley, Kolowski, Tesar, Lanphier, Thompson  
Voting no: none  
Abstain: none  
Excused Absence: Fred Conley, Jansen  
Absent: Fred Conley, Jansen

**Report on Hybrid Vehicle Investigation:** Jean Tait briefed the Subcommittee on the available hybrid vehicles and their ratings, plus operating costs for these vehicles. She recommended that

hybrid vehicles be evaluated for the next vehicle purchase scheduled for the fall of 2007. There was general discussion about the subject.

**Highway 64 Elkhorn River Access Repairs:** Marlin Petermann distributed a letter BCDM had submitted concerning recent Board action on repairs needed at the Maple Street Elkhorn River canoe access. It was suggested that the NRD should be the contracting entity to ensure that contractor warranties on the project were not voided, but that BCDM would reimburse the District for the actual repairs. He noted that staff anticipated presenting a settlement agreement with BCDM at the Board meeting in January that would specify the work to be done and the costs associated. He pointed out that there may be some District outlay if it was determined that some additional work was necessary that would add value to the project. Dick Sklenar indicated that invoices received from BCDM for the West Dodge Road access site are being withheld from payment until progress on repairs to this ramp are underway

**Adjournment:** Being no further business, the meeting adjourned by acclamation at 8:26 p.m.

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