



**PAPIO-MISSOURI RIVER
NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES
December 13, 2007**

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

NOTIFICATION OF OPEN MEETINGS ACT POSTING AND MEETING PROCEDURE

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 13, 2007. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Jim Thompson at 8:00 p.m.

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

Fred Conley	Dorothy Lanphier
Dick Connealy	Rick Patterson
Tim Fowler	Rich Tesar
David Klug	Jim Thompson
Rick Kolowski	

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

- **MOTION NO. 1:** It was moved by Director Klug and seconded by Director Kolowski that the agenda be adopted.

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

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

ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA:

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

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

Agenda Item 3.A.:

BE IT RESOLVED that the following Director(s) have an excused absence from the December 13, 2007, Board of Directors Meeting:

John Conley
John Schwope

Agenda Item 7 A.:

BE IT RESOLVED that the November 8, 2007, Papio-Missouri River NRD Board meeting minutes; the November 14, 2007 Dakota County Rural Water Advisory Board meeting minutes; and, the December 5, 2007 Thurston County Rural Water Advisory Board meeting minutes be approved as printed.

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

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

PROOFS OF PUBLICATION OF MEETING NOTICE: Notice of the meeting was published in the Omaha World Herald on December 6, 2007. The District's October, 2007, expenditures were published in the Blair Pilot-Tribune on December 7, 2007. 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 Report: Verlon Barnes, District Conservationist at the Omaha NRCS office, reported on NRCS activities for the past month.

B. Nebraska Association of Resources Districts Report: Director Tesar reminded Directors that the NARD Legislative Conference was scheduled for February 5-6, 2008 at the Embassy Suites in Lincoln. He urged Directors to attend.

C. Legislative Report: Rich Lombardi reported that the 100th Legislature, Second Session, is scheduled to convene on Wednesday, January 9, 2008 and that the first ten days is

recommendation be adopted:

PPO Recommendation #4 Cost Share Request from Nebraska Game and Parks Commission for Dredging Papillion Creek Structure D-4 – Recommendation that the General Manager be authorized to execute an Interlocal Cooperation Act Agreement with the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission to equally share the cost of construction, up to a maximum District cost of \$250,000, on a project to dredge accumulated silt from Papillion Creek Watershed Site D-4, with such other provisions as the General Manager determines necessary and District Legal Counsel approves as to form.

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

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

•• **MOTION NO. 6** It was moved by Director Tesar that the following recommendation be adopted:

PPO Recommendation #5 Turtle Creek Watershed PL566 Site #2 Rehabilitation Project Agreement – Recommendation that the General Manager be authorized to execute the proposed Project Agreement with NRCS providing for rehabilitation of PL 566 Grade Stabilization Structure Turtle Creek Site #2, subject to changes deemed necessary by the General Manager and approved to as to form by District Legal Counsel; and, that expenditures for this purpose in Account # 01 03-12-4400, Account # 01 03-12-4430 and Account #01 03-12-4479, be authorized to exceed 110% of budgeted amounts.

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

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

TREASURER'S REPORT:

- **MOTION NO. 7:** It was moved by Director Fred Conley and seconded by Director Lanphier 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, 2007, 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, 2007, 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), Connealy, Fowler, Klug, Kolowski, Lanphier, Patterson, Tesar, Thompson
Voting Nay	-	None
Abstaining	-	None
Excused Absence:		Conley (John), Schwope
Absent	-	Conley (John), Schwope

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT:

A. Attendance at Upcoming Meetings – Chairperson Thompson reported that Directors Tesar and Fowler would be attending the National Association of Conservation District Annual Conference and that Directors Klug and John Conley would be attending the NARD Washington DC Conference.

B. Strategic Planning of Watershed Issues: Proaction vs. Reaction – Chairperson Thompson lead discussion regarding the District's need to prepare for the future and the necessity of looking at the "big picture" and long-term solutions regarding water issues. The

need to work with other governmental agencies to address these issues, especially those who have zoning authority was noted. Chairperson Thompson stated that he is in the process of setting up a meeting with all elected officials who are involved in these issues for an open discussion. Tentative date is February 2, 2008.

C. P-MRNRD Employee Years of Service Awards – The following P-MRNRD employees were recognized for their years of service with the District:

- **Trent Heiser**, IT Manager 5 years
- **Mike McNaney**, Survey Coordinator 5 years
- **Paul Woodward**, Water Resources Engineer 5 years
- **Ron Gouker**, Custodian 10 years
- **JoLene Kohout**, Accounting Assistant 10 years
- **Keith Lienemann**, Heavy Equipment Operator 10 years
- **Linda Ellett**, NRCS Administrative Secretary 15 years
- **Jason Schnell**, Medium Equipment Operator 15 years
- **Terry Schumacher**, Field Representative, Blair 15 years
- **Marty Thieman**, Water Supply Superintendent, Blair 15 years
- **Marge Stark**, Project Bookkeeper, Dakota Co. RW 20 years
- **Evelyn Maslonka**, Program Assistant, Tekamah 30 years

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT: GM Winkler noted that his report had been posted to the website and asked Directors to contact him if there were any questions. He informed the Board that President Bush has signed an executive order declaring Monday, December 24th, a holiday for federal employees. A similar situation occurred in previous years, most recently 2001, and; the Board of Directors designated it as a holiday for P-MRNRD employees.

- **MOTION NO. 8** It was moved by Director Klug and seconded by Director Fred Conley that the following recommendation be adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED that Monday, December 24, 2007, be designated as a holiday for Papio-Missouri River NRD employees.

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

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

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

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

December 19, 2007	NDNR Lower Platte River Basin Appropriation Public Hearing, Room 1545 State Capitol, Lincoln, Nebraska - 9:00 a.m.
December 20, 2007	Papillion Creek Watershed Partnership Meeting, NRC at 10:00 a.m.
December 25, 2007	P-MRNRD Offices Closed – Christmas Holiday
January 1, 2008	P-MRNRD Offices Closed – New Years Holiday
January 8, 2008	P-MRNRD Subcommittee Meetings
January 10, 2008	P-MRNRD Board Meeting
January 21, 2008	P-MRNRD Offices Closed – Martin Luther King Holiday
January 22, 2008	3 NRD Meeting to Discuss Lower Platte River Corridor Alliance, Mahoney State Park, 3:00 – 8:00 p.m.
February 5-6, 2008	NARD Legislative Conference, Embassy Suites, Lincoln, NE
February 10-13, 2008	National Association of Conservation Districts 2008 Annual Meeting, Reno, NV
February 12, 2008	P-MRNRD Subcommittee Meetings
February 14, 2008	P-MRNRD Board Meeting
March 8-12, 2008	NARD Washington DC Trip
March 11, 2008	P-MRNRD Subcommittee Meetings
March 13, 2008	P-MRNRD Board Meeting

B. Next Meeting: The next regularly scheduled meeting of the P-MRNRD Board of Directors will be held on January 10, 2008 at the NRC.

Chairperson Thompson then showed slides that he had taken at Von Maur at Westroads Shopping Center.

ADJOURNMENT: Being no further business, the Chairperson declared that the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

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 13, 2007, 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