

**Programs, Projects, and Operations Subcommittees
Meeting Minutes
December 11, 2007**

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 11, 2007. The meeting was called to order by Vice-Chairperson Rich Tesar at 6:30 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
Fred Conley	John Conley *	Dorothy Lanphier	John Winkler
Dave Klug			Marlin Petermann
Rick Kolowski			Gerry Bowen
Rich Tesar			Ralph Puls
Jim Thompson **			Trent Heiser
			Martin Cleveland
			Paul Peters
			Mike Sotak, OA
			Sara Hanson, OA
			Craig Mielke, OA
			Rick Wilson, USGS
			Virginia McGuire, USGS
			Jeff Jackson, NGPC

* Excused Absence

** Alternate Voting Member

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

◆ **It was moved by Director Thompson and seconded by Director Klug that agenda be adopted.**

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

Voting Yea: Thompson, Tesar, Klug, Kolowski, F. Conley

Voting Nay: None

Abstaining: None

Excused Absence: J. Conley

Absent: J. Conley

PROOF OF PUBLICATION: Public notice of the meeting was posted at all District offices and published in the Omaha World-Herald on December 6, 2007. The proof of publication affidavit is included with the file copy of these minutes.

UPDATE ON ZORINSKY BASIN #1 AND #2 PROJECT: Gerry Bowen, P-MRNRD Planner made introductory remarks about the Zorinsky Basin #1 and #2 preliminary design project and introduced Sara Hanson of Olsson Associates. She showed the project sites and described the process for selecting the alternatives that the consultant considered. She noted that they and the District will be working with the landowners, the City of Omaha and the Corps of Engineers Regulatory Office to arrive at the most viable alternative. This Agenda Item was for informational purposes only and no action was taken by the Subcommittee.

ADDITIONAL PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FEES FOR SILVER CREEK WATERSHED: Land and Water Programs Coordinator Ralph Puls began the discussion by describing the project that began in 2004 as a way to accelerate the construction of ten of the Silver Creek Watershed structures. He continued by noting reasons for the increase in the professional services fees by the engineering firm, Olsson Associates. Mike Sotak, representing Olssons explained how the structure has increased in size and the process required to obtain a 404 permit for Site #11 has become more complicated and thus more expensive. Olssons is requesting a fee increase of \$81,850 bring the maximum fee for the professional service contract to \$577,803.24.

- ◆ **It was moved by Director Kolowski and seconded by Director Fred Conley that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board that the maximum not to exceed amount for professional services, provided in the District’s present contract with Olsson Associates for the Silver Creek Watershed Project be increased to \$577,803.24.**

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

Voting Yea: Thompson, Tesar, Klug, Kolowski, F. Conley
Voting Nay: None
Abstaining: None
Excused Absence: J. Conley
Absent: J. Conley

GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT PLAN–AGREEMENT WITH USGS FOR TRENDS ANALYSIS:

Gerry Bowen began the discussion by describing the P-MRNRD well monitoring program and the role that the U.S. Geological Survey Division has played over the past 15 years and the additional services they provide. He introduced Rick Wilson and Virginia McGuire from the USGS who briefed the Subcommittee on the water quality sampling and the data processing that the USGS would do over a three year period. The USGS is proposing an evaluation of the well monitoring program, performance of a trend analysis of the 15 years of data collected and development of a website for the data.

There was considerable discussion by the members of the Subcommittee. They asked questions about the costs, time frame for the work and the value of the work the USGS would provide. More discussion of the proposal followed.

- ◆ **It was moved by Director Klug and seconded by Director Fred Conley that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board that the item be held over for one month and that alternatives to the USGS proposal be developed for the P-MRNRD to consider.**

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

Voting Yea: Thompson, Tesar, Klug, Kolowski, F. Conley
Voting Nay: None
Abstaining: None
Excused Absence: J. Conley
Absent: J. Conley

COST SHARE REQUEST FROM NEBRASKA GAME AND PARKS COMMISSION FOR DREDGING PAPIILLION CREEK STRUCTURE D-4:

Gerry Bowen showed photos of the Papiro Watershed Dam D-4 water quality reservoir that is located in the watershed of Cunningham Lake. He explained the proposal to cooperate with the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission to remove sediment from Site D-4 now while work is underway on Cunningham Lake. Both lakes could be renovated at the same time. It is proposed that approximately 100,000 cubic yards of sediment be excavated from the pond at a total cost of approximately \$500,000.

- ◆ **It was moved by Director Klug and seconded by Director Fred Conley that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board 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 was taken on the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 5 to 0.

Voting Yea: Thompson, Tesar, Klug, Kolowski, F. Conley
Voting Nay: None
Abstaining: None
Absent: John Conley

TURTLE CREEK WATERSHED PL566 SITE #2 REHABILITATION PROJECT AGREEMENT:

Project Engineer Martin Cleveland noted that in 2005 the District entered into a Memorandum of Understanding with NRCS to rehabilitate Turtle Creek Site #2 located near Springfield. The plan for this site is to modify it by constructing a concrete chute to replace the principal spillway. Federal construction funds recently became available, so staff is recommending execution of a project agreement with NRCS which provides for a 65%/35% NRD split of the estimated \$807,692 project costs.

- ◆ **It was moved by Director Thompson and seconded by Director Kolowski that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board 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 was taken on the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 5 to 0.

Voting Yea: Thompson, Tesar, Klug, Kolowski, F. Conley

Voting Nay: None

Abstaining: None

Excused Absence: J. Conley

Absent: J. Conley

ADJOURNMENT: Being no further business, the meeting adjourned by acclamation at 8:00 p.m.

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