Papio-Missouri River
Natural Resources District
Board of Directors Meeting

February 13, 2003
8:00 p.m.

AGENDA

* = Board action required
** = Items to be approved with adoption of Consent Agenda

Pledge of Allegiance

1. Meeting Called to Order -- Chairperson Fred Conley

2. Quorum Call

   ** A. Excused Absences

* 3. Adoption of Agenda

* 4. Adoption of Consent Agenda  (All agenda items indicated by a double asterisk will comprise the consent agenda and will be acted on in a single motion. Items may be deleted from the consent agenda by request of any Board member.)

5. Proof of Publication of Meeting Notice

**6. Approval of January 9, 2003 Board Meeting Minutes

7. Agency and Association Reports:

   A. Natural Resources Conservation Service Report – Don Doty, District Conservationist
B. Nebraska Association of Resources Districts Report – Director Rubin, NARD Director


2. NARD Board Meeting, March 10, 2003, Lincoln, NE

3. 2003 NARD Washington DC Conference, March 17-19, 2003 (Directors John Conley, Barb Nichols, Steve Oltmans and Marlin Petermann will represent the District.)

8. Public Hearing – Lower Decatur Bend Project Land Rights Acquisition – Steve Oltmans, Hearing Officer

9. Subcommittee Reports:

*A. Programs, Projects & Operations (February 11, 2003) – Director John Conley

1. Lower Platte River and Tributaries Feasibility Study Report – Union Dike Component – Recommendation that the Corps of Engineers study of the feasibility of a Union Dike Improvement Project be terminated and that the stakeholders be informed of the project’s infeasibility at a public meeting.

2. Lower Platte River Cumulative Impact Study – No action taken at this time.

3. West Papio Trail (72nd – 36th Streets, Papillion – Bellevue) T-21 Funding Resolution – Recommendation that the General Manager be authorized to execute an agreement with the Nebraska Department of Roads for T-21 funding in the amount of $500,000 for West Papio Trail (Bellevue to Papillion), and that the accompanying resolution be adopted.

4. Wetland Mitigation Bank Application and Guidelines – Recommendation that a price per credit be set at $52,500 for the Rumsey Station Wetland Mitigation Bank Site and that the revisions to District Policy 17.35 be adopted and incorporated into the Directors’ Policy Manual.

*B. Finance, Expenditures and Legal Subcommittee (February 11, 2003) – Director Dick Connealy

1. Refinancing of Rural Water System Loans:

   a. Dakota County and Washington County: Recommendation that the District proceed with loan refinancing for Dakota County and Washington County Rural Water Systems and that Ameritas Investment Corp. be hired to handle the bond issuance.

   b. Thurston County: No action taken at this time.
1. Legislative Bills of Interest and Papio-Missouri NRD Positions: Recommendation that the positions, as noted in the P-MRNRED 2003 Unicameral Summary, be adopted with the exception of LB 32 and LB 618.

2. LB 32 (Storm Water Utility): Recommendation that the P-MRNRED support LB 32.

3. LB 618 (Providing for Net Metering Systems): Recommendation that the P-MRNRED support LB 618.

*10. Treasurer's Report – Director John Conley

A. District
B. Dakota County Rural Water Supply
C. Washington County Rural Water Supply
D. Thurston County Rural Water Supply
E. Elkhorn River Improvement Project Area
F. Elkhorn River Breakout Improvement Project Area
G. Elk/Pigeon Creek Drainage Project
H. Western Sarpy Drainage Improvement Project Area

11. Chairperson's Report -- Chairperson Fred Conley

*A. California Bend Project - Discussion of Settlement Offer from Farm Tenant on Wright Property [Executive Session, if needed]

B. Directors' Eminent Domain Workshop, February 27, 2003 at 7:30 p.m., NRC (following P-MRNRED Volunteer Banquet)

12. General Manager's Report:

A. I&E Report
B. Personnel and Miscellaneous Items of Interest
C. Report On Purchases – Construction Services, Professional Services, Personal Property
D. Report on Current and On-Going Projects for P-MRNRED Legal Counsel
E. Report on Pallid Sturgeon/Sturgeon Chub Task Force Meeting
F. Update on Missouri River Litigation – Contracts between South Dakota Department of Game and Fish and Nebraska Entities
G. Update on Kiwanis Park

H. News Clips

12. Item of Interest:

A. Future Meetings:

February 15, 2003  “Platte River Forum,” Milo Bail Student Center Ballroom, University of Nebraska at Omaha, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon

February 17, 2003  Presidents’ Day – P-MRNRD Offices closed

February 27, 2003  P-MRNRD Volunteer Banquet, NRC Visitors Center at 5:30 p.m. (RSVP to Christine Jacobsen (444-6222) by February 20, 2003)

Directors’ Eminent Domain Workshop, Board Room at 7:30 p.m.

March 11, 2003  P-MRNRD Subcommittee Meetings

March 13, 2003  P-MRNRD Board Meeting

March 14, 2003  US Fish and Wildlife Service 100th Anniversary Celebration of Refuge System, Boyer Chute Headquarters at 1:00 p.m.

March 17-19, 2003  Nebraska Association of Resources Districts Washington D.C. Trip, Capitol Holiday Inn

April 8, 2003  P-MRNRD Subcommittee Meetings

April 10, 2003  P-MRNRD Board Meeting

B. Other Informational Items

C. Next Meeting -- March 13, 2003

13. Adjournment
The following rules and regulations shall govern the conduct and privilege to speak of persons attending open meetings of the District:

A. Prior to the convening of the meeting, the General Manager shall post an agenda at the door of the meeting room.

B. A Request to Address the Board sheet shall be posted with the agenda and citizens wishing to speak at the meeting shall so indicate on this sheet and specify the agenda item or items on which they desire to be heard.

C. During the consideration of each agenda item the Chairperson shall call upon citizens who have indicated a desire to be heard on such item, in the order in which the Chairperson shall determine. The Chairperson, in his or her discretion, may also allow other citizens to be heard after all those who have given prior indication of a desire to speak have been heard on such item.

D. Every citizen speaking at the meeting shall begin his or her remarks by stating his or her name and postal address.

E. All citizens remarks shall be directed to the Chairperson who shall determine by whom any appropriate response shall be made.

F. The Chairperson may limit or allot the time allowed for the remarks of citizens called upon to be heard, and may rule any such citizen out of order for exceeding such limitation, or for remarks which are repetitious or irrelevant.