

**Programs, Projects, and Operations Subcommittees
Meeting Minutes
February 6, 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 February 6, 2007. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson John Conley at 8:10 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
John Conley	None	Dorothy Lanphier	John Winkler
Rich Tesar		Jim Thompson	Marlin Petermann
Rick Kolowski			Martin Cleveland
David Klug			Dick Sklenar
Fred Conley			Trent Heiser
			Paul Woodward
			Gerry Bowen
			Randy Lee
			Jerry Herbster
			Paul Peters, Legal Counsel
			Chuck Leinen, NRCS
			Vicky Frasier, Public
			John Camden
			Mary Camden
			Kirk Nelson, NE G&P
			Renaeh Held, UNL

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

- **It was moved by Director Fred Conley and seconded by Director Kolowski that the agenda be adopted.**

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

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

PROOF OF PUBLICATION: Public notice of the meeting was posted at all District offices and published in the Omaha World-Herald on February 1, 2007.

RE-BIDDING OF MO-PAC EQUESTRIAN TRAIL: Gerry Bowen reviewed the revisions to the Mopac Equestrian Trail Project. The revised cost estimate is \$41,369.00. Vicky Fraser stated that she was very pleased with the staff's effort to reduce costs. Clearing of the trees will be done by the District along the trail route.

- **It was moved by Director Kolowski and seconded by Director Fred Conley that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board of Directors that the MoPac Equestrian Trail Project be modified as proposed to the Subcommittee and that competitive bids be sought on the amended project for consideration in March.**

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

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

Voting Nay: None

Abstaining: None

Absent: None

TERN AND PLOVER PARTNERSHIP FUNDING: Gerry Bowen stated that there was no statute prohibiting the District's financial contribution to the Tern and Plover Conservation Partnership. Renae Held indicated that this program has shown increased productivity of the bird population. There was further discussion regarding funding sources of the 2007 program activities.

- ❖ **It was moved by Director Fred Conley and seconded by Director Kolowski that the Subcommittee recommends to the Board of Directors that District provide financial assistance in the amount of \$5,000.00 to support the 2007 program activities of the Tern & Plover Conservation Partnership.**

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

Voting Yea: J. Conley, Kolowski, F. Conley, Klug

Voting Nay: Tesar

Abstaining: None

Absent: None

PLATTE RIVER INSTREAM FLOW MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING: The District has been approached by the Game & Parks Commission to join them along with a group of governmental entities a review and study of instream flow rights for fish in the Platte River. Kirk Nelson, NE Game and Parks, also spoke on the issue.

- **It was moved by Director Fred Conley and seconded by Director Klug, that the Subcommittee recommends to the Board of Directors that the General Manager be authorized to execute the proposed Memorandum of Agreement Relating to a Lower Platte River Basin Instream Flow Work Group.**

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

Voting Yea: J. Conley, Kolowski, F. Conley, Klug

Voting Nay: Tesar

Abstaining: None

Absent: None

PAPIO CREEK WATERSHED AGREEMENT #8 FOR PAPIO CREEK WATERSHED

P.L. 566 STRUCTURE W-3: Martin Cleveland stated that Site W-3 was the fifth site of five dams to be considered for dam rehabilitation. Chuck Leinen indicated that it was necessary to rehab the dam in order to comply with the Nebraska Dam Safety Requirements. The federal government would pay for 65% of the construction costs. The District would pay 35%. Right of way must be acquired by the District and its cost would be applied towards the District share of the costs. Martin Cleveland also spoke of other options that were investigated but dismissed. John Camden, property owner affected by the site, opposed the additional right-of-way needs for the high hazard dam project. Mary Camden also spoke on the issue. Martin Cleveland reminded Directors that this was only a draft of the plan for rehabilitation, which still needed final approval from the Natural Resources Conservation Service.

- **It was moved by Director Fred Conley and seconded by Director Kolowski that the Subcommittee recommends to the Board of Directors that the General Manager be authorized to execute the proposed Papillion Creek Watershed Supplemental Agreement #8 with the Natural Resources Conservation Service for rehabilitation of P.L. 566 Grade Stabilization Structure W-3, subject to changes deemed necessary by the General Manager and approved as to form by the District's Legal Counsel.**

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

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

Voting Nay: None

Abstaining: None

Absent: None

WATERLOO REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL FUNDING ON WATERLOO TRAIL

PHASES 2 & 3: Gerry Bowen reported that the Village of Waterloo is requesting additional financial support from the District in the amount of \$7,016.00 to help pay for a portion of trail that is not eligible for funding from the Nebraska Game & Parks Commission. There was discussion.

- **It was moved by Director Tesar and seconded by Director Fred Conley that the Subcommittee recommends to the Board of Directors that the Village of Waterloo's request for an additional \$7,016.00, or a total of \$51,120.00, for cost share on Phase 2 & 3 of the Waterloo Trails Project be approved.**

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

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

Voting Nay:

Abstaining: None

Absent: None

PAPIO CREEK BANK STABILIZATION PROJECT BIDS: Martin Cleveland spoke on the need to stabilize the banks along the creek at 3 locations with rip-rap rock. The locations are along the Papio Creek Project system. The contract is to be completed in 50 working days.

- **It was moved by Director Kolowski and seconded by Director Fred Conley that the Subcommittee recommends to the Board of Directors that the General Manager be authorized to execute a contract for rock rip-rap bank stabilization work at 3 sites on the Papillion Creek system with Midwest Dumpers, Inc., for their total base bid of \$199,820.00**

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

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

Voting Nay: None

Abstaining: None

Absent: None

GRANT CONTRACT AGREEMENT WITH NEBRASKA GAME & PARKS COMMISSION FOR ELKHORN RIVER PUBLIC ACCESS ON WEST DODGE ROAD:

Dick Sklenar reported that the District is eligible for a \$74,000 grant from the Trails Development Assistance fund administered by the NE Game & Parks Commission. The District is required to approve a project agreement with the Game and Parks Commission to receive the grant.

- **It was moved by Director Fred Conley and seconded by Director Kolowski that the Subcommittee recommends to the Board of Directors that the Trails Development Assistance Fund Project Agreement for the Elkhorn River public access site on West Dodge Road be approved and that the General Manager be authorized to execute said Agreement..**

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

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

Voting Nay: None

Abstaining: None

Absent: None

ADJOURNMENT: Being no further business, the meeting adjourned by acclamation at 9:15 p.m.