

**Programs, Projects, and Operations Subcommittees
Meeting Minutes
February 12, 2008**

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 12, 2008. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson John Conley 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
John Conley	Rich Tesar *	Patterson	John Winkler
Fred Conley	Rick Kolowski*	Schwope	Marlin Petermann
Dave Klug			Gerry Bowen
Dorothy Lanphier **			Martin Cleveland
Jim Thompson **			Trent Heiser
			Paul Peters
			Amanda Grint
			Dr. Don Greer
			Larry Foster, City of Omaha
			Rick Wilson, USGS
			See Attendance List (attached)

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

PROOF OF PUBLICATION: Public notice of the meeting was posted at all District offices and published in the Omaha World-Herald on February 7, 2008. 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.)

REPORT ON TRAIL USER’S STUDY: Don Greer, PhD, gave a mid-stage report on trail use in the community. The study included information on the amount of usage, the variety of users and purpose of trail visit. Also included in the trail interviews was a question asking the user if they knew who the trail owner was. The preliminary results showed that approximately half of

the users do not know the owner or who maintains the trails. The final report will be complete in one month and will include the total trail visits per year.

CITY OF OMAHA REQUEST FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO THE CUNNINGHAM LAKE

MARINA: Larry Foster, City of Omaha Parks Department, gave a presentation to the Board on the Cunningham Lake Marina improvements. The project includes boat slips, moorings, parking lots and other park improvements. The total cost is estimated at approximately \$1 million dollars and the City is asking the P-MRNRD to contribute \$250,000. The projected revenue from the project will allow the City to generate bonds for approximately \$500,000 and the City will contribute the remaining dollars. Several individuals spoke in support of the project.

- ◆ **It was moved by Director Fred Conley and seconded by Director Lanphier that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board that the City of Omaha’s cost share request for improvements to the Cunningham Lake Marina in the amount of \$250,000 be approved, subject to funds being included in the District’s Fiscal Year 2009 Budget.**

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

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

US GEOLOGICAL SURVEY (USGS) WATER QUALITY MONITORING:

Rick Wilson, USGS, gave a presentation on what work has been completed in 2007 and what the new proposal will include. The proposal, which will run from 2008-2010, includes sampling for water quality and water levels. The water quality tests will be expanded to include trace metals, arsenic and other compounds. Ten new wells will be added to the USGS register of tested wells. The USGS will then take all existing data (compiled over 17 years) and new data to develop trends and also to develop an easy-to-use website. They will present results annually to the P-MRNRD and will publish a final report. This proposed project will provide the District with sound data for water quality and water levels within the District’s boundaries.

- ◆ **It was moved by Director Fred Conley and seconded by Director Lanphier that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board that the General Manager be authorized to execute an agreement with the U.S. Geological Survey to conduct an Analysis and Assessment of Groundwater Quality and Groundwater Quantity Monitoring as proposed, in addition to the routine sampling of groundwater wells in the District, up to a maximum District expenditure of \$298,860 in Fiscal Years 2008-2011, and that Account #05-00-4485 be allowed to go over 110% of the Budgeted amount on the FY 2008 Budget.**

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

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

LITTLE PAPIO CHANNEL PROJECT – FORMER UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD BRIDGE, G-18 REMOVAL PROJECT BIDS: Martin Cleveland gave a brief presentation on the removal of the G-18 bridge, which is owned by the District. The bridge restricts flow causing water to back up and also debris becomes lodged in the pilings which then increases the flood hazard. The bids for the removal of the bridge were received by the District and Martin indicated that the lowest and best bid was submitted by McC, LLC. Martin indicated that he had checked the references and the contractor has a good reputation. He also noted that he inquired with the City if this bridge would be needed for a trail bridge and the response was negative.

- ◆ **It was moved by Director Fred Conley and seconded by Director Thompson that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board that the General Manager be authorized to execute a Contract for Former Union Pacific Railroad Bridge G-18 Removal Project with McC, L.L.C., for their total bid of \$38,556.00.**

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

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

TURTLE CREEK WATERSHED STRUCTURE #2 REHABILITATION PROJECT, PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT: Martin Cleveland gave a brief presentation on the project. The NRCS had classified this structure as a high hazard. The District had previously approved the project to modify this structure to a low hazard design. The NRCS has tasked the P-MRNRD with the permitting and construction documents for this project. Because of the federal funding, the work must begin within 90 days. HDR is proposed to be hired as the consultant to complete these tasks on behalf of the District. Martin noted that the contract fee is fair and that HDR has experience in dealing with this type of project.

- ◆ **It was moved by Director Fred Conley and seconded by Director Klug that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board that the General Manager be authorized to execute the proposed Turtle Creek Watershed Structure #2 engineering services agreement with HDR Engineering with a maximum not to exceed \$55,500, subject to changes deemed necessary by the General Manager and approved to as to form by District Legal Counsel.**

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

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

TEKAMAH-MUD WATERSHED STRUCTURE #3-1 BANK STABILIZATION PROJECT BIDS: Martin Cleveland gave an overview of the project. The berm is eroding which protects the dam. The bids received were to restore the berm with placement of rock rip rap in order to ensure the dam safety. Martin noted that the bids are considerably higher than a

similar project a few years ago due to the rising cost of the rock material and gasoline to transport the material. He indicated that Glup Construction had submitted the lowest and best bid.

- ◆ **It was moved by Director Fred Conley and seconded by Director Klug that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board that the General Manager be authorized to execute a contract for Tekamah-Mud Watershed Structure 4-1 Bank Stabilization Project with Glup Construction for their total base bid of \$25,074.60.**

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

Voting Yea: Thompson, J Conley, Klug, Lanphier, F. Conley

Voting Nay: None

Abstaining: None

Excused Absence: Kolowski, Tesar

Absent: Kolowski, Tesar

CONTRACT WITH DYKON EXPLOSIVE DEMOLITION CORP. FOR ICE JAM

EXPLOSIVE SERVICES: Paul Woodward gave a brief presentation to the Subcommittee highlighting the changes since the approval of the ice jam contract last month. It was noted that although the contractor is willing to work with the District he feels that his liability should be limited to his insurance coverage. The District would be responsible for anything over that. The coverage held by the contractor would be \$7 million dollars. The District staff and legal counsel have been in contact with the contractor's insurance agency and the parties believe that the insurance coverage is adequate. Other items that have changed since last month's approval are that the District would be responsible for a pre-blast survey, the District would reimburse the contractor for additional insurance premiums, and that the contractor has decreased the annual retainer from \$5,000 to \$2,000.

- ◆ **It was moved by Director Fred Conley and seconded by Director Klug that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board that the General Manager be authorized to execute the revised proposed contract with Dykon Explosive Demolition Corporation, subject to changes deemed necessary by the General Manager and approved as to form by District Legal Counsel.**

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

Voting Yea: J. Conley, Thompson, Klug, Lanphier, F. Conley

Voting Nay: None

Abstaining: None

Excused Absence: Kolowski, Tesar

Absent: Kolowski, Tesar

ADJOURNMENT: Being no further business, the meeting adjourned by acclamation at 8:20 p.m.