

**Programs, Projects, and Operations Subcommittees  
Meeting Minutes  
February 9, 2010**

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 154<sup>th</sup> Street, Omaha, Nebraska, on February 9, 2010. 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.

<b>Subcommittee Members Present</b>	<b>Subcommittee Members Absent</b>	<b>Other Directors Present</b>	<b>Others in Attendance</b>
John Conley		Scott Japp	John Winkler, NRD
David Klug		Jim Thompson	Marlin J. Petermann, NRD
John Schwope		Dorothy Lanphier	Dick Sklenar, NRD
Rich Tesar		Tim Fowler	Paul Peters, NRD Legal
Rick Kolowski		Larry Bradley	Gerry Bowen, NRD
			Lori Laster, NRD
			Carey Fry, NRD
			Ralph Puls, NRD
			Trent Heiser, NRD
			Barb Sudrla, NRD
			Amanda Grint, NRD
			Shawn Melotz, Public
			Mike Rogers, Baird Holm
			Dan Smith, D.A. Davidson
			Paul Grieger, D.A. Davison
			John Kottman, TD2
			David Black, Papillion Mayor
			Dr. Don Greer, UNO

**Adoption of Agenda**

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

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

Voting yes: John Conley, Klug, Tesar, Schwope, Kolowski  
 Voting no: None  
 Abstain: None  
 Absent: None

**Proof of Publication:** Public notice of the meeting was posted at all District offices and in the Omaha World-Herald on February 4, 2010. The Chairperson ordered the Proof of Publication recorded in the minutes of this meeting.

**Urban Drainageway Program – City of Valley (Spruce Street Drainageway):** Gerry Bowen presented a financial request from the City of Valley for the District’s Urban Drainageway Program. The City requested that the District finance their share of the project (\$85,470) over a 4-year period. The District’s share (60%) of the total project cost is \$186,480. Director Tesar spoke in support of the project.

- **It was moved by Director Schwope and seconded by Director Klug that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board of Directors that the City of Valley’s request for cost share assistance under the Urban Drainageway Program be approved in the amount of \$186,480, and that the General Manager be authorized to execute an interlocal agreement with the City to finance the City’s share of the project costs, or \$85,470, subject to minor changes 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 4-yea and 1-abstain.

Voting yes: John Conley, Klug, Kolowski, Tesar  
Voting no: None  
Abstain: Schwope  
Absent: None

**Report on Trailfest:** A report on trail usage in the metro area was presented by Dr. Don Greer of UNO. The report entailed a description on the type and number of users on the trail system. Volunteers were stationed at 15 locations to gather the data during peak user periods. Director Bradley inquired about wheelchair users on the trail. Dr. Greer noted that there was very little use of the trails by this group. There was further discussion.

**City of La Vista Thompson Creek Floodplain Buyout Grant:** Staff member Lori Laster explained the City of La Vista’s request for the District to provide ½ of the local match (\$340,155) over a 3-year period to acquire 24 homes adjacent to Thompson Creek. Channel degradation has been threatening the lots to these homes for many years. La Vista has received a federal grant from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to cover 75% of the projected cost to purchase and remove the homes. Director Kolowski inquired about the willingness of residents to move. John Kottman responded that 13 of 24 households have been interested in selling.

- **It was moved by Director Klug and seconded by Director Kolowski that the Subcommittee recommends to the Board that the District approve the City of La Vista request to cost share on the local contribution in the amount of \$340,155 payable over three years.**

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

Voting yes: John Conley, Klug, Kolowski, Tesar, Schwope  
Voting no: None  
Abstain: None  
Absent: None

**Request from Olsson Associates for Additional Professional Services Fees for Silver Creek Watershed:** Ralph Puls explained that the District's consultant, Olsson Assoc., has requested additional fees for professional services regarding the federal 404 permitting process for the largest dam site (Site 11) in the Silver Creek Watershed Project. Eight of the original 10 sites have been constructed. One site has been deleted from the plan. Paul Woodward, of Olsson Associates, explained the extensive work involved by his firm on the designated high-hazard Site 11. Director Schwope indicated his displeasure with the request. Director Japp inquired about the expenditure of observation fees prior to the construction of the site. There was further discussion.

- **It was moved by Director Tesar and seconded by Director Kolowski that the Subcommittee recommends to the Board that the maximum, not to exceed amount for professional services contract with Olsson Associates for the Silver Creek Watershed Project, be increased to \$619,263.24.**

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

Voting yes: John Conley, Klug, Kolowski, Tesar, Schwope  
Voting no: None  
Abstain: None  
Absent: None

**NRCS Request for Approval of Acknowledgement Of Section 1619 Compliance:** An explanation was provided by Ralph Puls on the concern of federal agencies regarding privacy issues. The Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) is requesting the District's Acknowledgement of Section 1619 Compliance be approved.

- **It was moved by Director Schwope and seconded by Director Tesar that the Subcommittee recommends to the Board that the P-MRNRD Board of Directors that the Section 1619 Compliance agreement between the Natural Resources Conservation Service and the P-MRNRD be approved.**

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

Voting yes: John Conley, Klug, Kolowski, Tesar, Schwope  
Voting no: None  
Abstain: None  
Absent: None

**Adjournment:** Being no further business, the Subcommittee adjourned at 7:31 p.m. by acclamation.