

**Personnel, Legislative and Public Affairs Subcommittee
Meeting Minutes
January 6, 2004**

A meeting of the Papio-Missouri River Natural Resources District's Personnel, Legislative and Public Affairs Subcommittee was held at the Natural Resources Center, 8901 S. 154th Street, Omaha, NE on January 6, 2004. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Barb Nichols at 9:02 p.m.

Quorum Call: Quorum call was taken. The following were in attendance.

Subcommittee Members Present	Subcommittee Members Absent	Other Present	Directors Others Present
Conley (Fred)		Neary	Steve Oltmans
Connealy		Conley (John)	Emmett Egr
Gardner		Thompson	Paul Peters
Nichols		Tesar	Marlin Petermann
Rubin		Jansen	Trent Heiser

Adoption of Agenda:

* **It was moved by Connealy and seconded by Rubin that the agenda be adopted.**

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

Voting Yea - Conley, Connealy, Gardner, Nichols, Rubin
Voting Nay - None
Abstaining - None
Absent - None

Proof of Publication: Notice of the meeting was posted in all District offices and published in the Omaha World Herald on January 2, 2004. The proof of publication affidavit is included with the file copy of these minutes.

Review of Upcoming Legislation Issues:

- a. Water Policy Task Force Recommendations/Legislation – Director Pete Rubin, a member of the Water Policy Task Force, briefed the Board on the recommendations of the Task Force. An abstract and brochure on the task force recommendations was briefly reviewed. Rubin said he was pleased with the recommendations and hopes funding can be obtained without using Nebraska Resource Development Funds.

* **It was moved by Rubin and seconded by Conley that the Board give its support to the recommendations made by the Water Policy Task Force.**

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

Voting Yea - Conley, Connealy, Gardner, Nichols, Rubin
Voting Nay - None
Abstaining - None
Absent - None

- b. Suggested Compromise Amendments to LB32 – Stormwater Legislation: General Manager Steve Oltmans called the Subcommittee's attention to discussion of this issue at the workshop held earlier that evening. He then asked if there were any other questions for staff. Director Pete Rubin stated that NRDs statewide have been diligent in not taxing above their needs. He distributed a map showing NRD tax levies.

※ **It was moved by Rubin and seconded by Conley that the Board give its support to the Compromise Amendments to LB 32.**

Roll call vote was held on the motion. The motion carried by a vote of 4-1.

Voting Yea - Conley, Gardner, Nichols, Rubin
Voting Nay - Connealy
Abstaining - None
Absent - None

- c. Tentative Agenda for NARD Legislative Conference: The Subcommittee briefly reviewed plans for the NARD Legislative Conference January 27 and 28, 2004 in Lincoln.

Other items of Interest: There were no other items of interest.

Adjournment: Being no further business, the meeting adjourned by acclamation at 9:20 p.m.