

**Programs, Projects, and Operations Subcommittees
Meeting Minutes
January 9, 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 January 9, 2007. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson John Conley at 8:00 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
Conley, Chairperson		Patterson	John Winkler
Rich Tesar-Vice-Chairman		Klug	Marlin Petermann
Fred Conley		Fowler	Gerry Bowen
Jim Thompson *			Ralph Puls
Rick Kolowski			Dick Sklenar
			Trent Heiser
			Jerry Herbster
			Randy Lee
			Martin Cleveland
			Jim Becic
			Paul Peters

* Alternate Voting Member

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

❖ **It was moved by Director Kolowski and seconded by Director Fred Conley 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, Tesar, F. Conley, Thompson, Kolowski
 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 January 4, 2007.

REPORT ON REPAIRS TO WEST MAPLE RAMP AT ELKHORN RIVER PUBLIC ACCESS SITE: Project Manager Dick Sklenar began the discussion. Following his opening remarks, he introduced Tom Bentley from BCDM, the consultant for this project. Bentley advised the Subcommittee of alternatives to repair the ramp. He showed photos of the site and discussed how the repairs could be accomplished; two possible alternatives were given. Dave

Ciaccio, also from BCDM, answered questions from Directors. Pat McEvoy also addressed the Subcommittee.

- ❖ **It was moved by Director Thompson and seconded by Director Fred Conley that the subcommittee recommend to the Board of Directors that the General Manager be authorized to execute the proposed settlement agreement with BCDM which provides, among other things, for the District issuing a change order to the construction contract with Dostals Construction Company, Inc. in the amount of \$16,100 to make necessary repairs to the boat ramp at the Elkhorn River West Maple Road public access site.**

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

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

BCDM REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FEES FOR ELKHORN RIVER PUBLIC ACCESS SITE AT WEST DODGE ROAD:

Dick Sklenar, Project Manager for this project, told the Subcommittee that the road design needed revisions. Tom Bentley of BDCM described how the scope of work, etc. has increased and thus the request for additional professional services fees. Sklenar went on to say the project was still on schedule, with completion slated for mid summer. There were questions from Directors.

- ❖ **It was moved by Director Thompson and seconded by Director Kolowski that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board of Directors that the professional services contract with BCDM for development of the Elkhorn River Public Access site on W. Dodge Rd. be amended to increase the “not to exceed fee” amount to \$78,690.00.**

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

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

WEST BRANCH CHANNEL PROJECT (86TH TO GILES ROAD – LEFT BANK) TRIBUTARIES LOW WATER CROSSING PROJECT BIDS:

Martin Cleveland explained what the project entailed and then introduced Dan Dolezal of Ehrhart, Griffin & Associates. Dolezal showed a map of the tributary crossings. He also showed an existing crossing and explained how they would be constructed and their use. He went on to discuss the results of the bidding. M.E. Collins was low Bidder.

- ❖ **It was moved by Director Fred Conley and seconded by Director Kolowski that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board of Directors that the General Manager be authorized to award to M.E. Collins Contracting Company, Inc., a contract for construction of the West Branch Channel Project Tributaries Low Water Crossing Project for its total base bid of \$453,667.81, which includes**

constructing low water crossings at tributaries identified therein as WW3, 4, 5, 6 and 7.

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

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

TERN AND PLOVER CONSERVATION PARTNERSHIP – REQUEST FOR FUNDING:

Gerry Bowen gave background information on the request for funding. Joel Jorgenson, Program Manager with the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission, was introduced. He responded to questions from the Subcommittee.

- ❖ **It was moved by Director Fred Conley and seconded by Director Thompson that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board of Directors that the District provide financial assistance in the amount of \$5,000 to support the 2007 program activities of the Tern and Plover Conservation Partnership.**

Roll call was taken on the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 4 yea and 1 nay.

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

PROPOSED CITY OF PAPIILLION FIRE STATION AT WALNUT CREEK LAKE AND RECREATION AREA (108TH & SCHRAM ROAD):

Assistant Park Superintendent Randy Lee talked about the request from the City of Papillion Fire Department to build a Fire Station at Walnut Creek Lake and Recreation Area and showed where the proposed facility would be located. Papillion Fire Chief Bill Bowes was introduced and he answered questions from the Subcommittee. There was additional discussion regarding the proposal.

- ❖ **It was moved by Director Kolowski and seconded by Director Tesar that Management recommends that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board that the General Manager be and is hereby authorized to execute a lease grant or conveyance to the City of Papillion of such rights, titles or interest as he may determine necessary to enable the City to construct, operate and maintain a City Fire Station on a portion of the Papio Dam Site 21 Project (Walnut Creek Lake and Recreation Area), subject to the General Manager's approval of the plans and specifications for such facility and the Nebraska Natural Resources Commission approval of such lease, grant or conveyance.**

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

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

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING – UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA AT OMAHA/GLACIER CREEK:

Jim Becic handed out information for the proposal including a Fact Sheet and a proposed Memorandum of Understanding. He introduced UNO Professor Tom Bragg who used a power point presentation to illustrate the project. He showed photos of the project area and described the efforts to acquire land for the proposal. There were questions and comments from the Subcommittee. Becic went on to describe what was in the Memorandum of Understanding. Following the motion, public input was given by Tyler Mohr. He said he had several questions for the Subcommittee. Chairman J. Conley told Mohr that the P-MRNRD would respond in writing to his questions. Assistant General Manager Marlin J. Petermann also spoke about the proposal in regard to funding.

- ❖ **It was moved by Director Fred Conley and seconded by Director Kolowski that Management recommends that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board that the General Manager be authorized to execute the Glacier Creek Project Memorandum of Understanding with the University of Nebraska at Omaha as presented to the Subcommittee, subject to amendments 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, Tesar, F. Conley, Thompson, Kolowski
Voting Nay: None
Abstaining: None
Absent: None

MOPAC EQUESTRIAN TRAIL – RECEIPT OF CONSTRUCTION BIDS:

Project Manager, Gerry Bowen, began the discussion by saying the bids were higher than expected. He introduced Pam Dingman from EDC the consultants for this project. She explained why the contractors' bids for the work were higher than expected. There were questions from the Subcommittee. Bowen went on to describe the staff recommendation to secure new bids. Pat McEvoy, the President of Midwest Dumpers, the low bidder, spoke regarding his bid. Pam Dingman responded to the issues raised by Midwest Dumpers.

- ❖ **It was moved by Director Kolowski and seconded by Director Fred Conley that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board that the District reject all bids received for the Mopac Equestrian Trail.**

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

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

Following the vote there was discussion about how to proceed. Gerry Bowen handed out a memo outlining the staff's proposal to have the Walnut Creek staff perform the clearing and grubbing and re-bid the remainder of the project.

- ❖ **It was moved by Director Tesar and seconded by Director Fred Conley that the issue be laid over for 30 days in which time the staff will investigate the best procedure to continue with the project.**

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

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

ESTABLISHMENT & APPOINTMENT OF WCRW#2 ADVISORY BOARD: There was limited discussion on the item.

- ❖ **It was moved by Director Tesar and seconded by Director Thompson that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board of Directors that a five member advisory board for the Washington County Rural Water #2 system be established, and that Wayne Talbert, Larry Kusek, Deb Gloden, Jim Zavadil and John Kirk be appointed the members thereof.**

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

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

ADJOURNMENT: Being no further business, the meeting adjourned by acclamation at 9:35p.m.