

**Programs, Projects, and Operations Subcommittees  
Meeting Minutes  
July 12, 2005**

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 July 12, 2005. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson John Conley at 7:00 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
John Conley	Joe Neary *	Dorothy Lanphier	P-MRNRD Staff:
Jim Thompson **		Rich Jansen	Steve Oltmans
Rick Kolowski		John Schwope	Marlin Petermann
Rich Tesar			Martin Cleveland
Fred Conley			Paul Woodward
			Jim Becic
			Paul Peters, Legal Counsel
			Gerry Bowen
			Trent Heiser
			Frank Albrecht, NGPC
			Vickie Fraser
			Kirk Fraser
			Louie Riha
			Laurie Carrette Zook

- \* Excused Absence
- \*\* Alternate Voting Member

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

◆ **It was moved by Director Fred Conley and seconded by Director Kolowski 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, F. Conley, Kolowski, Tesar and Thompson  
 Voting Nay: None  
 Abstaining: None  
 Excused Absence: Neary  
 Absent: Neary

**PROOF OF PUBLICATION:** Public notice of the meeting was posted at all District offices and published in the Omaha World-Herald on July 7, 2005.

**REQUEST FROM VICKI FRASER AND PETITIONERS FOR EQUESTRIAN USE OF EXISTING MO-PAC TRAIL FROM SPRINGFIELD SOUTH TO LOUISVILLE:** Vickie and Kirk Fraser presented a PowerPoint slide show of their multi-use trail proposal. All users, including horses, would share the existing trail. Cost to modify trail to include re-deck bridge(s) and add approach fences was estimated to cost \$8,400 by Fraser. The Subcommittee asked the Frasers numerous questions about horse trailer parking requirements, etc. Louie Riha (local landowner/trail ROW grantor) expressed concern about horse conflicts due to Hwy 50 traffic.

- ❖ **It was moved by Director Thompson that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board that the Mopac Trail be used for multi-use (including equestrian) for a one year trial basis and that bridges be replanked and approach fences installed.**

The motion died for lack of a second.

- ❖ **It was moved by Director Tesar, and seconded by Director F. Conley, that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board of Directors that the District provide 50% cost share on the adaptation of the Mopac Trail corridor for equestrian usage on a separate trail from pedestrian/bicycle trail users, subject to the availability of an equestrian trailhead at the north end of the trail (Springfield), and that a Citizens Equestrian Advisory Committee be formed to assist with fundraising and the adaptation of the trail.**

Roll call was taken on the motion. The motion failed on a vote of 2 to 3.

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

**LOWER PLATTE RIVER CORRIDOR ALLIANCE CUMULATIVE IMPACT STUDY INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT:** Frank Albrecht, Nebraska Game and Parks Commission, gave a presentation on the scope of services preparation (Phase I) and proposed study (Phase II) of Lower Platte River Corridor Cumulative Impacts Study (LPRCCIS) and associated cost of \$450,000 (\$169,800 – Federal; \$280,200 – Non-Federal). Board members asked questions about study product and cost sharing. The Papio-Missouri River NRD share would be \$15,000 cash and \$4,000 in-kind services.

- ❖ **It was moved by Director F. Conley, and seconded by Director Kolowski, Management recommends that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board of Directors that the General Manager be authorized to execute the proposed Amendment 1 and Addendum B to the multi-agency revised Lower Platte River Cumulative Impact Study Interlocal Agreement, subject to changes deemed necessary by the General Manager and approval as to form by District Legal Counsel.**

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

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

**AMENDMENT #2 TO PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT WITH HDR FOR THE WEST PAPILLION WATERSHED FLOODPLAIN MAPPING PROJECT:** Paul Woodward explained the current floodplain study results, need for additional study and FEMA grant assistance. He explained that the proposed amendment will add \$75,900 to existing contract maximum. An application for FEMA grant of \$42,600 is proposed.

- ❖ **It was moved by Director F. Conley, and seconded by Director Tesar, that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board that the General Manager be authorized to execute the proposed grant application to FEMA; and, that the General Manager be authorized to execute Amendment #2 to the professional services contract with HDR Engineering, Inc., for the West Papio Watershed Floodplain Remapping Project which provides for an increase in the maximum fee to \$486,380, subject to approval of the grant application to FEMA, and 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: F. Conley, J. Conley, Kolowski, Thompson and Tesar  
Voting Nay: None  
Abstaining: None  
Excused Absence: Neary  
Absent: Neary

**ADJOURNMENT:** Being no further business, the meeting adjourned by acclamation at 8:15 p.m.