

**Programs, Projects, and Operations Subcommittees
Meeting Minutes
July 11, 2006**

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 July 11, 2006. The meeting was called to order by Vice-Chairperson Rich Tesar at 7:36 p.m.

Quorum Call:

Subcommittee Members Present	Subcommittee Members Absent	Other Directors Present	Others in Attendance
Rich Tesar	John Conley *	Dick Connealy	Jeff Quist, Wash. County
Rick Kolowski	Fred Conley *	Rich Jansen	John Engel, HDR
Dorothy Lanphier ***		John Schwope	Chuck Leinen, NRCS
Tim Fowler **			Dan Dolezal, EGA
Jim Thompson **			Paul Peters
			Marlin Petermann
			Martin Cleveland
			Gerry Bowen
			Trent Heiser
			Jim Becic
			Randy Lee
			Terry Schumacher
			(see attached list)

* excused absence

** alternate voting member

*** alternate voting member for Joe Neary

Adoption of Agenda

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

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

Voting yes: Tesar, Kolowski, Fowler, Lanphier, Thompson

Voting no: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Conley (Fred), Conley (John)

Excused Absence: J. Conley, F. Conley

Proof of Publication: Public notice of the meeting was posted at all District offices and in the Omaha World-Herald on July 6, 2006.

Conversation with Jeff Quist, Washington County Commissioner

Jeff Quist, Washington County Commissioner and member of the Papio Dam Sites 1 and 3C Steering Committee, indicated that the Washington County Board took action at their July 11, 2006 meeting appointing him to meet with the NRD to encourage the District to evaluate other alternatives other than just the large reservoirs in Washington County. John Engel, HDR, explained that HDR was planning to evaluate three alternatives consisting of 1) other types of structural measures such as channel improvements and levees, 2) non-structural measures such as buyouts and floodplain zoning, and, 3) large and small regional reservoirs. A fourth alternative of expanded conservation measures was recently added by the Steering Committee. He also noted that HDR would be starting this alternative analysis around August 1st and that it would be a screening type approach attempting to maximize the benefits for each alternative. The regional reservoir alternative was discussed in more detail. Mr. Quist indicated that this helped clarify the issue at this time.

Director Thompson inquired about Washington County joining the Papio Creek Watershed Partnership. Mr. Quist responded that the County was willing to discuss the issue. It was noted that the District will approach the County Board on this matter in the near future.

Turtle Creek Watershed Structure 2 Rehabilitation Agreement: Chuck Leinen, NRCS, discussed the Turtle Creek Watershed and the reasons for the Turtle Creek Structure #2 rehabilitation project. He noted that the draft watershed plan and environmental assessment documents had been completed and reviewed, and that the project was ready to proceed to design. He noted that construction would be cost-shared at the rate of 65% federal and 35% NRD. The NRD share was estimated to be \$134,400.

- **It was moved by Director Kolowski and seconded by Director Fowler that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board that the Acting General Manager be authorized to execute the proposed Turtle Creek Watershed Agreement with NRCS for the rehabilitation of PL 566 Grade Stabilization Structure #2, subject to changes deemed necessary by the Acting 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 5-0.

Voting yes:	Tesar, Kolowski, Fowler, Lanphier, Thompson
Voting no:	None
Abstain:	None
Absent:	Conley (Fred), Conley (John)
Excused Absence:	J. Conley, F. Conley

Update on Papio Creek PL 566 Structures S-27, S-31, and S-32 Rehabilitation Project:

Chuck Leinen, NRCS, and Martin Cleveland updated the Subcommittee on the project and then reviewed the schedule for completing the rehabilitation of Papio Creek PL 566 Sites S-27, S31, and S-32. He noted that construction on S-31 and 32 was scheduled to begin in November and completed in the spring of 2007. There was discussion about the need for the project and establishing procedures to prevent this from happening in the future.

Western Douglas County Trails Project

Gerry Bowen noted that the funding agreement with the Nebraska Department of Roads was approved in March, 2006, which allowed the District to execute an engineering services contract with Ehrhart Griffin and Associates. According to federal guidelines, the District was required to utilize NDOR's contract form for the project. In addition, the first two years federal funds would be available for construction with the first contract.

Dan Dolezal, Ehrhart Griffin and Associates, noted that the scope of services included preliminary engineering for the entire five year project, as well as final design on the first two phases of the project which would build a trail from Elkhorn, through Waterloo (including a pedestrian bridge over the Elkhorn River) and Valley and on to the Ginger Cove area.

Mr. Bowen noted that the contract was amendable to cover design and construction administration on future phases of the project. The maximum amount of the first contract was \$324,892.34.

- **It was moved by Director Kolowski and seconded by Director Fowler that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board that the Acting General Manager be authorized to execute a professional engineering services contract with Ehrhart Griffin and Associates, Inc. for the Western Douglas County Trails Project, with a maximum amount of \$324,892.34, subject to changes deemed necessary by the Acting 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 5-0.

Voting yes: Tesar, Kolowski, Fowler, Lanphier, Thompson
Voting no: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Conley (Fred), Conley (John)
Excused Absence: J. Conley, F. Conley

Adjournment: Being no further business, the meeting adjourned by acclamation at 8:31 p.m.