

**Programs, Projects, and Operations Subcommittees
Meeting Minutes
July 7, 2009**

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 7, 2009. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson John Conley at 6:45 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	John Schwope*	Scott Japp	John Winkler, NRD
David Klug		Jim Thompson	Marlin J. Petermann, NRD
Rick Kolowski		Dorothy Lanphier	Dick Sklenar, NRD
Rich Tesar		Fred Conley	Paul Peters, NRD Legal
Tim Fowler**		Larry Bradley	Gerry Bowen, NRD
			Lori Laster, NRD
			Martin Cleveland, NRD
			Brian Henkel, NRD
			Jean Tait, NRD
			Carey Fry, NRD
			Trent Heiser, NRD
			Emmett Egr, NRD
			Trent Heiser, NRD
			Kent Bienlien, CH2MHill
			Dennis Wilson, HGM
			Paul Woodward, Olsson
			Rod Storm, City of Blair
			Emily Holtzclaw, CH2MHill

* = Excused Absence

** = Alternate Voting Member

Adoption of Agenda

- **It was moved by Director Fowler 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, Kolowski, Fowler, Tesar

Voting no: None

Abstain: None

Excused Absence: Schwope

Absent: Schwope

Proof of Publication: Public notice of the meeting was posted at all District offices and in the Omaha World-Herald on July 2, 2009. The Chairperson ordered the Proof of Publication recorded in the minutes of this meeting.

Review and Recommendation on Whitted Creek Stream Restoration Project Bids: Martin Cleveland, Emily Holtzclaw and Kent Bienlien, CH2MHill briefed the Subcommittee on the proposed construction project features and the bids received on June 23, 2009. It was noted that the apparent low bid of \$1,488,610 was submitted by Heimes Corporation and that the engineer's estimate for the project is \$1,674,025. The completion deadline for the project is June 26, 2010.

- **It was moved by Director Klug and seconded by Director Kolowski that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board of Directors that the General Manager be authorized to execute a contract for the Whitted Creek Stream Restoration Project with Heimes Corporation for their total base bid of \$1,488,610.**

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

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

Pigeon/Jones Site #15:

a. Contract Proposal from Olsson Associates for Pigeon/Jones Site #15 Design for Recreation Facility: Ralph Puls and Paul Woodward, Olsson Associates updated the Subcommittee on the status of the project (work completed to date, work to be completed, professional services cost to date and estimated professional services cost in the proposed amendment). It was noted that the design work is approximately 90% complete. The contract amendment tasks as outlined in Puls' July 2, 2009 Subcommittee memo were discussed. There were questions from the Directors of Woodward and Puls about camping layout, who will maintain the site, federal funding, housing restrictions (no private housing in recreation area), Dakota County cost share, engineering cost and horse use of site. Director Japp objected to the approval of a contract amendment and recommended that the RFP process be used instead to select a consultant.

b. Report on P-MRNRD Request for Funding from the Federal Sport Fish Restoration Program: Ralph Puls and Paul Woodward, Olsson Associates briefed the Subcommittee on the Request for Funding of P/J Fishery Project from the Federal Sport Fish Development Program administered by Nebraska Game and Parks Commission and the associated fishery features. It was noted that an application for \$1,212,375 in Program funds is planned to be submitted in the near future. This grant will be matched by \$404, 125 in District funds (75%/25% cost share ratio).

- **It was moved by Director Kolowski and seconded by Director Tesar that the Subcommittee recommends to the Board that the General Manager be authorized to execute the proposed Amendment to the Pigeon/Jones Site #15 contract with Olsson Associates for additional project services, increasing the maximum not to exceed amount of the contract to \$1,098,953 and that the General Manager be authorized make an application to Nebraska Game and Parks Commission for Federal Sport Fish Development Program grant funds for fishery facilities.**

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

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

Urban Drainageway Program – Millard Park (Sarpy County SID #162): Gerry Bowen and Dennis Wilson, HGM Associates briefed the Subcommittee on April 2009 cost share approval for Millard Park SID’s Mission Creek stabilization project of \$63,300 (60% cost share) and the SID’s recent revised request of \$197,460, which is the result of poor soil conditions that resulted in the need for a more expensive approach to correct the creek stability problems. It was also noted that a revised overall project plan and design would be developed for the Board’s future consideration. Mr. Wilson showed the Subcommittee a series of creek photos in the repair locations. Mr. Bowen recommended increasing the cost share from \$63,300 to \$197,460, subject to FY 2010 Budget. Directors commented on the project need.

- **It was moved by Director Klug and seconded by Director Kolowski that the Subcommittee recommends to the Board that the District approve the request of Sarpy County SID #162 for an increase in the cost share amount for Phase 1 of the project from \$63,300 to \$197,460, subject to inclusion of such additional amount in the NRD’s FY 2010 Budget.**

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

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

Rules and Regulations for the Granting of Variances to the Stay on the Expansion of Irrigated Acres and the Construction of New Irrigation Wells in the Hydrologically Connected Area: Brian Henkel discussed the District’s stay on expansion of groundwater irrigated acres and associated construction of new irrigation wells. He explained the proposed Rules and Regulations for the Granting of Variances to the Stay on the Expansion of Irrigated Acres and the Construction of New Irrigation Wells in the Hydrologically Connected Area. Director Japp asked about the time period of the new rules and Henkel indicated that they would be in effect for a 4 year period.

- **It was moved by Director Fowler and seconded by Director Klug that the Subcommittee recommends to the Board that proposed resolution providing for a variance process to the stay on the construction of new irrigation wells and the expansion of groundwater irrigated acres be adopted, and that the rules and regulations be added to the District’s Policy Manual.**

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

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

NRD /Blair Airport Authority Water Supply Agreement: Dick Sklenar briefed the Subcommittee on the proposed Water Supply Agreement with Blair Airport Authority, in which the District would supply water to the Airport area. The Blair Airport Authority and an adjacent property owner will finance the waterline extension project. In addition they will hire and pay for all consultant and inspection services. Sklenar noted that the project involves 8,000 ft. of waterline, which varies from 6 inch to 4 inch diameter, with an estimated construction cost of \$160,000, of which the District share would be about \$60,000. He noted that the agreement is in draft form and must be approved by the Blair Airport Authority. Rod Storm, City of Blair, informed the Subcommittee on the current, and future, airport expansion plans. There were questions from Directors about possible need to increase the waterline size to 8 inch to accommodate future growth.

- **It was moved by Director Kolowski and seconded by Director Tesar that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board that the General Manager be authorized to execute the Agreement among the District, the Blair Airport Authority and Simmonds in the form as presented to this meeting, with such changes as deemed necessary by the General Manager and approved as to form by the District's Legal Counsel.**

Roll call was taken on the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 4-0.

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

Adjournment: Being no further business, the Subcommittee adjourned at 8:00 p.m. by acclamation.