

**Programs, Projects, and Operations Subcommittees  
Meeting Minutes  
July 6, 2004**

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 6, 2004. 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.

<b>Subcommittee Members Present</b>	<b>Subcommittee Members Absent</b>	<b>Other Directors Present</b>	<b>Others in Attendance</b>
Conley (John)		Nichols	Steve Oltmans
Jansen		Thompson	Marlin Petermann
Neary			Trent Heiser
Fowler			Ralph Puls
Tesar			Jerry Herbster
			Gerry Bowen
			Jim Becic
			Randy Lee
			Rich Lombardi
			Ginny McGuire, USGS
			Bob Swanson, USGS
			Tim Hawkins, Hawkins Construction Co.
			Ken Molzer
			Jeff Ray
			Dave Koukol
			Matt Krajewski
			Kurt Payton

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

◆ **It was moved by Director Jansen 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 Yea: Jansen, Tesar, Fowler, Neary, Conley (John)  
 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 July 2, 2004.

**UPDATE ON USGS WATER QUALITY MONITORING:**

Project Manager Gerry Bowen began discussion on this agenda item and distributed an updated memo regarding the P-MRNRD Groundwater Monitoring Network - 2004. He continued by introducing Ginny McGuire of the USGS who gave a PowerPoint overview of the well sampling being done in the P-MRNRD. Much of her presentation dealt with nitrate levels in wells being tested. She advised the Subcommittee of what the testing in the summer of 2004 and fall 2004 would entail. There were questions from the Subcommittee members relating to atrazine levels in the wells tested.

Steve Oltmans noted that the P-MRNRD contracts with the USGS for the well testing which ensures that the data collected will be of high quality.

**DEVELOPMENT AND MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT WITH NEBRASKA WILDLIFE REHAB, INC., FOR RUMSEY STATION WETLAND** P-MRNRD staff member Jim Becic began the discussion and noted that the Nebraska Wildlife Rehab, Inc., had been given extensions on their agreement previously and that they have shown no evidence of progress with this project. No one spoke on behalf of the NWRI request for an extension.

- **It was moved by Director Neary, and seconded by Director Jansen, that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board that the Board not approve an additional addendum to NWRI for the Rumsey Station Wetlands.**

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

Voting Yea: Neary, Tesar, Fowler, Jansen, Conley (John)  
Voting Nay: None  
Abstaining: None  
Absent: None

**SARPY WATER/WASTEWATER STUDY (South Half of Sarpy County) WITH SARPY COUNTY AND OTHERS:** Assistant General Manager Marlin Petermann described the request from Sarpy County for the P-MRNRD and others to enter into an Interlocal Agreement in order to do a study report on water quality issues in southern Sarpy County. He explained what the proposed study would be used for and its cost. There was discussion among the Subcommittee members.

- **It was moved by Director Jansen, and seconded by Director Neary, that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board that the General Manager be authorized to execute an interlocal agreement for a Sarpy County Water and Wastewater Infrastructure Study with Sarpy County and others, for a maximum District contribution of \$50,000, 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 5-0.

Voting Yea: Fowler, Jansen, Neary, Tesar, Conley (John)  
Voting Nay: None  
Abstaining: None  
Absent: None

**BIG PAPIO TRAIL (CENTER TO BLONDO) CRACKING:** General Manager Oltmans began the discussion, following which he asked Assistant General Manager Petermann to describe the results of the study done by Terracon, Inc., to determine the causes of the cracking in the Big Papio Trail.

- **It was moved by Director Jansen, and seconded by Director Fowler, that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board that the General Manager be authorized to negotiate with the responsible parties for correction of the pavement cracking in the District's bicycle and pedestrian trail along the Big Papillion Creek between West Center Road and Blondo Street, and report back to the Board at its August meeting.**

Tim Hawkins of Hawkins Construction Co. said he would extend the warranty period on the construction to give the interested parties time to negotiate a solution to the problem.

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

Voting Yea: Fowler, Jansen, Neary, Tesar, Conley (John)  
Voting Nay: None  
Abstaining: None  
Absent: None

**SITE GRADING FOR AMPHITHEATER AT WALNUT CREEK LAKE AND RECREATION AREA:** Assistant Park Superintendent Randy Lee described the proposed agreement between the City of Papillion and the District to grade the site of the proposed amphitheater. He noted that this will be a cost-saving measure. Ken Molzer of the Papillion Area Concert Band also addressed the Subcommittee and noted the progress made toward funding this project. There was considerable discussion by the Subcommittee regarding the cost of the project. The issue of the transfer of the Walnut Creek Rec Area to the City of Papillion was discussed. General Manager Oltmans said that the agreement with Papillion called for them to take over Walnut Creek Park following their annexation of the area surrounding the rec site.

- **It was moved by Director Tesar, and seconded by Director Jansen, that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board that the General Manager be authorized to coordinate with the City of Papillion to provide manpower and equipment for the purpose of grading the Amphitheater site, but that no work be done until staff and the City of Papillion have established a date for the transfer of Walnut Creek Recreation Area to the City of Papillion.**

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

Voting Yea: Fowler, Jansen, Tesar, Conley (John)  
Voting Nay: Neary  
Abstaining: None  
Absent: None

**OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST:** None.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Being no further business, the meeting adjourned by acclamation at 8:20 p.m.

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