

**Finance, Expenditure & Legal Subcommittee Meeting  
Meeting Minutes  
June 6, 2006**

A meeting of the Papio-Missouri River Natural Resources District's Finance, Expenditure & Legal Subcommittee Meeting was held at the Natural Resources Center, 8901 South 154<sup>th</sup> Street, Omaha, Nebraska, on June 6, 2006. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Dick Connealy 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>
Dick Connealy, Chair		Rich Tesar	Marlin Petermann
Tim Fowler, Vice-Chair		Rich Jansen	Jerry Herbster
John Conley		John Schwope	Jim Becic
Dorothy Lanphier			Jack Lawless
Jim Thompson			Trent Heiser*
			Paul Peters
			Paul Woodward
			Ralph Puls
			Emmett Egr
			Dick Sklenar
			Martin Cleveland
			Pat Teer
			Mike Ryan
			Clyde Anderson
			Patrick Lutz
			Bob Tauss
			Shawn Melotz
			Linda Ryan
			Ardith Williams
			Tom Macdissi

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

- ◆ **It was moved by Director John Conley and seconded by Director Fowler that agenda be adopted.**

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

Voting Yea: Connealy, Fowler, Conley (John), Lanphier, Thompson  
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 June 2, 2006.

**AMENDMENTS TO AGREEMENT FOR MISSOURI RIVER TRAIL CROSSING**

**BRIDGE:** Jim Becic reviewed the Missouri River Trail Crossing Bridge Agreement that was approved by the Board October, 2000. The agreement has a five year duration and commits the NRD to fund \$1 million over a three year period for the bridge project. Final payment was made in FY 2005. He reported that the design/build process is underway and a contractor was selection in April, 2006. The City of Omaha requested that the First Amendment to Agreement for Missouri River Trail Crossing Bridge be adopted by the District to facilitate the bridge construction.

- ❖ **It was moved by Director Thompson, and seconded by Director John Conley, that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board that the Assistant General Manager be authorized to execute the proposed FIRST AMENDMENT TO AGREEMENT FOR MISSOURI RIVER TRAIL CROSSING BRIDGE.**

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

Voting Yea: Conley (John), Fowler, Lanphier, Thompson, Connealy

Voting Nay: None

Abstaining: None

Absent: None

**REVIEW OF FY 2007 BUDGET - DRAFT 1:** Marlin Petermann reviewed the first draft of the P-MRNRD FY 2007 budget with the Subcommittee. He noted that the total operating budget was \$34.32 million, with a tax levy of 0.039084, which is slightly lower than FY 2006. He also noted that budget assumes a 5% increase in property valuations. It was pointed out that there are still several unknowns, i.e., final revenue/expenditures, cash on hand, Treasurer's balance, valuations, etc. He then reviewed the major projects contemplated for the year. No action is required at this time.

NOTE: Dates to Remember for P-MRNRD FY 2007 Budget:

- Public Input Meeting at July 13, 2006 Board Meeting
- Budget Hearing and Adoption of FY 2007 Budget at August 10, 2006 Board Meeting
- Set Tax Levy for FY 2007 at September 14, 2006 Board Meeting

**1% INCREASE TO THE BUDGETED RESTRICTED FUNDS FOR LID CALCULATION FOR FY 2007 BUDGET:**

Marlin Petermann reported that political subdivisions have the ability to increase their base restricted funds by 2.5%. The Board also has the opportunity to approve an additional 1% with a vote of 75% of the governing body (9 yes votes). He pointed out that it would be beneficial to the District if the Board approved the additional 1% to help cover increases in general expenditures, such as Directors' per diem and expenditures, District insurance coverage, salaries, gas, oil and repairs, utilities, etc. The additional 1% would also help build the base for restricted funds and provide some flexibility for future budgets. There was discussion.

- ❖ It was moved by Director John Conley, and seconded by Director Fowler, that the Subcommittee recommends to the Board that the following resolution be adopted:

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Directors of the Papio-Missouri River NRD approves an additional increase of 1% in the Total Funds Subject to Limitation, pursuant to Neb. Rev. State. § 13-518 through 13-522.**

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

Voting Yea: Conley (John), Thompson, Connealy  
Voting Nay: Fowler, Lanphier  
Abstaining: None  
Absent: None

**ACCOUNTS OVER 110%:**

- a. **Acct#-01 01-00 4333 – Office Equipment Maintenance** – Trent Heiser explained that the District’s color copier usage had exceeded our intended usage. Marlin Petermann talked about the need for color copies. There was discussion.

- ❖ **It was moved by Director Thompson, and seconded by Director Fowler, that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board of Directors that Acct#-01 01-00 4333 – Office Equipment Maintenance be allowed to exceed 110% of the budgeted amount.**

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

Voting Yea: Conley (John), Connealy, Fowler, Lanphier, Thompson  
Voting Nay: None  
Abstaining: None  
Absent: None:

- b. **Acct#01 01-00 4570 – Salaries: Administrative** – Jack Lawless explained that the overage is because of paying out deferred compensation on Steve Oltmans contract that he is owed. This was offset by miscellaneous income received last year from Jackson Life.

- ❖ **It was moved by Director John Conley, and seconded by Director Thompson, that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board of Directors that Acct#-01 01-00 4570 – Salaries: Administrative be allowed to exceed 110% of the budgeted amount.**

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

Voting Yea: Conley (John), Connealy, Fowler, Lanphier, Thompson  
Voting Nay: None  
Abstaining: None  
Absent: None

**PURCHASE AGREEMENT FOR FLOODWAY BUYOUT AT ELBOW BEND:** Paul Woodward reported that the District had received a request to consider the purchase of the property located at 14610 Elbow Bend Road. He then pointed out the area on an aerial map. He indicated that the current owner had agreed to sell the property for the appraised value of \$70,000. Director Lanphier asked about plans for the property. Paul stated it is a buyout and that any structures on the property would be demolished. It was noted that the demolition and cleanup would be approximately \$8,000 - \$10,000. Woodward also pointed out that the NRD owns 28 properties at Elbow Bend of 45 total properties identified.

- ❖ **It was moved by Director John Conley, and seconded by Director Lanphier, that the Subcommittee recommends that the Acting General Manager be authorized to execute the purchase agreement with WM Specialty Mortgage for the purchase price of \$70,000 to acquire Lot 10 in Schneider's Missouri River Park Replat I, subject to changes deemed necessary by the Acting General Manager and approval as to form by District Legal Counsel.**

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

Voting Yea: Conley (John), Fowler, Lanphier, Thompson, Connealy  
Voting Nay: None  
Abstaining: None  
Absent: None

**ADJOURNMENT:** Being no further business, the meeting adjourned by acclamation at 7:48 p.m.