

**Finance, Expenditure & Legal Subcommittee
Meeting Minutes
June 8, 2004**

A meeting of the Papio-Missouri River Natural Resources District's Finance, Expenditure and Legal Subcommittee was held at the Natural Resources Center, 8901 South 154th Street, Omaha, Nebraska, on June 18, 2004. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Melissa Gardner at 7:40 p.m.

Members Present	Members Absent	Other Directors Present	Others Present
John Conley	Richard Connealy*	Rich Jansen	Laurie Zook
Melissa Gardner		Rich Tesar	Steve Oltmans
Barb Nichols		Fred Conley	Marlin Petermann
Jim Thompson			Dick Sklenar
Joe Neary			Gerry Bowen
			Terry Schumacher
			Emmett Egr
			Paul Woodward
			Pat Teer
			Martin Cleveland
			Trent Heiser
			Paul Peters

* Excused Absence

** Alternate Voting Member

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

The Chairperson called for discussion on the tentative agenda.

◆ **IT WAS MOVED by Thompson, and seconded by John Conley, that the agenda be adopted.**

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

Voting Yea: J. Conley, Gardner, Nichols, Thompson, Neary

Voting Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Connealy

Absence Excused - Connealy

PROOF OF PUBLICATION OF MEETING NOTICE: Public notice of the meeting was published in the Omaha World Herald on June 3, 2004. A copy of the notice is attached to the file copy of the minutes.

ACCOUNT(S) OVER 110% - ACCT. #01 05 00 4485 – WATER QUALITY MONITORING:

Staff member Gerry Bowen explained to the Subcommittee that this account deals with a contract with the USGS for water quality monitoring on well nests throughout the District. A wrong figure was mistakenly placed in the budget, resulting in an overage for this account. New numbers were provided.

- ◆ **IT WAS MOVED by John Conley, and seconded by Thompson that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board that Account #01 05 00 4485 – Water Quality Monitoring be allowed to exceed 110% of the budgeted amount of \$41,500.**

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

Voting Yea: J. Conley, Gardner, Nichols, Thompson, Neary
Voting Nay: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Connealy
Absence Excused - Connealy

PAYMENT TO RETAIN 7 FEE TITLE TRACTS (Big Papio – Center to Blondo) FROM THE NEBRASKA SMALL WATERSHED FLOOD CONTROL FUND:

It was explained by Paul Woodward that the Nebr. Dept. of Natural Resources was inquiring as to whether the District was interested in retaining ownership of 7 parcels of land purchased for the Big Papio Channel Project. Guidelines of the Small Watershed Flood Control Fund require that such parcels be auctioned off if the sponsor does not want to purchase them at the current appraised price, which for these parcels is valued at \$16,262.50. The Fund was used to purchase these parcels several years ago. The value of these parcels has since diminished as a result of the channel improvements. Paul showed a map of the location of these properties.

Director Thompson inquired about the process of NDNR auctioning off the parcels.

- ◆ **IT WAS MOVED by Neary, and seconded by J. Conley, that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board that the General Manager be authorized to retain seven fee title tracts (24, 26, 34, 38, 42, 43 and 51A) acquired for the Big Papillion Creek Flood Control Channel and Recreation Trail project with financial assistance from the Nebraska Small Watershed Flood Control Fund for \$16,262.50, 50% of the total appraised value, payable to the Nebraska Department of Natural Resources.**

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

Voting Yea: J. Conley, Gardner, Nichols, Thompson, Neary
Voting Nay: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Connealy
Absence Excused - Connealy

REVIEW OF P-MRNRD FY 2005 BUDGET – DRAFT 1

General Manager Steve Oltmans presented the first draft of the F.Y. 2005 budget to the Subcommittee. He stated that the budget assumes a 5% increase in property valuations, and a 1 cent tax increase to establish a sinking fund for future major flood control sites in the Pappio watershed. Steve went over the proposed \$31.5 million budget, describing major projects contemplated for the year.

Director John Conley inquired as to whether there was monies budgeted for the broken concrete trail downstream of W. Dodge Road. Gerry Bowen stated that some monies were set aside for this, should there be a need. Director Gardner indicated an interest in having the staff prepare a summary as to what percentage of District expenditures go to each county within the District. There was also discussion by Subcommittee members about the District's cost-share for the proposed Missouri River pedestrian bridge in Omaha.

Chairperson Gardner noted the following dates:

- Public Input Meeting at July 8, 2004 Board Meeting
- Budget Hearing and Adoption of FY 2005 Budget at August 12, 2004 Board Meeting
- Set Tax Levy for FY 2005 at September 9, 2004 Board Meeting

No action required on this item.

WESTERN SARPY/CLEAR CREEK FLOOD REDUCTION PROJECT – SARPY COUNTY SIDE RIVERSIDE CABINS PURCHASE AGREEMENTS: Martin Cleveland stated that the Lower Platte North NRD had 2 signed agreements with cabin owners for a buy-out. Two agreements on the Sarpy County side have been prepared and most likely will be made available for Board approval next month. It is most likely that all cabins will be raised. None have indicated a strong interest in the buy-out program. No action was requested or taken by the Subcommittee on this issue.

OTHER ITEMS: None.

ADJOURNMENT: Being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

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