

**Finance, Expenditure & Legal Subcommittee
Meeting Minutes
March 7, 2006**

A meeting of the Papio-Missouri River Natural Resources District's Finance, Expenditure & Legal Subcommittee was held at the Natural Resources Center, 8901 South 154th Street, Omaha, Nebraska, on March 7, 2006. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Dick Connealy at 8:00 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
Dick Connealy,	Tim Fowler *	Rich Jansen	Steve Oltmans
John Conley	Dorothy Lanphier *	Rich Kolowski	Marlin Petermann
Jim Thompson			Dick Sklenar
John Schwope **			Martin Cleveland
Rich Tesar **			Trent Heiser
			Paul Peters
			Ralph Puls
			Jack Lawless
			Jerry Herbster
			Randy Lee
			Jennifer Andersen

* Excused Absence

** Alternative Voting Member

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

✳ **It was moved by Director J. Conley and seconded by Director Tesar that agenda be adopted.**

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

Voting Yea: Tesar, Schwope, Thompson, J. Conley, Connealy

Voting Nay: None

Abstaining: None

Absent: Lanphier, Fowler

Excused Absence: Lanphier, Fowler

PROOF OF PUBLICATION: Public notice of the meeting was posted at all District offices and published in the Omaha World-Herald on March 2, 2006.

APPOINTMENT OF AD HOC SUBCOMMITTEE FOR AUDITING SERVICES: Steve Oltmans explained that just prior to the meeting he received a call from Director Lanphier indicating that she was unable to attend the meeting.

- **It was moved by Director J. Conley and seconded by Director Schwope that this item be tabled to the April FEL Subcommittee meeting.**

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

Voting Yea: Tesar, Schwope, Thompson, J. Conley, Connealy
Voting Nay: None
Abstaining: None
Absent: Lanphier, Fowler
Excused Absence: Lanphier, Fowler

Steve Oltmans noted that the Request for Proposals for Auditing Services would be sent out and proceed according to the schedule provided in the Subcommittee meeting information.

REQUEST FOR INCREASE IN HOURLY RATE FOR LEGAL SERVICES: Paul Peters, District Legal Counsel, addressed the Subcommittee and referenced his February 13, 2006 letter explaining the reasons for his request for raising his legal fees.

- **It was moved by Director Thompson and seconded by Director Schwope that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board that Paul Peters, District Legal Counsel, be authorized to increase his billing rate to \$145 per hour for legal services performed for the District.**

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

Voting Yea: Tesar, Schwope, Thompson, J. Conley, Connealy
Voting Nay: None
Abstaining: None
Absent: Lanphier, Fowler
Excused Absence: Lanphier, Fowler

REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATIONS ON NRD ISSUES:

- a. **NARD By-Law Change:** Changes to the NARD By-Laws to modify the Retirement and Insurance Committee make-up and renaming it to the NARD/NRD Employee Benefit Committee was discussed. No action was taken.
- b. **NARD 457 Deferred Compensation Plan:** Discussion was held regarding the new NARD 457 Retirement Program. It was noted that this is an optional retirement program for NRD employees and that participation is voluntary. This is in addition to the mandatory 414(h) plan administered by the NARD.
 - **It was moved by Director Tesar and seconded by Director Thompson that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board that the resolution as presented concerning the NARD 457 Deferred Compensation Plan be adopted.**

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

Voting Yea: Tesar, Schwope, Thompson, J. Conley, Connealy

Voting Nay: None

Abstaining: None

Absent: Lanphier, Fowler

Excused Absence: Lanphier, Fowler

ADJOURNMENT: Being no further business, the meeting adjourned by acclamation at 8:18 p.m.

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