



**PAPIO-MISSOURI RIVER
NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
March 9, 2006
MINUTES**

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: A regular meeting of the Papio-Missouri River Natural Resources District Board of Directors was held at the Natural Resources Center, 8901 S. 154th Street, Omaha, NE on March 9, 2006. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Rich Jansen at 8:00 p.m.

QUORUM CALL: The following Directors were present for the Quorum Call:

John Conley	John Schwope
Fred Conley	Rich Tesar
Tim Fowler	Jim Thompson
Rick Kolowski	Rich Jansen
Joe Neary	

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

- **MOTION NO. 1:** It was moved by Director Fred Conley and seconded by Director Schwope that the agenda be adopted.

Roll call vote was held on the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Voting Yea	-	Conley (Fred), Conley (John), Fowler, Kolowski, Neary, Schwope Tesar, Thompson, Jansen
Voting Nay	-	None
Abstaining	-	None
Excused Absence	-	Connealy, Lanphier
Absent	-	Connealy, Lanphier

ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA:

- **MOTION NO. 2:** It was moved by Director Fred Conley and seconded by Director Kolowski that the following resolution be adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED that the following resolutions on the consent agenda are hereby adopted.

Agenda Item 2.A.:

BE IT RESOLVED that the following Director(s) have an excused absence from the March 9, 2006 Board of Directors Meeting:

Dick Connealy
Dorothy Lanphier

Agenda Item 6 A&B.:

BE IT RESOLVED that the February 9, 2006, Papio-Missouri River NRD Board meeting minutes and the February 8, 2006, Dakota County Rural Water Advisory Board meeting minutes be approved as printed.

Roll call vote was held on the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Voting Yea	-	Conley (Fred), Conley (John), Fowler, Kolowski, Neary, Schwope Tesar, Thompson, Jansen
Voting Nay	-	None
Abstaining	-	None
Excused Absence	-	Connealy, Lanphier
Absent	-	Connealy, Lanphier

PROOFS OF PUBLICATION OF MEETING NOTICE: Notice of the meeting was published in the Omaha World Herald on March 2, 2006. The District's January, 2006, expenditures were published in the Douglas County Gazette on March 7, 2006. The Chairperson ordered the Proofs of Publication recorded in the minutes of this meeting. (They are contained as part of the file copy of these minutes.)

AGENCY AND ASSOCIATION REPORTS:

A. Natural Resources Conservation Service: Verlon Barnes, NRCS District Conservationist at the NRC office in Omaha, reported on Natural Resources Conservation Service activities for the past month. The NRCS Report is posted to the District website.

B. Nebraska Association of Resources District Report: Director Tesar reported that the NARD Board would be meeting on March 13, 2006 at the LPSNRD office in Lincoln. He also noted that the NARD Washington DC Conference would be held on March 27-29, 2006. Directors John Conley and John Schwope and staff members Steve Oltmans and Marlin Peterman would be representing the District.

C. Lower Platte River Corridor Alliance Report: Rodney Verhoeff, LPRCA Coordinator, distributed copies of the LPRCA monthly report. He reported that the Alliance discussed the upcoming FY 2007 budget at the February 28th Quarterly meeting. There was

unanimous support for continuing the river obstruction removal program at the Camp Ashland site. Also, tentative dates for the airboat tour (July 24th or 14th) and the Water Quality Open (August 22nd or 23rd) were discussed.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:

A. Programs, Projects and Operations Subcommittee: Director John Conley reported that the PPO Subcommittee met on March 7, 2006 and gave a brief recap of the meeting.

- **MOTION NO. 3** It was moved by Director John Conley that the following recommendation be adopted:

PPO Recommendation #1 Approval of Change Order for Pressure Reducing Valve Vaults Contract for Washington County Rural Water #1 – Recommendation that the General Manager be authorized to approve change orders exceeding ten percent (10%) of the originally contracted amount with Thompson Construction, Inc., for the installation of 3 pressure reducing valve vaults on Washington County Rural Water #1.

Roll call vote was held on the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Voting Yea - Conley (Fred), Conley (John), Fowler, Kolowski, Neary, Schwoppe Tesar, Thompson, Jansen
Voting Nay - None
Abstaining - None
Excused Absence - Connealy, Lanphier
Absent - Connealy, Lanphier

- **MOTION NO. 4** It was moved by Director Tesar that the following recommendation be adopted:

PPO Recommendation #2: Amendment to Interlocal Cooperation Act Agreement between Papio-Missouri River NRD, City of Blair and Washington County for Washington County Rural Water #2 – Recommendation that the General Manager be authorized to execute the Second Addendum to the Interlocal Cooperation Act Agreement by and among the Papio-Missouri River NRD, the City of Blair and the County of Washington, Nebraska, for Washington County Rural Water #2, as presented, together with such amendments and other documents, approved as to form by District legal counsel, as he determines necessary to effectuate the project addition therein described.

Roll call vote was held on the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Voting Yea - Conley (Fred), Conley (John), Fowler, Kolowski, Neary, Schwope Tesar, Thompson, Jansen
 Voting Nay - None
 Abstaining - None
 Excused Absence - Connealy, Lanphier
 Absent - Connealy, Lanphier

Director John Conley reported that the Subcommittee received a briefing on the Construction of Elk Creek Grade Stabilization Structure #2. No action required.

•• **MOTION NO. 5** It was moved by Director John Conley that the following recommendation be adopted:

PPO Recommendation #4: Interlocal Cooperative Act Agreement between Dakota County and the Papio-Missouri River NRD for Pigeon/Jones Site 15 Project Roads – Recommendation that the General Manager be authorized to execute for and on behalf of the District an Interlocal Cooperation Act agreement with Dakota County providing terms and conditions of its cooperation in the construction, operation and maintenance of Pigeon/Jones Site 15 roads and related improvements, together with such amendments and other documents, approved as to form by District legal counsel, as he determines necessary to effectuate such cooperation.

Roll call vote was held on the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Voting Yea - Conley (Fred), Conley (John), Fowler, Kolowski, Neary, Schwope Tesar, Thompson, Jansen
 Voting Nay - None
 Abstaining - None
 Excused Absence - Connealy, Lanphier
 Absent - Connealy, Lanphier

•• **MOTION NO. 6** It was moved by Director John Conley that the following recommendation be adopted:

PPO Recommendation #5: Bids for Papillion Creek Bank Stabilization Project – Recommendation that the General Manager be authorized to execute a contract for rock rip-rap bank stabilization work at six (6) sites on the Little, Big and West Branch Papillion Creeks with Midwest Dumpers, Inc., for their base bid price of \$162,240.

Roll call vote was held on the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Voting Yea - Conley (Fred), Conley (John), Fowler, Kolowski, Neary, Schwoppe Tesar, Thompson, Jansen
 Voting Nay - None
 Abstaining - None
 Excused Absence - Connealy, Lanphier
 Absent - Connealy, Lanphier

B. Finance, Expenditures and Legal Subcommittee: Director Thompson reported that the FEL Subcommittee met on March 7, 2006 and gave a brief recap of the meeting. He pointed out that Director Lanphier was unable to attend the FEL meeting, so the Appointment of an Ad Hoc Subcommittee for Auditing Services, which she had requested be on the agenda, was tabled until the next FEL meeting.

•• **MOTION NO. 7** It was moved by Director Thompson that the following recommendation be adopted:

FEL Recommendation #2: Request for Increase in Hourly Rate for Legal Services - Recommendation 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 vote was held on the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Voting Yea - Conley (Fred), Conley (John), Fowler, Kolowski, Neary, Schwoppe Tesar, Thompson, Jansen
 Voting Nay - None
 Abstaining - None
 Excused Absence - Connealy, Lanphier
 Absent - Connealy, Lanphier

Director Thompson reported that the Subcommittee reviewed suggested changes to the NARD By-Laws to modify the Retirement and Insurance Committee make-up and renaming it the NARD/NRD Employee Benefit Committee. No action was taken.

•• **MOTION NO. 8** It was moved by Director Thompson that the following recommendation be adopted:

FEL Recommendation #3.b: NARD 457 Deferred Compensation Plan – Recommendation that the resolution, as presented, concerning the NARD 457 Deferred Compensation Plan be adopted.

Roll call vote was held on the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Voting Yea - Conley (Fred), Conley (John), Fowler, Kolowski, Neary, Schwoppe Tesar, Thompson, Jansen
 Voting Nay - None
 Abstaining - None
 Excused Absence - Connealy, Lanphier

Absent - Connealy, Lanphier

TREASURER'S REPORT:

- **MOTION NO. 12:** It was moved by Director John Conley and seconded by Director Thompson that the following resolution be adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Treasurer is authorized to expend general funds to pay: (1) claims listed in the February, 2006, financial report; and, (2) any claims made prior to the next Board meeting for (a) earned salaries of District employees, (b) withholding taxes, (c) social security payments, (d) retirement program contributions, (e) utilities, (f) registration fees and expenses for upcoming meetings and conferences, (g) certified completed CAP and Special Project Area applications, (h) invoices which offer a credit or discount for payment made prior to the next Board meeting, (i) postage, and, (j) building and grounds contract expenses.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Treasurer is authorized to pay, from the respective operating accounts of the Dakota County, Thurston County and Washington County #1 and Washington County #2 rural water supply projects, the Elkhorn River Bank Stabilization Project, the Elkhorn Breakout Project, the Elk/Pigeon Creek Drainage Project, and the Western Sarpy/Clear Creek Project, the project bills listed on the February, 2006, financial report, and future claims for project utilities.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the financial reports be affixed to and made a part of the minutes.

Roll call vote was held on the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Voting Yea - Conley (Fred), Conley (John), Fowler, Kolowski, Neary, Schwoppe Tesar, Thompson, Jansen
Voting Nay - None
Abstaining - None
Excused Absence - Connealy, Lanphier
Absent - Connealy, Lanphier

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT:

A. P-MRNRD Candidate List for 2006 Primary Elections: Chairperson Jansen reported that a listing of P-MRNRD candidates for the 2006 Primary Election was posted to the District's website.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT: GM Oltmans noted that his report had been posted to the website and asked Directors to contact him if there were any questions. Two video clips from Channel 6 regarding the FEMA problems with floodplain mapping were shown.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

A. Future Meetings: The Chairperson reviewed the following upcoming meetings with the Directors:

March 13, 2006	Nebraska Association of Resources District Board Meeting, LPSNRD Offices, Lincoln, NE
March 21, 2006	Papio Reservoir 1 and 3C Public Meeting, Bennington High School at 5:00 – 8:00 p.m.
March 27-29, 2006	Nebraska Association of Resources Districts Washington DC Conference (Directors John Conley and John Schwope and staff members Steve Oltmans and Marlin Petermann will be representing the District.)
April 11, 2006	P-MRNRD Subcommittee Meetings
April 13, 2006	P-MRNRD Board Meeting
April 22, 2006	Earth Day and Earth Day Omaha
April 28, 2006	Arbor Day (Plant a Tree)
May 9, 2006	Primary Election
May 9, 2006	P-MRNRD Subcommittee Meetings
May 11, 2006	P-MRNRD Board Meeting

B. Next Meeting: The next regularly scheduled meeting of the P-MRNRD Board of Directors will be held on April 13, 2006, at the NRC.

Julie Thacker, 16506 Dutch Hall Road, Bennington, NE, addressed the Board. She stated that she had attempted to ask a question at the February 9, 2006, Board meeting regarding the Channel 6 news clip that was shown at the meeting, but she had not signed up to address the Board. It was determined that a portion of the clip would be shown at the April 13, 2006 Board meeting at which time Ms. Thacker’s question will be addressed.

Jennifer Andersen, 7272 Co. Rd. 25, Kennard, NE, addressed the Board regarding the Papio Reservoir 1 and 3C Public Meeting at Bennington High School on March 21, 2006. It was noted that the time was originally set at 7:00 p.m. and had been changed to 5:00 – 8:00 p.m. She stated that she was disappointed that there would be no public input and that she disagreed with the way the process was starting out.

ADJOURNMENT: Being no further business, at 8:43 p.m. the Chairperson declared that the meeting was adjourned.

I, the undersigned, Secretary of the Pappio-Missouri River Natural Resources District, hereby certify that the foregoing are true and correct minutes of a meeting of the Board of Directors of the District held on March 9, 2006, that all of the subjects included in the foregoing proceedings were contained in the agenda for the meeting, kept continually current and readily available for public inspection at the office of the District; that such subjects were contained in said agenda at least twenty-four hours prior to said meeting; that at least one copy of all reproducible material discussed at the meeting was available at the meeting for examination and copying by members of the public; that the minutes were in written form and available for public inspection within ten working days and prior to the next convened meeting of said body; and, that all news media requesting notification of the meeting of said body were provided advance notification of the time and place of said meeting.

Richard Tesar
District Secretary