

**Programs, Projects, and Operations Subcommittees  
Meeting Minutes  
March 10, 2009**

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 March 10, 2009. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson John Conley at 6:55 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
John Conley		Larry Bradley	John Winkler
David Klug		Fred Conley	Marlin Petermann
Rick Kolowski		Scott Japp	Paul Peters, NRD Legal
John Schwope		Dorothy Lanphier	Emily Holtzclaw, CH2MHill
Rich Tesar		Jim Thompson	Paul Woodward, OA
			Shawn Melotz
			Brian Pecha, Big Muddy
			David Sands, NE Land Trust
			NRD Staff

**Adoption Of Agenda**

- **It was moved by Director Kolowski and seconded by Director Klug that agenda be adopted.**

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

Voting Yea: Conley (John), Klug, Kolowski, Schwope, Tesar

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 March 5, 2009. The Chairperson ordered the Proof of Publication recorded in the minutes of this meeting.

**Agreement For Cooperative Assistance With Nebraska Land Trust:** Jim Becic introduced David Sands with the Nebraska Land Trust and indicated that the Nebraska Land Trust is requesting funding from the District beginning in FY2010 for work to provide conservation easements focusing on the Lower Platte River Valley. David Sands gave a presentation describing the work that the Land Trust has completed to date in the Schramm Park area in Sarpy County. Over the past year the Land Trust has developed ranking criteria to identify top easement prospects. They have contacted 17 land owners and received 12 positive responses to assess the property with a team of experts from local governmental agencies. The Land Trust has also purchased an easement within the last year which is adjacent to Schramm Park. The

Papio NRD has been an active member of the NE Land Trust since its inception and they have asked for continuing support from the District in the amount of \$30,000 per year for three years.

- **It was moved by Director Klug and seconded by Director Kolowski that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board of Directors that the General Manger be authorized to execute the proposed “Agreement Between Papio-Missouri River Natural Resources District and Nebraska Land Trust for Cooperative Assistance” providing for District contributions over three years in the amount of \$30,000/year for the Lower Platte Valley Preservation Project.**

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

Voting Yea: Conley (John), Klug, Kolowski, Schwoppe, Tesar

Voting Nay: None

Abstaining: None

Absent: None

### **Request For Additional Professional Services Fees For Pigeon/Jones Creek Site #15 Final**

**Design:** Ralph Puls gave a brief overview of the Pigeon/Jones project and an update on the project status. The design plans are 90% complete and the contract is also about 90% complete. Several items throughout the course of the project have come up which have added additional scope to the professional services contract with Olsson Associates. There was a statewide change in criteria for dam design which resulted from an updated Probable Maximum Precipitation (PMP) study. This updated hydrologic information resulted in a redesign of the dam that will provide cost savings on the dam construction. The additional design work provided by Olsson was approximately \$43,000. Also, beyond the original scope of work, Olsson was asked to prepare a grant application to the Nebraska Environmental Trust (NET). The additional \$8,600 that Olsson is requesting to prepare the application resulted in an award of \$685,000 from the NET. The third additional task involves 404 permitting and an increase in contract fee is not being requested at this time for that task because the effort is unknown. Paul Woodward, Olsson Associates, reiterated the tasks that were beyond the scope and noted that as progress is made on the 404 permit with the Corps of Engineers it will be clearer what the fee will be. He noted that there is still money in the contract to be used for permitting and if any additional funds are necessary they will come back to the Board at that time. It was noted that the decrease in top of dam elevation will not affect the permanent pool size of the reservoir or the depth that should be maintain to maximize fisheries.

- **It was moved by Director Kolowski and seconded by Director Klug that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board of Directors that the limitation on professional fees and costs, provided by the District’s contract with Olsson Associates, for Pigeon/Jones Creek Watershed Site #15 design services, should be increased from \$534,573 to \$585,953; and that the General Manager, on behalf of the District, should execute a contract amendment providing for such increase.**

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

Voting Yea: Conley (John), Klug, Kolowski, Schwope, Tesar  
Voting Nay: None  
Abstaining: None  
Absent: None

**Elkhorn Crossing Recreation Area Site Improvements:** Jerry Herbster reported that bids were received on March 6, 2009 for the Elkhorn Crossing Recreation Area improvements. Five bids were received. All bids were lower than the engineers estimate. The low bidder was Dostal Construction with a bid of \$219,400. Brian Pecha, Big Muddy Workshop, gave a project overview and described the amenities that are planned for the Recreation Area. Tent camping sites, RV sites, barbeque grills and fire rings along with a new restroom are all planned for the area. An interpretive exhibit of the Mormon crossing will be restored and placed on site.

- **It was moved by Director Kolowski and seconded by Director Tesar that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board that the bid of Dostal's Construction in the amount of \$219,400 for construction of the Elkhorn Crossing Recreation Area Site Improvements should be accepted; and, that the General Manager, on behalf of the District, should execute the advertised construction contract with such bidder providing for such price; and, that the F.Y. 2008-2009 budget be amended to reallocate \$240,000 from budget category 4410 Trails-Construction to budget category 4385 NRD Recreation Development.**

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

Voting Yea: Conley (John), Klug, Kolowski, Schwope, Tesar  
Voting Nay: None  
Abstaining: None  
Absent: None

**Update On Whitted Creek Stream Restoration Project:**

a. Professional Services Contract with CH2MHill: Martin Cleveland and Emily Holtzclaw (CH2MHill) gave an update on the Whitted Creek Stream Restoration Project. They described the project and the location. Martin noted that when the original scope was being prepared it was believed that the US Army Corps of Engineers would be able to provide on the hydrology and hydraulics of the creek. The Corps is in the process of updating flood maps for the area. The timing of the Corps work and the type of modeling made it not feasible to share work and therefore CH2MHill had to complete that work on their own. This task and other coordination items with the Corps of Engineers have resulted in work outside of the original scope. The project is currently 60% complete with 90% plans expected for mid April. As the project progresses it will be determined if any additional funds are necessary to cover the out of scope work that was performed. No action required at this time.

b. Grant Application Results: Martin updated the Board on the results of the grant applications. The Whitted Creek project was awarded \$300,000 in Nebraska Environmental Trust funds and \$300,000 in Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality 319 funds. No action required.

**Watershed Structure Bank Stabilization Project:** Martin Cleveland described to the Board the erosion issues that have occurred at seven watershed structures in the Silver Creek, Tekamah-Mud and Pigeon/Jones watersheds. The front banks of these structures have been eroded due to high rain events and wind action during this last year. Rip rap is proposed to stabilize the banks. Six bids were received and the low bidder is from Penro Construction in the amount of \$158,597.50. The District has worked with Penro before and finds them to be a competent contractor.

- **It was moved by Director Schwope and seconded by Director Klug that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board of Directors that the bid of Penro Construction Company, Inc., in the amount of \$158,597.50, for construction of the Watershed Structure Bank Stabilization Project should be accepted; and, that the General Manager, on behalf of the District, should execute the advertised contract with such bidder providing for such price.**

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

Voting Yea: Conley (John), Klug, Kolowski, Schwope, Tesar  
Voting Nay: None  
Abstaining: None  
Absent: None

**Silver Creek Watershed Dam Site 42 Construction Bids:** Terry Schumacher briefly described the project located in the Silver Creek Watershed. With the construction of this dam site, twenty one of the twenty four planned erosion control dams will be built. Two bids were received on February 26, 2009 and the low bid is from Camden Excavating in the amount of \$41,716.64. Terry explained that this project is being funded by NRCS Environmental Quality Incentive Program money and District funds from the Conservation Assistance Program budget.

- **It was moved by Director Kolowski and seconded by Director Schwope that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board of Directors that the bid of Camden Excavating in the amount of \$41,716.64, for construction of Silver Creek Site 42 should be accepted; and, that the General Manager, on behalf of the District, should execute the advertised contract with such bidder providing for such price.**

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

Voting Yea: Conley (John), Klug, Kolowski, Schwope, Tesar  
Voting Nay: None  
Abstaining: None  
Absent: None

**ADJOURNMENT:** Being no further business, the meeting adjourned by acclamation at 8:25 p.m.