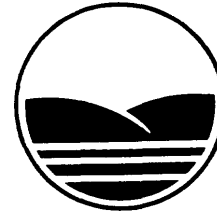


**PAPIO-MISSOURI RIVER
NATURAL
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DISTRICT**



**PAPIO-MISSOURI RIVER
NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
May 8, 2003
MINUTES**

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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, Nebraska, on May 8, 2003. Public notice of the meeting was posted at all District offices. The meeting was called to order by the Chairperson, Fred Conley, at 8:00 p.m.

QUORUM CALL: Quorum call was taken. The following Directors were in attendance:

John Conley	Barb Nichols
Tim Fowler	Rich Tesar
Melissa Gardner	Jim Thompson
Rich Jansen	Fred Conley
Joe Neary	

Chairperson Fred Conley noted that Director Dick Connealy had an excused absence.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

- **MOTION NO. 1:** It was moved by Conley (John) and seconded by Jansen that the following resolution be adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED that the agenda be adopted.

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

Voting Yea - Conley (John), Fowler, Gardner, Jansen, Neary, Nichols, Tesar, Thompson,
Conley (Fred)

Voting Nay - None

Abstaining - None

Excused Absence - Connealy

Absent - Ruben

ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA:

- **MOTION NO. 2:** It was moved by Jansen and seconded by Conley (John) that the following resolution be adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED that the following resolution(s) 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 May 8, 2003, Board of Directors Meeting:

Dick Connealy

Agenda Item 6:

BE IT RESOLVED that the April 10, 2003, Papio-Missouri River NRD Board meeting minutes be approved as printed.

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

Voting Yea - Conley (John), Fowler, Gardner, Jansen, Neary, Nichols, Tesar, Thompson, Conley (Fred)

Voting Nay - None

Abstaining - None

Excused Absence - Connealy

Absent - Rubin

PROOFS OF PUBLICATION OF MEETING NOTICE: Notice of the meeting was published in the Omaha World Herald on May 1, 2003. The District's March 2003 expenditures were published in the Papillion Times on May 1, 2003. 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 Report: Don Doty, District Conservationist at the Douglas/Sarpy County NRCS office, reported on NRCS activities for the past month. A copy of his report is attached to the file copy of these minutes.

B. Nebraska Association of Resources Districts Report: Assistant GM Marlin Petermann noted that the next NARD Board meeting would be held June 16-17, 2003 at the Tri Basin NRD Office in Holdrege. He noted that a tour of the Republican River basin was scheduled for June 16th.

C. Nebraska Natural Resources Commission Report: Vince Kramper, NNRC Missouri River Basin Tribes Representative, reported that the Commission would be meeting on May 22nd in Lincoln. He indicated that FY 2004 funding for the Western Sarpy/Clear Creek Project was on the agenda. He also reported that the Commission had increased funding for land acquisition for the Big Papio Channel Project (Center – Blondo) by \$43,000.

D. Environmental Trust Fund Report: Vince Kramper, Chairperson of the Environmental Trust Fund, reported that a series of public meetings to educate the public regarding the Trust Fund was being planned and that they might ask the P-MRNRD for help to accomplish this. He noted that the next meeting is scheduled for July 30-31, 2003 in South Sioux City. He reported that 99 applications were received this year. Twenty-nine carry over applications and 23 new applications were funded.

SU MITTE REPORTS:

A. Elkhorn River Public Access Study Ad Hoc Consultant Selection Subcommittee: Director Rich Tesar reported that the Ad Hoc Subcommittee had met on May 6, 2003, and gave a brief recap of the meeting

- **MOTION NO. 3:** It was moved by Tesar and seconded by Jansen that the following recommendation be adopted:

Recommendation #1 : Services Contract with Ciaccio Dennell Group – Recommendation that the General Manager be authorized to execute a contract with Ciaccio Dennell Group for professional services to conduct a feasibility study on establishing public access sites to the Elkhorn River for a fee not to exceed \$54,036.45.

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

Voting Yea - Conley (John), Fowler, Gardner, Jansen, Neary, Nichols, Tesar, Thompson,
Conley (Fred)

Voting Nay - None

Abstaining - None

Excused Absence - Connealy

Absent - Rubin

B. Programs, Projects and Operations Subcommittee: Director John Conley reported that the PPO Subcommittee had met on May 6, 2003, and he gave a brief recap of the meeting

- **MOTION NO. 4:** It was moved by Conley (John) and seconded by Nichols that the following recommendation be adopted:

Recommendation #1 : Memorandums of Understanding with NRCS for Watershed Rehabilitation Assistance on Papio PL 566 Structures S-27, S-31 and S-32 – Recommendation that the General Manager be authorized to execute Memoranda of Understanding with the Natural Resources Conservation

Service under the Watershed Rehabilitation Program providing for studies of Dam Site S-27, S-31 and S-32, subject to changes deemed necessary by the General Manager and approval as to form by District Legal Counsel.

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

Voting Yea - Conley (John), Fowler, Gardner, Jansen, Neary, Nichols, Tesar, Thompson,
Conley (Fred)
Voting Nay - None
Abstaining - None
Excused Absence - Connealy
Absent - Rubin

•• **MOTION NO. 5:** It was moved by Conley (Fred) and seconded by Jansen that the following recommendation be adopted:

Recommendation #2: Request from City of Tekamah for Flood Mapping Assistance – Recommendation that staff be directed to prepare a draft policy for a Flood Mitigation and Mapping Assistance Program, to include technical and financial assistance for planning and floodplain mapping, for consideration at the June Subcommittee meetings.

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

Voting Yea - Conley (John), Fowler, Gardner, Jansen, Neary, Nichols, Tesar, Thompson,
Conley (Fred)
Voting Nay - None
Abstaining - None
Excused Absence - Connealy
Absent - Rubin

•• **MOTION NO. 6:** It was moved by Conley (John) and seconded by Nichols that the following recommendation be adopted:

Recommendation #3: Eastside Drainageway Project Interlocal Agreement with Fort Calhoun – Recommendation that the General Manager be authorized to execute an interlocal agreement with the City of Fort Calhoun for the Eastside Drainageway Project, providing for a District cost share in the amount of \$253,296, and providing that the City be responsible for future operation and maintenance of the project.

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

Voting Yea - Conley (John), Fowler, Gardner, Jansen, Neary, Nichols, Tesar, Thompson,
Conley (Fred)
Voting Nay - None

Abstaining - None
Excused Absence - Connealy
Absent - Rubin

- **MOTION NO. 7:** It was moved by Conley (John) and seconded by Gardner that following recommendation be adopted:

Recommendation #4: Bids for Walnut Creek Recreation Area Shelters – Recommendation that the low bid submitted by Pospichal Construction for \$98,600 for the Walnut Creek Recreation Area shelters be accepted, and that the General Manager be authorized to execute a construction contract for the project.

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

Voting Yea - Conley (John), Fowler, Gardner, Jansen, Neary, Nichols, Tesar, Thompson,
Conley (Fred)
Voting Nay - None
Abstaining - None
Excused Absence - Connealy
Absent - Rubin

- **MOTION NO. 8:** It was moved by Conley (John) and seconded by Nichols that following recommendation be adopted:

Recommendation #5: Equipment Purchases/Replacements for FY 2004 – Recommendation that the FY 2004 equipment requirements be approved, as presented to the Subcommittee, subject to FY 2004 funding.

There was discussion regarding the District's vehicle replacement schedule. Assistant GM Petermann noted that currently the District vehicle replacement schedule is as follows: 5 years and/or 80,000 miles for gas vehicles and 6 years and/or 100,000 for diesel vehicles.

Roll call vote was held on the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 8-yea and 1 nay.

Voting Yea - Conley (John), Fowler, Gardner, Jansen, Neary, Nichols, Tesar, Conley (Fred)
Voting Nay - Thompson
Abstaining - None
Excused Absence - Connealy
Absent - Rubin

TREASURER'S REPORT:

- **MOTION NO. 9:** It was moved by Conley (John) and seconded by Rubin that the following recommendation be adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Treasurer is authorized to expend general funds to pay: (1) claims listed in the April, 2003, 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 Dakota County, Thurston County and Washington County rural water supply project and the Elkhorn River Bank Stabilization Project, the Elkhorn River Breakout Project, the Elk/Pigeon Creek Drainage Project and the Western Sarpy Drainage Improvement Project Area operating accounts the project bills listed on the April, 2003, 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 (John), Fowler, Gardner, Jansen, Neary, Nichols, Tesar, Thompson,
Conley (Fred)

Voting Nay - None

Abstaining - None

Excused Absence - Connealy

Absent - Rubin

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT: Chairperson Fred Conley noted that the Sarpy County Economic Development Corporation 2003 Annual Meeting would be held May 28, 2003 at PayPal, Inc. To date, Directors John Conley, Fred Conley, Rich Jansen and Joe Neary will be attending.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT:

Mr. Petermann noted that Directors had received a copy of GM Oltmans' written report. The following video clips were then shown:

- ❖ Channel 6 – Plans to Add Trail Markers
- ❖ Channel 7 – Earth Day Activities
- ❖ Channel 3 – Arbor Day Promo at Chalco Hills

Marlin Petermann noted the heavy rain activity during the past week and stated that he would like to take the opportunity to demonstrate how the District's Emergency Flood Warning System works. Computer generated maps were then shown to illustrate storm activity (real time rainfall amounts and creek/river levels) over the past 24 hour period. It was noted that these data information systems, available over the internet, were developed to assist emergency management agencies and the National Weather Service to provide the general public with advance warning prior to potential flood events, to provide hydrologic and hydraulic data for future use and to provide assistance to District personnel during periods of flooding.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

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

May 16-17,2003	2003 Nebraska Trails Conference – Back to the River, Holiday Inn Central, 72nd and Grover Streets, Omaha, NE
May 22,2003	Nebraska Natural Resources Commission Meeting, Lincoln, NE at the Lower Platte South NRD Office
May 26,2003	Memorial Day – P-MRNRD Offices Closed
May 28,2003	Sarpy County Economic Development Corporation Annual Dinner 2003, PayPal, Inc., 12312 Port Grace Blvd., LaVista
June 2-4,2003	2003 Northern Plains Region Meeting, Lied Lodge & Conference Center, Nebraska City, NE
June 10,2003	June Subcommittee Meetings
June 12,2003	June Board Meeting
June 16-17,2003	Nebraska Association of Resources Districts Board Meeting, Holdrege, NE at the Tri Basin NRD Office (Tour of Republican River Basin on June 16 th)
July 4,2003	4 th of July Holiday - P-MRNRD Offices Closed
July 8,2003	P-MRNRD Subcommittee Meetings
July 10, 2003	P-MRNRD Board Meeting

B. Other Information Items: Vince Kramper invited Directors to a picnic dinner at his farm prior to the September 11, 2003 Board meeting that is scheduled to be held in South Sioux City, NE.

C. Next Meeting: The next regularly scheduled meeting of the P-MRNRD Board of Directors will be held on June 12,2003, at the NRC.

ADJOURNMENT:

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m. by acclamation.

I, the undersigned, Secretary of the Papio-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 May 8, 2003, 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 for 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 W. Jansen
District Secretary