

**Programs, Projects & Operations
Subcommittee Meeting
May 16, 2006
8:00 p.m.
Agenda**

Programs, Projects & Operations:

John Conley, Chairman
Rich Tesar, Vice-Chairman
Fred Conley
Rick Kolowski
Joe Neary

Alternate Members: Dorothy Lanphier
Jim Thompson

Staff Liaison: Gerry Bowen
Martin Cleveland *
Ralph Puls
Dick Sklenar
Paul Woodward

1. Meeting Called to Order – Chairperson John Conley
2. Quorum Call
3. Adoption of Agenda
4. Proof of Publication of Meeting Notice
5. Review and Recommendation on Professional Services Contract with BCDM for Design of West Dodge Road Public Access Site on the Elkhorn River – Tom Bentley, BCDM; and, Dick Sklenar
6. Review and Recommendation on Papio-Missouri River NRD All-Hazards Mitigation Plan – Paul Woodward, Steve McMaster, NDNR; and, Randy Behm, USACE
7. Review and Recommendation on Papillion Creek Watershed Partnership Policies – Paul Woodward
8. Review and Recommendation on Equipment Purchases/Replacements for FY 2007 – Jean Tait
9. Adjourn

MEMORANDUM

TO: Programs, Planning and Operations Subcommittee

FROM: Dick Sklenar

SUBJECT: Professional Services Contract for Elkhorn River Public Access Site

DATE: May 5, 2006

Attached is a copy of the Professional Services Agreement with Beringer Ciaccio Dennell Mabrey, Inc. (BCDM) for development of an Elkhorn River public access point at West Dodge Road (HWY 6). The development of this site will be the second of three that will occur over the next few years. The Board of Directors selected BCDM to investigate sites and develop a master plan for public access locations along the Elkhorn River. In May, 2004, the Board determined to employ BCDM on a site by site basis for final design, contract administration and construction observation.

There are two programs that the Game and Parks Commission administers that could possibly apply grant funds to this location. I am somewhat confident that grant funds would most likely pay for about half the construction costs for this site. The awarding of grant funds for this project will not be known by the District until March 2007. Construction activities are expected to occur several weeks later.

The staff recommends that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board of Directors that the Assistant General Manager be authorized to execute a professional services contract with BCDM, Inc. for the Elkhorn River W. Dodge Road public access site, for a fee not to exceed \$55,000.00, subject to changes deemed necessary by the Assistant General Manager and approval as to form by District's Legal Counsel.

Memorandum

To: PPO Subcommittee
From: Paul Woodward, Water Resources Engineer
Date: May 8, 2006
Re: P-MRNRD All-Hazards Mitigation Plan Draft Report

In May 2005, the District secured a grant with the Nebraska Emergency Management Agency (NEMA), and retained the services of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) and the Nebraska Department of Natural Resources (NDNR) to develop an All-Hazards Mitigation Plan for the entire District. This type of plan is required for local communities and counties to receive future disaster mitigation assistance, and increases the potential of federal funding assistance for mitigation projects identified in the plan, such as the District's Floodway Purchase Program.

The USACE Floodplain Management Branch conducted the flood hazard mitigation portion of the study by analyzing existing flood hazards and in some cases producing an inventory of structures in hazardous areas. The Corps completed the plan by the May 31, 2006 deadline for a total cost \$206,667. Reimbursement from the grant in the amount of \$155,000 will cover 75% of the total cost, but the NRD is responsible for the remaining 25%, or \$51,667.

The NDNR prepared the remaining sections of the plan relating to other natural hazards as well as assisting the District and USACE in holding public meetings throughout the NRD to gather input. NDNR's services did not require additional funding.

At this time, District staff is requesting approval of the enclosed draft All-Hazards Mitigation Plan in order to submit the draft plan along with the grant reimbursement request to NEMA prior to the grant expiring on May 31, 2006. Following NEMA's review of the draft plan, any necessary revisions will be completed along with each local community or counties portion of the plan. This final plan would then be forwarded to these local communities or counties for their adoption.

Management recommends that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board that the May 2006 Draft All-Hazards Mitigation Plan for the Papio-Missouri River Natural Resources District prepared by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and Nebraska Department of Natural Resources be adopted, subject to changes deemed necessary by the Acting General Manager.

Memorandum

To: Programs, Projects and Operations Subcommittee
From: Paul Woodward, Water Resources Engineer
Date: May 8, 2006
Re: Papillion Creek Watershed Partnership Policies

Over a year ago, the Papillion Creek Watershed Partnership initiated a “Watershed by Design” process to develop stormwater management policies as part of a comprehensive Watershed Master Plan in order to meet NPDES Phase II Permit requirements. Following a series of public meetings focused on creating a “Green, Clean, and Safe” watershed, Technical and Policy Workgroups made up of local government representatives, planners, engineers, natural resource agencies, attorneys, developers, and financial bonding companies were established to guide the preparation of such policies.

Over the last 9 months, these Workgroups have prepared and agreed to 6 root policies addressing the following issues: stormwater financing; peak flow reduction; pollution control; landscape preservation, restoration and conservation; erosion and sediment control and other BMPs; and floodplain management. Enclosed is a fact sheet summarizing these proposed policies and a recent article from the Omaha World Herald covering this subject.

Many of these policies also commit the District to certain responsibilities and funding over the next several years. In particular, the development of a Regional Stormwater Detention Fee system under Policy #1 – Stormwater Management Financing, would commit the NRD to construct the remaining 7 reservoirs in Douglas and Sarpy County as well as 10 additional regional detention sites and potentially 12 water quality basins. The location of all these sites within the watershed is shown in the enclosed map. In order to fund the capital costs (including land rights) of these detention sites, the workgroups along with representatives from a Financial Subcommittee developed a framework for a fee to be paid with each building permit application. These fees (private) were designed to account for approximately 1/3 of the total estimated costs. The remaining 2/3 of the costs (public) would need to be funded by the Papio NRD. To begin with, the fee would generate around \$2.5 million per year and would need to be matched with about \$5.0 million in NRD funds, a figure currently less than the FY 06 budget for Papio Reservoirs.

In order to formally approve these proposed policies, the municipalities and counties in the Partnership are working to include the policies and detention sites in their comprehensive or master plans as well as adopting a new ordinance which references the updated Omaha Regional Stormwater Design Manual. In order for the NRD to support the proposed policies, it is proposed that we incorporate them into our Policy Manual under District Policy 17.16, Urban Stormwater Management. These revisions to Policy 17.16 are enclosed for your consideration.

In summary, the Stormwater Management Policies proposed as a result of the Watershed by Design process depend on the NRD’s support for proper implementation. As such, it is recommended at this time that the NRD Board adopt these policies as part of the District Urban Stormwater Management program.

Management recommends that the subcommittee recommend to the Board that the Papillion Creek Watershed Partnership Stormwater Management Policies be incorporated into the District Policy Manual under District Policy 17.16, Urban Stormwater Management.

MEMORANDUM

TO: Programs, Projects and Operations Subcommittee

SUBJECT: Equipment Replacement/Purchase Request for FY 2007

DATE: May 9, 2006

FROM: Jean Friends Tait, Purchasing Agent

Attached is a chart of equipment items identified for purchase/replacement in FY 2007. Again this year, the process to identify and prioritize equipment items most needed by the District was determined by a staff Equipment Committee comprised of Jerry Herbster, Martin Cleveland, Bill Warren, Trent Heiser and me. Each section within the NRD identified their equipment requirements and the equipment committee reviewed each item and made recommendations to the Assistant General Manager for purchase. The Assistant GM then reviewed the Committee's recommendations and made further changes/cuts to the chart. The chart reflects the final recommendations.

The FY 2006 equipment budget was \$343,185. The FY 2007 equipment budget request is \$503,469. State statute allows for a maximum 2.5% increase in restricted funds (to include general operational costs, i.e. salaries, equipment, insurance, etc., does not include project expenditures, i.e. construction, land rights, etc.). The Board can approve an additional 1% increase for a total of 3.5% increase in restricted funds, if required.

Management recommends approval of the FY 2007 Equipment Requirements subject to FY 2007 Budget.