

**Programs, Projects & Operations  
Subcommittee Meeting  
May 12, 2009  
6:50 p.m.  
(Or immediately following the FEL Subcommittee)  
Agenda**

**Programs, Projects & Operations:**

John Conley, Chairman  
Rich Tesar, Vice-Chairman  
David Klug  
Rick Kolowski  
John Schwope

**Alternate Members:** Fred Conley  
Tim Fowler

**Staff Liaison:** Gerry Bowen  
Martin Cleveland  
Amanda Grint  
Ralph Puls  
Dick Sklenar \*

1. Meeting Called to Order – Chairperson John Conley
2. Notification of Open Meetings Act Posting and Announcement of Meeting Procedure – Chairperson John Conley
3. Quorum Call
4. Adoption of Agenda
5. Proof of Publication of Meeting Notice
6. Review and Recommendation on Summit Lake Lease Agreement – Marlin Petermann, Jim Swenson, East Regional Manager, Nebraska Game and Parks Commission
7. Review and Recommendation on First Addendum to the Interlocal Cooperation Act Agreement with City of Bellevue for Bellevue Riverfront Development – Marlin Petermann and Phil Davidson and Gary Troutman, City of Bellevue
8. Review and Recommendation on Lake Dredging Program
  - a. New District Policy – 17.42 – Lake Dredging Program – Gerry Bowen
  - b. Request from City of Papillion – Dredging of Walnut Creek Water Quality Basin – Gerry Bowen and Marty Leming, City of Papillion

9. Review and Recommendation on Urban Cost Share Programs – Gerry Bowen
  - a. Recreation Area Development
  - b. Trails Assistance Program
10. Review and Recommendation on MoPac Trail (Highway 50 to Chalco Hills) – Nebraska Department of Roads Agreement – Gerry Bowen
11. Review and Recommendation on Equipment Purchases/Replacements for FY 2010 – Jean Tait
12. Adjourn

**MEMORANDUM**

**To:** Programs, Projects and Operations Subcommittee

**Re:** Summit Lake Lease Agreement between the Papio-Missouri River NRD and the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission.

**Date:** 30 April, 2009

**From:** Jim Becic

The current 25 year lease agreement between the Papio-Missouri River NRD (District) and the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission (Commission), designating the Commission the authority to operate Summit Lake State Recreation Area in Burt County, Nebraska is about to expire.

While significant site improvements have been made by the Commission over the years – lake renovation, improved boat ramp/dock, better site access, etc., and others are being considered – state funding support for operation and management over the last ten years have experienced significant declines. Costs to continue minimum operation and maintenance of Summit Lake has been reduced from approximately \$60,000/year (from a high of over \$100,000) to approximately \$30,000.

The attached draft agreement is for an additional 25 year term and provides for the District to contribute an annual amount of \$30,000 to the Commission for the first four years of the agreement to assist in the operation and management of the area. Following that time, financial contributions by the District will be determined from year to year.

**Therefore, it is managements recommendation that the Programs, Projects and Operations Subcommittee recommend to the Board, that the General Manager be authorized to execute the proposed 25-year lease between the Papio-Missouri River Natural Resources District and the State of Nebraska Game And Parks Commission for Summit Lake State Recreation Area, subject to changes deemed necessary by the General manager and approved as to form by District Legal Counsel.**

**MEMORANDUM**

**To:** Programs, Projects and Operations Subcommittee

**Re:** Amendment to Interlocal Cooperation Act Agreement – Bellevue Riverfront Development

**Date:** 30 April, 2009

**From:** Jim Becic

In fiscal year 2006, the City of Bellevue (City) and the Papio-Missouri River Natural Resources District (District) signed an Interlocal Cooperation Act Agreement for Riverfront Development. This Agreement provided that the District grant \$1.25 million in 50/50 cost-share funding to the City for assistance in their comprehensive planning, development and restoration efforts along the Missouri Riverfront area.

This assistance, over a several year period, has resulted in significant changes and improvements to the Bellevue Riverfront which will allow the public to enjoy these enhancements for generations to come.

Prior to this Agreement being formalized with the District, the City had already accomplished the removal of the Kramer Power Plant (totaling 101 acres, of which 40 acres abut Fontenelle Nature Association property) and developed a Land Use Plan for this site.

The attached Amendment to the Interlocal Cooperation Act Agreement has been drafted to allow the District to continue this partnership with the City for another year by providing an additional one half million dollars (\$500,000.00) in 50/50 cost-share funds over the next fiscal (FY- 2010) year. Specifically, the additional funds requested for Kramer Lake (See attached 1 April, 2009 memo) will be utilized for earthwork, trail development, lake sealing, ADA accessible fishing pier/dock and other improvements identified in the original Agreement for the Bellevue Riverfront.

**Therefore, it is managements recommendation that the Programs, Projects and Operations Subcommittee recommend to the Board, that the General Manager be authorized to execute the proposed First Addendum to the Interlocal Cooperation Act Agreement between the City of Bellevue, Nebraska and Papio-Missouri River Natural Resources District for Bellevue Riverfront Development providing for contribution by the District of an additional \$500,000 in cost share funds towards such project, thereby increasing the District’s total contribution to \$1,750,000.**

## Memorandum

To: Programs, Projects and Operations Subcommittee

Subject: 17.42 Lake Dredging Program (new program)

Date: May 4, 2009

From: Gerry Bowen

From time to time, staff receives requests from various communities and/or citizen groups about the NRD cost-sharing to dredge out a lake, pond, or water quality basin. The District did not have a formal program to address such requests. Therefore, the Lake Dredging Program is proposed for consideration by the Subcommittee. The draft guidelines are attached for your review.

To be eligible, a project must meet the following criteria.

- a. The project must be sponsored by a unit of government.
- b. The Sponsor must provide the matching funds. Their “in-house” cost for labor, equipment, and material do not count as matching funds.
- c. The cost share rate is 50% of the local share (after applying any state or federal financial assistance) of eligible costs up to a maximum of \$100,000 per project.
- d. Any particular water body is eligible for dredging every ten (10) years.
- e. Water quality benefits of the project must be demonstrated.
- f. The water body must have lost 75% of its original capacity to sedimentation.

- **Management recommends that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board that District Program 17.42 Lake Dredging Program be adopted.**

## Memorandum

To: Programs, Projects and Operations Subcommittee

Subject: City of Papillion Request for Walnut Creek Water Quality Basin  
(17.42 Lake Dredging Program)

Date: April 29, 2009

From: Gerry Bowen

The District has received a request from the City of Papillion for financial assistance in the dredging of a water quality basin at Walnut Creek Recreation Area. The basin is located immediately north of the caretaker's residence, west of the main lake (see attached map). The water quality benefits of the basin have been significantly reduced by the sedimentation. The basin was constructed in 1996.

An investigative report prepared by Mr. Art Beccard, Thompson, Dreesen & Dorner, indicates that the average depth of the basin has decreased from 4-6 feet to less than 2 feet. The City proposes to excavate (dredge) approximately 13,000 cubic yards of accumulated sediment. They propose to store the material in perforated, plastic tubes that allow water to drain away, and eventually dry out the sediment. The estimated cost of this alternative is \$312,035. The City has not specified a cost share amount in their request.

According to the Lake Dredging Program, the District could pay 50% of the estimated cost up to a maximum of \$100,000. There is a possibility of funding from the Department of Environmental Quality which could reduce the local share of the costs, thus reducing the District's share proportionately.

- **Management recommends that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board that the City of Papillion's request for assistance to dredge a water quality basin at Walnut Creek Lake and Recreation Area be approved under the District's Lake Dredging Program up to a maximum District cost share amount of \$100,000.**

# Memorandum

To: Programs, Projects, and Operations Subcommittee

Subject: FY 2010 Urban Cost Share Programs

Date: April 21, 2009

From: Gerry Bowen

Unfortunately, applications from the City of Blair were not received in the District office. The proposed projects were mailed before the deadline and would have been considered last month with the remainder of the applications. The projects involved the Recreation Area Development and Trails Assistance Programs.

## Recreation Area Development

The City of Blair's Depot in the Park Project was approved by the Board last year, but was not funded in FY 09. The approval was for **\$50,000**. This project will be funded in FY 2010.

Management has approved a second application from the City of Blair to develop a master plan for expansion of Optimist's Park on the Missouri River, located south of California Bend. The estimated cost of the plan is \$25,000. The City is requesting 50% of that amount, or **\$12,500**.

Management has approved an application from the City of Dakota City to install additional camping facilities at Cottonwood Cove Park. The total cost of the improvements is \$28,860. The project will receive federal funding assistance and the City has requested 50% of the local share, or **\$7,215**.

The following revised table summarizes the RAD project requests for FY 2010. The FY 2009 budget for this program was \$350,918.

Sponsor	Total Estimated Cost	Cost Share Requested
City of LaVista	\$14,000	\$7,000
City of Bellevue	\$40,000	\$20,000
City of South Sioux City	\$125,000	\$50,000
City of Blair (FY 2009 approval)	\$683,100	\$50,000
City of Blair	\$25,000	\$12,500
City of Dakota City	\$28,860	\$7,215
Total	<b>\$915,960</b>	<b>\$146,715</b>

- **Management recommends that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board that the application from the City of Blair for \$50,000 be approved that the applications from Blair for \$12,500 and Dakota City for \$7,215 be approved, and that the total amount of project applications for FY 2010 be revised to a total of \$146,715, all subject to funding in the FY 2010 budget.**

## Trails Assistance Program

The Trails Assistance Program cost shares with sponsors on trail projects approved for funding under the Transportation Enhancement Program, either through the Nebraska Department of Roads or the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission. The cost share rate is 50% of the local share. All projects require Board approval.

The City of Blair is requesting funding of the Depot Trail Project that will connect the Historic Depot (see above) to the City's trail system. The total cost of the project is \$62,370. The City is requesting half of the local share of the project, or **\$8,358**.

The FY 2009 budget for this program was \$666,900.

- **Management recommends that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board that the application from the City of Blair for \$8,358, be approved, subject to funding in the FY 2010 Budget.**



## Memorandum

To: Papio-Missouri River NRD Board of Directors

Subject: MoPac Trail (Highway 50 to Chalco Hills) – NDOR Agreement

Date: May 6, 2009

From: Gerry Bowen

As you may be aware, the District has been working on the plans for the Mopac Trail (Highway 50 to Chalco Hills). The trail will travel west from Highway 50 along Schram Road to 168<sup>th</sup> Street, then north to Chalco Hills Recreation Area (see attached map). Last September, the District applied for Transportation Enhancement funding for the project. Recently, the District was notified by the Nebraska Department of Roads (NDOR) that the Mopac Trail (Highway 50 to Chalco Hills) was approved for funding (\$500,000). NDOR and the District need to execute a funding agreement to formalize the cost-share arrangement. The agreement calls for the attached resolution to be adopted.

In the course of design, we have encountered a problem with the trail's crossing at Highway 50. The existing trail that runs south through Springfield is on the east side of Highway 50 and this connecting trail will be approaching the highway from the west.

Since Highway 50 is now designated as an expressway (divided highway, 65 mph speed limit), NDOR has determined that an at-grade crossing of the highway at Schram Road will not be allowed for safety reasons. They have indicated that a "tunnel", or "bridge spanning the highway" are the only acceptable crossing alternatives at this time. The District's consultant, Lamp Rynearson & Associates, has estimated the cost of these alternatives to be between \$400,000 and \$580,000, which would be on top of the current cost estimate of \$1.1 million.

Further complications are that the Schram Road/Highway 50 intersection will be signalized in the next five years or so, making a tunnel/bridge less needed.

To address this, it has been decided the trail will now stop short of Highway 50, with the crossing at the intersection addressed as a future segment. Trail users would be encouraged to turn around and head back to Chalco Hills, but they could cross the highway on their own to continue south on the trail. A similar alternative exists for trail users traveling north from Springfield.

Management has also learned that bidding and construction on all trail projects receiving federal funds will be handled by NDOR. This new requirement was called for by the Nebraska Division of the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). In addition, the FHWA will now oversee all phases of the project and require sponsors to follow federal guidelines for plan preparation, right-of-way acquisition, and contract administration. With these new requirements, it is estimated that actual trail construction would commence in 2011.

- Management recommends that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board that the following proposed resolutions be approved and that the General Manager be authorized to execute the proposed agreement with the Nebraska Department of Roads for the funding of the MoPac Trail (Highway 50 to Chalco Hills segment).

## RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Papio-Missouri River Natural Resources District wishes to enter into an agreement with the State of Nebraska Department of Roads to construct a granular and concrete pedestrian and bicycle trail from Chalco Hills Recreation Area to Nebraska Highway 50, with funds made available through STP Enhancement Program funds, and

WHEREAS, the Federal share payable shall be a maximum of forty-seven(47) percent of the eligible costs thereof, up to a maximum payment of federal funds of \$500,000.00, and

WHEREAS, the Papio Missouri River Natural Resources District shall be responsible for approximately \$562, 913.00, which is estimated by the NRD to be the NRD's fifty-three (53) percent matching share of eligible project costs, and

WHEREAS, the Papio-Missouri River Natural Resources District has agreed to place in its fiscal budget said amount,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE PAPIO-MISSOURI RIVER NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT, Omaha, Nebraska, that the NRD enter into an agreement with the State of Nebraska Department of Roads for the construction of a granular and concrete pedestrian and bicycle trail from Chalco Hills Recreation Area to Nebraska Highway 50; that this project be constructed under the designation of Project Number ENH-28(98), Control Number 22413, and that the terms and conditions as contained in the Agreement with the Nebraska Department of Roads are hereby approved and that the NRD's General Manager is hereby authorized to execute said Agreement.

PASSED AND APPROVED this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2009.

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General Manager

ATTEST:

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Natural Resources Planner

## MEMORANDUM

TO: Programs, Projects and Operations Subcommittee

SUBJECT: Equipment Replacement/Purchase Request for FY 2010

DATE: May 4, 2009

FROM: Jean Friends Tait, Purchasing Agent

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Attached is a chart of equipment items identified for purchase/replacement in FY 2010. 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 General Manager for purchase. The GM then reviewed the Committee's recommendations and made further changes to the chart.

The vehicle replacements have increased considerably due to Board delays in the replacement schedule. So of the 9 vehicles currently due replacement, we respectfully request replacing 5. There are also an additional 4 vehicles identified for replacement in FY 2011 (reference vehicle chart that follows the equipment worksheet).

The FY 2009 equipment budget was \$211,395. The FY 2010 equipment budget request is \$187,845.

**Management recommends that the FY 2010 Equipment Requirements, as presented, be approved subject to funding in the FY 2010 Budget.**