

**Programs, Projects, and Operations Subcommittees
Meeting Minutes
May 11, 2010**

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 154th Street, Omaha, Nebraska, on May 11, 2010. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson John Conley at 6:40 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	John Schwope*	Scott Japp	John Winkler, NRD
David Klug		Jim Thompson	Marlin J. Petermann, NRD
Rick Kolowski		Dorothy Lanphier	Dick Sklenar, NRD
Rich Tesar		Tim Fowler	Paul Peters, NRD Legal
Fred Conley**			Gerry Bowen, NRD
			Lori Laster, NRD
			Martin Cleveland, NRD
			Brian Henkel, NRD
			Trent Heiser, NRD
			Emmett Egr, NRD
			Pat Slaven, Omaha
			Melinda Pearson, Omaha
			Ken Finch, Green Hearts
			Gary Garabrant, FNA

* = Excused Absence

** = Alternate Voting Member

Adoption of Agenda

- **It was moved by Director Klug and seconded by Director Fred Conley, that the agenda be adopted.**

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

Voting yes: John Conley, Klug, Tesar, Fred Conley, Kolowski

Voting no: None

Abstain: None

Excused Absence: Schwope

Absent: Schwope

Proof of Publication: Public notice of the meeting was posted at all District offices and in the Omaha World-Herald on May 6, 2010. The Chairperson ordered the Proof of Publication recorded in the minutes of this meeting.

Report on Green Hearts: Jim Becic and Ken Finch reported on the history and current status of the proposed Green Hearts Institute for Nature in Childhood Project to be located at the Rumsey Station Wetland Area, owned by the District.

Fontenelle Nature Association Request for Assistance: Gerry Bowen and Gary Garabrandt, Fontenelle Nature Association, reported on erosion and sedimentation problems at Fontenelle Nature Association and proposal to purchase land in the Mill Hollow drainage basin to construct a water quality basin to solve some of the area erosion and sedimentation problems. The proposal is for the District to provide \$50,000 of the estimated \$150,000 required to purchase land for the project. Fontenelle Nature Association would seek donations for the remainder of the purchase price. Garabrandt noted that the Corps of Engineers is working on a Section 22 report for the erosion issue. Jarel Vinduska spoke in favor of the proposed project.

- **It was moved by Director Klug and seconded by Director Kolowski that staff recommends that the District approve the request from the Fontenelle Nature Association for \$50,000 for the purchase of land in the Mill Hollow Drainage Basin.**

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

Voting yes: John Conley, Klug, Tesar, Fred Conley, Kolowski
Voting no: None
Abstain: None
Excused Absence: Schwope
Absent: Schwope

City of Omaha Request for Financial Assistance for Adams Park Master Plan: Gerry Bowen and Melinda Pearson and Pat Slaven, City of Omaha Parks Department, briefed the Subcommittee on the City's request for \$40,000 in funding to assist in the preparation of the Adams Park Master Plan. The City would provide approximately \$10,000 and staff time to manage and coordinate the planning effort. Adams Park is located near 35th and Bedford.

- **It was moved by Director Kolowski and seconded by Director Fred Conley that the Subcommittee recommends to the Board that the District partner with the City of Omaha and provide \$40,000 towards the Adams Park Master Plan Project, subject to funding in the FY 2011 Budget.**

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

Voting yes: John Conley, Klug, Tesar, Fred Conley, Kolowski
Voting no: None
Abstain: None
Excused Absence: Schwope
Absent: Schwope

Lake Dredging Program – Westin Hills SID Request: Gerry Bowen briefed the Subcommittee on Westin Hills SID's (SID #415) request for 50% of the excavation costs (estimated District cost share of \$85,850) associated with removing about 19.8 acre-feet of sediment from the pool of Papio Creek Watershed Structure D-18, under the District's Lake Dredging Program. The total estimated project cost is \$270,138, of which \$171,700 is excavation costs.

- **It was moved by Director Fred Conley and seconded by Director Tesar that the Subcommittee recommends to the Board that the application from SID #415 (Westin Hills) be approved under the Lake Dredging Program in the amount of \$85,850, subject to funds being included in the FY 2011 Budget.**

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

Voting yes: John Conley, Klug, Tesar, Fred Conley, Kolowski
 Voting no: None
 Abstain: None
 Excused Absence: Schwope
 Absent: Schwope

Bids on Tillage Services in the Platte River Channel: John Winkler briefed the Subcommittee on the bids received for tillage (double disking) of 330 acres of islands in the Platte River between Fremont and the junction of the Missouri and Platte River. These islands were previously sprayed with herbicide (Phase I) and mulched (Phase II) and the tillage will be Phase III of three phase program to control invasive vegetation on the Platte River Islands. He noted that only one bid was received from Dirt Works Inc., but it was competitive with similar work being done elsewhere in Nebraska.

- **It was moved by Director Tesar and seconded by Director Kolowski that the Subcommittee recommends to the Board of Directors that Dirt Works Inc. be awarded the contract to provide primary tillage services in the Platte River Channel for the bid amount of \$235.00 per acre subject to changes deemed necessary by the General Manager and approved as to form by District Legal Counsel.**

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

Voting yes: John Conley, Klug, Tesar, Fred Conley, Kolowski
 Voting no: None
 Abstain: None
 Excused Absence: Schwope
 Absent: Schwope

Computer Services Agreement with the Upper Republican NRD: Trent Heiser reported on the request from Upper Republican NRD about the possibility of the District providing Information Technology (IT) services to their NRD. The proposed agreement between the Upper Republican NRD and Papio-MRNRD would be for a one year period and payment for services provided will be at \$50 per hour. All equipment and software costs would be paid directly by Upper Republican NRD. Trent noted that assistance would take about 2 days per month and much of the work can be done on-line.

- **It was moved by Director Fred Conley and seconded by Director Klug that the Subcommittee recommends to the Board that the General Manager be authorized to execute the proposed Computer Services Agreement with Upper Republican NRD subject to changes deemed necessary by the General Manager and approved as to form by District Legal Counsel.**

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

Voting yes: John Conley, Klug, Tesar, Fred Conley, Kolowski
Voting no: None
Abstain: None
Excused Absence: Schwope
Absent: Schwope

Farm Process Pilot Groundwater Flow Model: Brian Henkel reported on the status of his contacts with Lower Platte South and Lower Platte North NRD's about cost sharing on the proposed Farm Process Pilot Groundwater Flow Model Project. He noted that both NRDs agreed to budget \$10,000 in FY2011 towards the cost of developing the pilot model. He noted that the overall project cost is estimated at \$118,000, of which the P-MRNRD would fund about \$63,000.

- **It was moved by Director Klug and seconded by Director Tesar that the Subcommittee recommends to the Board of Directors that the General Manager be authorized to execute an Interlocal Agreement with Lower Platte South and Lower Platte North NRDs and a Joint Funding Agreement with the USGS for the development of a pilot model for a maximum fee of \$63,000, subject to changes deemed necessary by the General Manager and approved as to form by District Legal Counsel.**

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

Voting yes: John Conley, Klug, Tesar, Fred Conley, Kolowski
Voting no: None
Abstain: None
Excused Absence: Schwope
Absent: Schwope

Washington County Service Center: Ralph Puls reported on the status of the District's lease proposal for NRCS to occupy part of the proposed Washington County Service Center and noted that the proposal was accepted by the NRCS. He discussed the NRCS lease requirements, building construction and overall project timing. He noted that the lease will not be reviewed/approved by the Board until bids have been received for the building and the Board can determine if they still want to proceed with the lease.

- **It was moved by Director Fred Conley and seconded by Director Kolowski that the Subcommittee recommends to the Board of Directors that Alley-Poyner Macchietto be requested to proceed with the bidding phase of Washington County Service Center in Blair.**

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

Voting yes: John Conley, Klug, Tesar, Fred Conley, Kolowski
Voting no: None
Abstain: None
Excused Absence: Schwope
Absent: Schwope

Adjournment: Being no further business, the Subcommittee adjourned at 8:25 p.m. by acclamation.