

**Programs, Projects, and Operations Subcommittees  
Meeting Minutes  
November 8, 2005**

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 November 8, 2005. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson John Conley at 8:02 p.m.

**QUORUM CALL:** Quorum call was taken. The following subcommittee members were in attendance.

<b>Subcommittee Members Present</b>	<b>Subcommittee Members Absent</b>	<b>Other Directors Present</b>	<b>Others in Attendance</b>
John Conley		Rich Jansen	P-MRNRD Staff:
Joe Neary		Dorothy Lanphier	Steve Oltmans
Fred Conley		Richard Connealy	Marlin Petermann
Rick Kolowski			Dick Sklenar
Rich Tesar			Gerry Bowen
			Ralph Puls
			Trent Heiser
			Paul Woodward
			Terry Schumacher
			Jean Tait
			Paul Peters, Legal Counsel
			Virginia McGuire, USGS
			Rick Wilson, USGS
			Rick Bay; NDEQ
			Jack Phillips
			Jerry Toll
			Tom Brown, Arlington
			Jennifer Andersen
			Paul Johns
			Laurie Carrette-Zook
			Patrick Sullivan
			Aaron Graham
			John Engel

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

- ◆ **It was moved by Director Neary, and seconded by Director Kolowski that the agenda be adopted.**

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

Voting Yea: Kolowski, Neary, Fred Conley, Tesar, John Conley  
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 November 3, 2005.

**FINAL REPORT ON BIOLOGICAL SURVEYS AND SITE MASTER PLAN FOR RUMEY STATION:** Jim Becic indicated that the firm of Consulting Arborist Group was hired by the District to do a year long environmental inventory of the site and make recommendations to enhance the area. Jack Phillips, of Consulting Arborist Group, stated that there was nothing in terms of invasive vegetation that could not be controlled easily. He also reviewed other recommendations for the site.

❖ **It was moved by Director Fred Conley, and seconded by Director Neary, that the Subcommittee recommends to the Board that the report submitted by the Consulting Arborist Group be accepted.**

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

Voting yea: Neary, Fred Conley, Tesar, John Conley, Kolowski  
Voting Nay: None  
Abstaining: None  
Absent: None

**UPDATE ON USGS WATER QUALITY SAMPLINGS:** Staff member Gerry Bowen told the Subcommittee that the District had been sampling irrigation wells since 1992 and well nests since 1999 throughout the District. Data on water quality has been gathered and shared with the United States Geological Service (USGS). The cost for retrieving the information is also being shared. Virginia McGuire, of the USGS, went over data gathered most recently. She stated that although the nitrate concentration range is great, the median is small for groundwater in the District. There was further discussion.

**VILLAGE OF ARLINGTON REQUEST FOR WATER QUALITY GRANT OF \$350,000:** Tom Brown, Chairman of the Arlington Village Board of Trustees, stated that the Village is inclined to go with the most economical approach to the community's sewage disposal, that being the upgrading and modernization of the sewage treatment plant. Steve Oltmans stated that from a water quality standpoint, and regionalization issue, the best long term approach is to pump the sewage from Arlington to the City of Fremont wastewater treatment plant. This approach would cost at least another ½ million dollars. Figures on the alternatives were discussed. Director Connealy noted that the sewage treatment plant for Arlington was near Bell Creek, which is subject to flooding from time to time.

- ❖ **It was moved by Director Fred Conley and seconded by Director Kolowski that the Subcommittee recommends to the Board that a grant in the amount of \$350,000, from FY 07 funds, be offered to the Village of Arlington for construction of a regional sewage line to the City of Fremont; and, that the General Manager be and is authorized to execute an Interlocal Cooperation Act agreement, approved as to form by District Legal Counsel, providing for said grant.**

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

Voting Yea: Kolowski, Fred Conley, Tesar, Neary, John Conley  
Voting Nay: None  
Abstaining: None  
Absent: None

**REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATION ON SILVER CREEK WATERSHED DAM SITES 23, 24, AND 25 CONSTRUCTION BIDS:** NRD staff member Terry Schumacher reviewed the bids received for the construction of the 3 sites. Taylor Excavating was the low bidder at \$283,879.26. The engineer's estimate for the work was \$292,299.34. Funds from the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) will be used to pay a portion of the cost of the structures.

- ❖ **It was moved by Director Fred Conley and seconded by Director Neary that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board that the General Manager be authorized to execute a contract with Taylor Excavating of Nebraska, Inc., in the amount of \$283,879.26 for the construction of Silver Creek Watershed Dam Sites 23, 24 and 25.**

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

Voting Yea: Neary, Fred Conley, Kolowski, John Conley, Tesar  
Voting Nay: None  
Abstaining: None  
Absent: None

**FISCAL YEAR 2006 LONG RANGE IMPLEMENTATION PLAN:** Gerry Bowen went over briefly the Long Range Implementation Plan for the District. State statutes require that this be done annually. There was further discussion.

- ❖ **It was moved by Director Fred Conley and seconded by Director Tesar that the Subcommittee recommends to the Board that the Fiscal Year 2006 Long Range Implementation Plan, in the form as presented to the November 8, 2005, Programs, Projects and Operations Subcommittee meeting, be adopted.**

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

Voting Yea: Neary, Fred Conley, Kolowski, Tesar, John Conley  
Voting Nay: None  
Abstaining: None  
Absent: None

**FLOOD MITIGATION PLANNING AND MAPPING ASSISTANCE AGREEMENT WITH THE VILLAGE OF HOMER:** NRD staff member Paul Woodward reported that the City of Homer submitted a funding request to the District for floodplain mapping revision of their community.

- ❖ **It was moved by Director Fred Conley and seconded by Director Tesar that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board that the General Manager be authorized to execute the proposed Agreement with the Village of Homer for Flood Mitigation Planning and Mapping Assistance, calling for the District to pay 50% of the local share of the cost of such work, but such payment not to exceed \$8,500.**

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

Voting Yea: Tesar, John Conley, Kolowski, Neary, Fred Conley  
Voting Nay: None  
Abstaining: None  
Absent: None

**ELKHORN RIVER PROJECT – CHANGES TO ALLBERY TRACT EASEMENT:** Gerry Bowen explained to the Subcommittee that the new owner of the property, where the emergency streambank stabilization project is along the Elkhorn River, requested a more defined description of the District’s easement. This project was constructed in the early 1990’s. There was further discussion on the subject.

- ❖ **It was moved by Director Fred Conley, and seconded by Director Tesar, that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board that the General Manager be authorized to execute the proposed Amendment to the Elkhorn River Bank Stabilization Demonstration Project Agreement and Easement Agreement – Allbery Farms, Inc., in the form as presented to the November 8, 2005, Programs, Projects and Operations Subcommittee meeting.**

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

Voting Yea: Tesar, Fred Conley, Kolowski, Neary, John Conley  
Voting Nay: None  
Abstaining: None  
Absent: None

**ADJOURNMENT:** Being no further business, the meeting adjourned by acclamation at 9:42 p.m.