

**Programs, Projects, and Operations Subcommittees
Meeting Minutes
November 6, 2007**

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 November 6, 2007. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Rick Kolowski at 7:11 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
Dorothy Lanphier **	John Conley *	Richard Connealy	John Winkler, NRD Staff
Jim Thompson **	Rich Tesar *	John Swope	Marlin Petermann
Fred Conley		Tim Fowler	Gerry Bowen
David Klug		Richard Patterson	Jim Becic
Rick Kolowski			Paul Woodward
			Dick Sklenar
			Martin Cleveland
			Trent Heiser
			Paul Peters
			Amada Grint
			Bill Warren
			Ryan Trapp
			Shawn Melotz, Public
			John Cambridge, HDR Eng.

- * Excused Absence
- ** Alternate Voting Member

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

◆ **It was moved by Director Fred Conley and seconded by Director Thompson that agenda be adopted.**

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

Voting Yea: Thompson, F. Conley, Lanphier, Klug, Kolowski
 Voting Nay: None
 Abstaining: None
 Excused Absence: Tesar, J. Conley
 Absent: Tesar, J. Conley

PROOF OF PUBLICATION: Public notice of the meeting was posted at all District offices and published in the Omaha World-Herald on November 1, 2007. The proof of publication affidavit is included with the file copy of these minutes.

LOWER PLATTE RIVER COALITION INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT:

Gerry Bowen noted that the District had been asked to join the Lower Platte River Coalition to challenge the conclusions and data used by the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission in preparing a Biological Opinion on the lower Platte River. The Biological Opinion recommended to the Nebraska Department of Natural Resources that the Lower Platte River be declared fully appropriated to protect endangered species. The NDNR's draft determination had not made such a declaration. If the NDNR changes its declaration, an instream flow right for endangered species would be created that avoided the process in state law for obtaining such a right.

He further discussed a draft interlocal agreement to create the Coalition. The District's financial obligation under the agreement would be \$4,000.

The following individual addressed the Subcommittee:

→ Shawn Melotz, 10404 N. 132nd St., Omaha, NE

Director Lanphier raised several questions that were answered by the Staff. She indicated that she was opposed to the District challenging the opinion of the NE Game & Parks Commission.

- ❖ **It was moved by Director Thompson and seconded by Director Fred Conley that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board that the General Manager be authorized to execute the proposed Lower Platte River Coalition Interlocal Agreement, subject to minor changes deemed necessary by the General Manger and accepted as to form by District Legal Counsel.**

Roll call was taken on the motion. The motion passed on a vote of 4 to 1.

Voting Yea: Thompson, Kolowski, F. Conley, Klug

Voting Nay: Lanphier

Abstaining: None

Excused Absence: Tesar, J. Conley

Absent: Tesar, J. Conley

PAPILLION CREEK WATERSHED STRUCTURE S-31 REHABILITATION PROJECT

BIDS: A presentation was made by Martin Cleveland regarding the rehabilitation of Papio Creek Watershed Structure Site S-31 in Sarpy County. John Cambridge, HDR Engineering, explained that only one bid was received for the project. The bid was from Thompson Construction Inc for \$445,583.00 and was about 13% higher than the anticipated estimate for the work. Mr. Cambridge stated that other plan holders were contacted, but declined to bid due to time constraints on other work. Martin Cleveland stated that about 35% of the rehabilitation cost

would be borne by the District, with the remaining portion provided by the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS). It was also noted that the NRCS still needed to approve awarding this contract.

- ❖ **It was moved by Director Fred Conley and seconded by Director Thompson that the Subcommittee recommends to the Board that the General Manager be authorized to execute a contract with Thompson Construction, Inc., for a total base bid of \$445,583.00 for construction of the Papio Creek Watershed Structure S-31 Rehabilitation Project.**

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

Voting Yea: Thompson, F. Conley, Klug, Lanphier, Kolowski

Voting Nay: None

Abstaining: None

Excused Absence: Tesar, J. Conley

Absent: Tesar, J. Conley

PURCHASE OF 2008 DISTRICT VEHICLES, AGRICULTURAL TRACTOR, AND SIDE-DUMP TRAILER: Jean Tait reviewed the bid process and the bids received for 2008 vehicles and equipment. There was discussion by Subcommittee members on the type of purchase to be made for the sport utility vehicle (gasoline vs. hybrid engine).

- ❖ **It was moved by Director Thompson and seconded by Director Lanphier that the Subcommittee recommends to the Board of Directors that the lowest and best bids for items A, C, D, and item B consisting of a hybrid engine SUV be accepted, as follows:**

- A. **Two – 2008, Compact/Mid-Size Extended Cab, 4WD, Pickup Trucks (Bid Item A):** Recommendation that the lowest and best bid of \$34,318 from Anderson Ford be accepted with trade-in of the District's 2000 Chevrolet S-10, 4WD, Pickup Truck.
- B. **One – 2008, Mid-Size, 4WD, Sport Utility Vehicle (Bid Item B):** Recommendation that the lowest and best bid of \$20,263 from Anderson Ford be accepted for a hybrid engine sport utility vehicle with trade-in of the District's 2003, Ford Explorer, 4WD, Sport Utility Vehicle.
- C. **One – 2008, John Deere, 5425, Agricultural Tractor (Bid Item C):** Recommendation that the lowest and best bid of \$35,998 from A&M Green Power be accepted.
- D. **One – 2008 Side-Dump Trailer (Bid Item D):** Recommendation that the lowest and best bid of \$35,298.88 from Smith Co. Side Dump Trailers be accepted

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

Voting Yea: Kolowski, Thompson, Klug, Lanphier, F. Conley
Voting Nay: None
Abstaining: None
Excused Absence: Tesar, J. Conley
Absent: Tesar, J. Conley

ADJOURNMENT: Being no further business, the meeting adjourned by acclamation at 8:00 p.m.

/pt/com/ppo/2007/November/nov07_ppo_minutes