



**PAPIO-MISSOURI RIVER
NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES
November 13, 2008**

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

NOTIFICATION OF OPEN MEETINGS ACT POSTING AND MEETING PROCEDURE

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: A regular meeting of the Papio-Missouri River Natural Resources District Board of Directors was held at the Natural Resources Center, 8901 S. 154th St., Omaha, NE on November 13, 2008. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Jim Thompson at 8:00 p.m.

QUORUM CALL: The following Directors were present for the Quorum Call:

Fred Conley	Dorothy Lanphier
John Conley	Rich Tesar
Dick Connealy	John Schwope
Tim Fowler	Jim Thompson
David Klug	

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

- **MOTION NO. 1:** It was moved by Director Connealy and seconded by Director Fowler that the agenda be adopted.

Roll call vote was held on the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Voting Yea	-	Conley (Fred), Conley (John), Connealy, Fowler, Klug, Lanphier, Schwope, Tesar, Thompson
Voting Nay	-	None
Abstaining	-	None
Excused Absence	-	Kolowski
Absent	-	Kolowski, Patterson

ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA:

- **MOTION NO. 2:** It was moved by Director Schwope and seconded by Director John Conley that the following resolution be adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED that the following resolutions on the consent agenda are hereby adopted.

Agenda Item 3.A.:

BE IT RESOLVED that the following Director(s) have an excused absence from the November 13, 2008, Board of Directors Meeting:

Rick Kolowski

Agenda Item 7 A.:

A. BE IT RESOLVED that the October 9, 2008, Papio-Missouri River NRD Board meeting minutes be approved as printed.

Roll call vote was held on the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Voting Yea	-	Conley (Fred), Conley (John), Connealy, Fowler, Klug, Lanphier, Schwoppe, Tesar, Thompson
Voting Nay	-	None
Abstaining	-	None
Excused Absence	-	Kolowski
Absent	-	Kolowski, Patterson

PROOFS OF PUBLICATION OF MEETING NOTICE: Notice of the meeting was published in the Omaha World Herald on November 4, 2008. The District's September, 2008, expenditures were published in the Washington County Enterprise on October 21, 2008. The Chairperson ordered the Proofs of Publication recorded in the minutes of this meeting. (They are contained as part of the file copy of these minutes.)

AGENCY AND ASSOCIATION REPORTS:

A. Natural Resources Conservation Service Report: Verlon Barnes, NRCS District Conservationist at the Omaha NRCS office, reported on NRCS activities for the past month. He announced that Andy Bohnenkamp from the Tekamah Field Office has accepted a position in the Weeping Water NRCS office. He also indicated that a position announcement was made for a temporary duty assignment for a Resources Conservationist at the Dakota Field Office.

B. Nebraska Association of Resources Districts Report: Director Tesar reported that the NARD Board met on November 9-10, 2008 in Valentine, NE. He indicated that the NARD Insurance Program was doing well. He also noted that the Board was discussing having a team of General Managers available during the Legislative Session to be called upon to address issues with State Senators.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:

A. WPRB-5 Regional Detention Structure Ad Hoc Consultant Selection Subcommittee: Director Klug reported that the Ad Hoc Subcommittee met on November 6, 2008 and he gave a brief recap of the meeting.

- **MOTION NO. 3** It was moved by Director Klug that the following recommendation be adopted:

Ad Hoc Recommendation #1: Selection of Firms to be Interviewed – Recommendation that the firms of HDR, Inc., Olsson Associates and Tetra Tech be interviewed, in alphabetical order, to provide professional services for the WPRB-5 Project.

The following individual addressed the Board:

➔ Scott Japp, 4752 County Road 15, Arlington, NE

Roll call vote was held on the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Voting Yea	-	Conley (Fred), Conley (John), Connealy, Fowler, Klug, Lanphier, Schwope, Tesar, Thompson
Voting Nay	-	None
Abstaining	-	None
Excused Absence	-	Kolowski
Absent	-	Kolowski, Patterson

B. Programs, Projects and Operations Subcommittee: Director Fowler reported that the PPO Subcommittee met on November 6, 2008 and he gave a brief recap of the meeting.

- **MOTION NO. 4** It was moved by Director Fowler that the following recommendation be adopted:

PPO Recommendation #1: FY 2009 Long Range Implementation Plan Adoption – Recommendation that the Fiscal Year 2009 Long Range Implementation Plan be approved.

Gerry Bowen proposed that the following changes to the FY 2009 Long Range Implementation Plan be made based on discussion at the November 6th PPO Subcommittee meeting:

1. Page 17 – Add discussion concerning the preliminary engineering on WBRB-5 in FY 2009 in the “Papio Reservoirs” section
2. Page 32 – Add discussion of the Keystone East Trail to the “Papio Trails Project” section
3. Page 40 – Replace Table 1 – FY 2009 Land Rights Needs
4. Page 45 and 54 – Tables 3 and 6 be revised to include description of Special Reserve Fund

Director Fowler stated that he would like to include the amendments proposed by Gerry Bowen to the motion. The motion would read:

PPO Recommendation #1: FY 2009 Long Range Implementation Plan Adoption – Recommendation that the Fiscal Year 2009 Long Range Implementation Plan be approved, to include the proposed amendments.

The following individual addressed the Board:

➔ Shawn Melotz, 10404 N. 132nd St., Omaha, NE (A copy of Ms. Melotz’s statement is attached to the file copy of the minutes.)

Roll call vote was held on the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Voting Yea - Conley (Fred), Conley (John), Connealy, Fowler, Klug, Lanphier, Schwope, Tesar, Thompson
Voting Nay - None
Abstaining - None
Excused Absence - Kolowski
Absent - Kolowski, Patterson

•• **MOTION NO. 5** It was moved by Director Fowler that the following recommendation be adopted:

PPO Recommendation #2 Bids for Mopac Trail Repairs – Recommendation that the General Manager be authorized to execute a construction contract with Valley Corporation in the amount of \$101,890 for repairs to the Mopac Trail Project (Schramm to Fairview Road).

Roll call vote was held on the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Voting Yea - Conley (Fred), Conley (John), Connealy, Fowler, Klug, Lanphier, Schwope, Tesar, Thompson
Voting Nay - None
Abstaining - None
Excused Absence - Kolowski
Absent - Kolowski, Patterson

•• **MOTION NO. 6** It was moved by Director Fowler that the following recommendation be adopted:

PPO Recommendation #3 Contract Award for Elk Creek Levee Repairs – Recommendation that the bid submitted by L.A. Carlson Contracting for \$198,743.75 be accepted and that such bidder be awarded the contract for the Elk Creek Channel Stabilization Project #3.

Roll call vote was held on the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Voting Yea - Conley (Fred), Conley (John), Connealy, Fowler, Klug, Lanphier, Schwope, Tesar, Thompson
Voting Nay - None
Abstaining - None
Excused Absence - Kolowski
Absent - Kolowski, Patterson

Director Fowler reported that it was the consensus of the Subcommittee that no further action be taken on the issue of the best use of the District's property at Rumsey Station Wetlands.

•• **MOTION NO. 7** It was moved by Director Fowler that the following recommendation be adopted:

PPO Recommendation #5. Interlocal Agreement with the City of Omaha on the Keystone East Trail – Recommendation that the General Manager be authorized to execute an interlocal agreement with the City of Omaha, as outlined, for installation of all three phases of the Keystone East Trail, connecting the Field Club Trail and Keystone Trail subject to approval as to form by District legal counsel.

Roll call vote was held on the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Voting Yea - Conley (Fred), Conley (John), Connealy, Fowler, Klug, Lanphier, Schwope, Tesar, Thompson
Voting Nay - None
Abstaining - None
Excused Absence - Kolowski
Absent - Kolowski, Patterson

C. Personnel, Legislative and Public Affairs Subcommittee: Director Klug reported that the PLPA Subcommittee met on November 6, 2008 and he gave a brief recap of the meeting.

•• **MOTION NO. 8** It was moved by Director Klug that the following recommendation be adopted:

PLPA Recommendation #1. Changes to the P-MRNRD Wage and Salary Administration Program – Recommendation that the General Manager be authorized to negotiate and execute a contract for and on behalf of the District with the Silverstone Group for development of a pay plan to replace the District's current system, subject to approval as to form by District legal counsel.

Roll call vote was held on the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Voting Yea - Conley (Fred), Conley (John), Connealy, Fowler, Klug, Lanphier, Schwope, Tesar, Thompson

Voting Nay - None
Abstaining - None
Excused Absence - Kolowski
Absent - Kolowski, Patterson

TREASURER'S REPORT:

- **MOTION NO. 9:** It was moved by Director John Conley and seconded by Director Connealy as follows:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Treasurer is authorized to expend general funds to pay: (1) claims listed in the October 2008, financial report; and, (2) any claims made prior to the next Board meeting for (a) earned salaries of District employees, (b) withholding taxes, (c) social security payments, (d) retirement program contributions, (e) utilities, (f) registration fees and expenses for upcoming meetings and conferences, (g) certified completed CAP and Special Project Area applications, (h) invoices which offer a credit or discount for payment made prior to the next Board meeting, (i) postage, and, (j) building and grounds contract expenses.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Treasurer is authorized to pay, from the respective operating accounts of the Dakota County, Thurston County and Washington County #1 and Washington County #2 rural water supply projects, the Elkhorn River Bank Stabilization Project, the Elkhorn Breakout Project, the Elk/Pigeon Creek Drainage Project, and the Western Sarpy Drainage District, the project bills listed on the October, 2008, financial report, and future claims for project utilities.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the financial reports be affixed to and made a part of the minutes.

Roll call vote was held on the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Voting Yea - Conley (Fred), Conley (John), Connealy, Fowler, Klug, Lanphier, Schwoppe, Tesar, Thompson
Voting Nay - None
Abstaining - None
Excused Absence - Kolowski
Absent - Kolowski, Patterson

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT:

A. P-MRNRD Election Results – Chairperson Thompson announced the results of the November 4, 2008 P-MRNRD election. He noted that the results were posted to the NRD website.

B. Public Announcement of City of Omaha Master Plan Environmental Element – Chairperson Thompson reported that Omaha By Design had added an Environmental Committee to the Master Plan Environmental Element. The committee will be looking at methods to include low impact development/best practices to the Master Plan.

C. Bicycle Friendly Community Meeting – Chairperson Thompson indicated that he had attended a Bicycle Friendly Community meeting on Tuesday, November 11th at UNO. He stated that information had been submitted to have Omaha designated a Bicycle Friendly Community. The City did not meet the criteria, but hopes to resubmit to achieve the designation.

D. P-MRNRD Board of Directors Meeting Schedule for 2009:

- **MOTION NO. 9** It was moved by Director Fred Conley and seconded by Director Lanphier that the following resolution be adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED that the following be adopted as the schedule for Papio-Missouri River NRD Board of Directors meetings for calendar year 2009:

January 8, 2009	July 9, 2009
February 12, 2009	August 13, 2009
March 12, 2009	September 10, 2009
April 9, 2009	October 8, 2009
May 14, 2009	November 12, 2009
June 11, 2009	December 10, 2009

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT: GM Winkler reviewed the GM Report with the Board and noted that the report had been posted to the website. He asked Directors to contact him if there were any questions.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

A. Future Meetings: The Chairperson reviewed the following upcoming meetings with the Directors:

November 27-28, 2008	Thanksgiving Holiday – P-MRNRD Offices Closed
December 4, 2008	Papillion Creek Watershed Partnership Meeting, 10:00 a.m., NRC
December 4, 2008	WPRB-5 Regional Detention Structure Ad Hoc Consultant Selection Subcommittee, 6:30 p.m. at NRC
December 9, 2008	P-MRNRD Subcommittee Meetings
December 11, 2008	P-MRNRD Board Meeting

December 25, 2008	Christmas Holiday – P-MRNRD Offices Closed
January 1, 2009	New Years Day – P-MRNRD Offices Closed
January 6, 2009	P-MRNRD Subcommittee Meetings
January 8, 2009	P-MRNRD Board Meeting
January 19, 2009	Martin Luther King Holiday – P-MRNRD Offices Closed
February 1-4, 2009	National Association of Conservation Districts 2009 Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA
February 10, 2009	P-MRNRD Subcommittee Meetings
February 12, 2009	P-MRNRD Board Meeting
February 16, 2009	Presidents Day – P-MRNRD Offices Closed

B. Next Meeting: The next regularly scheduled meeting of the P-MRNRD Board of Directors will be held on December 11, 2008 at the NRC.

ADJOURNMENT: Being no further business, at 8:58 p.m. the Chairperson declared that the meeting was adjourned.

I, the undersigned, Secretary of the Papio-Missouri River Natural Resources District, hereby certify that the foregoing are true and correct minutes of a meeting of the Board of Directors of the District held on November 13, 2008, that all of the subjects included in the foregoing proceedings were contained in the agenda for the meeting, kept continually current and readily available for public inspection at the office of the District; that such subjects were contained in said agenda at least twenty-four hours prior to said meeting; that at least one copy of all reproducible material discussed at the meeting was available at the meeting for examination and copying by members of the public; that the minutes were in written form and available for public inspection within ten working days and prior to the next convened meeting of said body; and, that all news media requesting notification of the meeting of said body were provided advance notification of the time and place of said meeting.

Richard Tesar
District Secretary