



**PAPIO-MISSOURI RIVER
NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES
October 11, 2007**

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 Street, Omaha, NE on October 11, 2007. 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	Rick Patterson
Tim Fowler	John Schwope
David Klug	Jim Thompson
Rick Kolowski	

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

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

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

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

ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA:

- **MOTION NO. 2:** It was moved by Director Fred Conley and seconded by Director Klug 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 October 11, 2007, Board of Directors Meeting:

Dick Connealy
Rich Tesar

Agenda Item 7 A.:

BE IT RESOLVED that the September 13, 2007, 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), Fowler, Klug, Kolowski, Lanphier, Patterson, Schwoppe, Thompson
Voting Nay - None
Abstaining - None
Excused Absence - Connealy, Tesar
Absent - Connealy, Tesar

PROOFS OF PUBLICATION OF MEETING NOTICE: Notice of the meeting was published in the Omaha World Herald on October 4, 2007. The District's August, 2007, expenditures were published in the Blair Pilot-Tribune on October 2, 2007. 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, District Conservationist at the Omaha NRCS office, reported on NRCS activities for the past month.

B. Nebraska Association of Resources Districts Report: Director Thompson reported on the NARD Annual Meeting which was held September 23-25, 2007 at the Holiday Inn at Kearney, NE. He noted that one of the major topics of discussion was the water problems in the Republican River basin. All resolutions presented, including the P-MRNRD resolution regarding invasive species, passed.

C. Lower Platte River Corridor Alliance: Rodney Verhoeff, LPRCA Coordinator, was unable to attend the meeting. The LPRCA Report is posted to the website. Director John Conley reminded Directors that the next LPRCA meeting would be held on October 30, 2007, at Hardin Hall in Lincoln, NE.

D. Omaha World Herald Presentation: Pat Gates, Omaha World Herald, presented the District with the Newspaper In Education award for the “Water from the Ground Up” project. She thanked the District for their partnership in education.

E. Forest Run Channel Improvement Project: Tom Lammel thanked the Board for the work and support on the Forest Run Channel Improvement Project. He reported that after several recent rains that the creek improvements were working well. Robert Davis also thanked the Board and stated that he felt that the District needed to have greater input regarding water issues in developing areas.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:

A. Dakota County Floodplain Mapping Project Ad Hoc Consultant Selection Subcommittee: Director Klug reported that the Ad Hoc Subcommittee met on October 9, 2007 and gave a brief recap.

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

AdHoc Recommendation #1: Contract with PBS&J – Recommendation that the General Manager be authorized to execute a professional services contract with PBS&J, Inc. to prepare floodplain maps for Dakota County for a maximum fee of \$184,820.50, in the form as deemed necessary by the General Manager and approved by District legal counsel.

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

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

B. Finance, Expenditures and Legal Subcommittee: Director Fowler reported that the FEL Subcommittee met on October 9, 2007 and gave a brief recap of the meeting.

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

FEL Recommendation #1: Account Over 110% - Acct #01 00 4804 – Office Equipment – Recommendation that account #01-00-4804 Office Equipment – be allowed to exceed 110% of budgeted amount of \$62,775.

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

Voting Yea - Conley (Fred), Conley (John), Fowler, Klug, Kolowski, Lanphier,

Patterson, Schwope, Thompson
 Voting Nay - None
 Abstaining - None
 Excused Absence - Connealy, Tesar
 Absent - Connealy, Tesar

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

FEL Recommendation #2 Papio Creek Watershed Structure S-31 Rehab Project – Moore Case Payment – Recommendation that the following resolution be adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Treasurer be and is hereby authorized and directed to deposit with the Clerk of the Sarpy County Court, in the case of Papio-MRNRD v. Mary P. Moore, etal, Case No. CI 07-2812, within 60 days of the September 11, 2007 report of the Board of Appraisers, the \$33,525.00 total of that board's awards, in order to complete the taking.

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

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

C. Programs, Projects and Operations Subcommittee: Director John Conley reported that the PPO Subcommittee met on October 9, 2007 and gave a brief recap of the meeting.

- **MOTION NO. 6** It was moved by Director John Conley that the following recommendation be adopted:

PPO Recommendation #1 Eastern Nebraska Water Resources Assessment (ENWRA) Amendment to Interlocal Agreement – Recommendation that the General Manager be authorized to execute Amendments 1 and 2 to the Eastern Nebraska Water Resources Assessment Project Interlocal Agreement, 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), Fowler, Klug, Kolowski, Lanphier, Patterson, Schwope, Thompson
 Voting Nay - None

Abstaining - None
Excused Absence - Connealy, Tesar
Absent - Connealy, Tesar

- **MOTION NO. 7** It was moved by Director John Conley that the following recommendation be adopted:

PPO Recommendation #2. City of Fort Calhoun Water Quality Grant - Recommendation that the City of Fort Calhoun be awarded a \$300,000 grant (FY 09 funds) towards the cost of construction of a regional wastewater line to the City of Blair, and that the General Manager be authorized to execute an Interlocal Cooperation Act Agreement for this purpose, approved 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), Fowler, Klug, Kolowski, Lanphier, Patterson, Schwope, Thompson
Voting Nay - None
Abstaining - None
Excused Absence - Connealy, Tesar
Absent - Connealy, Tesar

- **MOTION NO. 8** It was moved by Director John Conley that the following recommendation be adopted:

PPO Recommendation #3. Long Range Implementation Plan – Recommendation that the Fiscal Year 2008 Long Range Implementation Plan be approved.

The following individual addressed the Board regarding the LRIP:

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

Roll call vote was held on the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 8-yea and 1-nay.

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

- **MOTION NO. 9** It was moved by Director John Conley that the following recommendation be adopted:

PPO Recommendation #4

Contract with Superior Lighting, Inc., for Retrofit/Replacement of Lights in NRC and O&M Shop – Recommendation that the General Manager be authorized to execute a contract with Superior Lighting Incorporated in the amount of \$17,050.00 to replace/retrofit the lighting in the Natural Resources Center and the Operations and Maintenance Shop.

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

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

TREASURER'S REPORT:

- **MOTION NO. 10:** It was moved by Director John Conley and seconded by Director Fred Conley that the following resolution be adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Treasurer is authorized to expend general funds to pay: (l) claims listed in the September, 2007, 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/Clear Creek Project, the project bills listed on the September, 2007, 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), Fowler, Klug, Kolowski, Lanphier, Patterson, Schwope, Thompson
 Voting Nay - None
 Abstaining - None
 Excused Absence - Connealy, Tesar
 Absent - Connealy, Tesar

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT: Chairperson Thompson asked Directors to coordinate with Emmett Egr with any additions or changes they might be aware of to the Spectrum Newsletter mailing list. He also noted that the ceremony to transfer the Walnut Creek Rec Area to the City of Papillion was held on October 1st. He thanked former employee Randy Lee who served as Park Superintendent and Dick Sklenar who was the project manager for the original project.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT:

GM Winkler noted that his report had been posted to the website and asked Directors to contact him if there were any questions.

Joan Lukas and Steve Kline of Leslie, Kline, Lukas Associates gave a presentation on the findings a public opinion survey that was conducted by their firm in June, 2007. The telephone survey was a random sample of 267 households selected from across the District. The report will be posted to the District's website.

Christine Jacobsen then reported to the Board on education activities and opportunities the Information/Education Department has been involved in during the past year.

Mr. Winkler reminded Directors that a Strategic Planning Session is scheduled for Saturday, December 8, 2007 at Mahoney State Park, Peter Kiewit Lodge, Abel Nebraska Room from 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Please mark your calendars.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

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

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| October 18, 2007 | Papillion Creek Watershed Partnership Meeting, 9:00 a.m., NRC |
| October 19-21, 2007 | P-MRNRD Booth at Fall Home and Garden Show, Qwest Center |
| October 30, 2007 | Lower Platte River Corridor Alliance Meeting, 9:30 a.m. at Hardin Hall, 33 rd and Holdrege St., Lincoln, NE |
| November 6, 2007 | P-MRNRD Subcommittee Meetings |
| November 8, 2007 | P-MRNRD Board Meeting |

November 12, 2007	P-MRNRD Offices Closed – Veterans’ Day Holiday
November 19-20, 2007	2007 Nebraska State Irrigation Association/Nebraska Water Resources Association Convention, Kearney, NE
November 22-23, 2007	P-MRNRD Offices Closed – Thanksgiving Holiday
December 8, 2007	Strategic Planning Session – December 8, 2007 at Mahoney State Park, Peter Kiewit Lodge, Abel Nebraska Room, 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
December 11, 2007	P-MRNRD Subcommittee Meetings
December 13, 2007	P-MRNRD Board Meeting

B. Next Meeting: The next regularly scheduled meeting of the P-MRNRD Board of Directors will be held on November 8, 2007 at the NRC.

ADJOURNMENT: Being no further business, the Chairperson declared that the meeting was adjourned at 9:25 p.m..

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 October 11, 2007, 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