

**Programs, Projects, and Operations Subcommittees  
Meeting Minutes  
October 9, 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 154<sup>th</sup> Street, Omaha, Nebraska, on October 9, 2007. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson John Conley at 7:30 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		Dorothy Lanphier	Dana Divine, ENWRA
Fred Conley		John Schwope	Ron Woracek, Schemmer
David Klug		Tim Fowler	Paul Oestmann, Ft. Calhoun
Rick Kolowski		Rick Patterson	Chuck Duerschner, NDEQ
Rich Tesar		Jim Thompson	Roger Meaks, USDA
			Paul Peters
			John Winkler
			Marlin Petermann
			Trent Heiser
			Jean Tait
			Jim Becic
			Gerry Bowen

**Adoption of Agenda**

- **It was moved by Director F. Conley 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-yea and 0-nay.

Voting yea: J. Conley, F. Conley, Klug, Kolowski, Tesar  
 Voting nay: none  
 Abstain: none  
 Absent: none

**Proof of Publication:** Public notice of the meeting was posted at all District offices and in the Omaha World-Herald on October 4, 2007. The proof of publication affidavit is included with the file copy of these minutes.

### **Eastern Nebraska Water Resources Assessment Project:**

Bowen noted that the agreement among six NRDs did not include specific language about a project coordinator. The amendments to the agreement covered the project coordinator, added a provision that the six NRD general managers would meet annually to review the project and set the next year's budget, and to extend the local funding for the project an additional two years. This would demonstrate matching funds by the local sponsors in pursuing grants for the project.

Dana Divine, ENWRA Project Coordinator, briefly described the project status and answered questions from the subcommittee.

- **It was moved by Director F. Conley and seconded by Director Tesar that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board 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 was taken on the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 5-yea and 0-nay.

Voting yea: J. Conley, F. Conley, Klug, Kolowski, Tesar  
Voting nay: none  
Abstain: none  
Absent: none

### **Fort Calhoun Water Quality Grant Request**

Bowen noted that Fort Calhoun had requested a water quality grant in the amount of \$300,000 to help offset costs associated with pumping wastewater from Fort Calhoun to Blair, a regional provider. He noted that this project would help solve a surface water quality problem associated with the current wastewater treatment plant.

Ron Woracek, City Engineer for Fort Calhoun, described the alternatives, the analysis completed, and the costs for each alternative.

Chuck Duerschner, NDEQ, noted that the current plant was under restriction and that the proposal to pump wastewater to Blair was an acceptable alternative.

Roger Meeks, USDA Rural Development, noted that the City's application for a loan to accomplish the project had been approved.

- **It was moved by Director F. Conley and seconded by Director Kolowski that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board 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 was taken on the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 5-yea and 0-nay.

Voting yea: J. Conley, F. Conley, Klug, Kolowski, Tesar  
Voting nay: none  
Abstain: none  
Absent: none

**FY 08 Long Range Implementation Plan:** Bowen noted that state law requires NRDs to have three current plans to be eligible for state funding; a Master Plan, Groundwater Management Plan, and the Long Range Implementation Plan. He described the process followed in preparing the plan and briefly discussed the five year projections for personnel, expenditures, and revenues for the District's programs and projects.

- **It was moved by Director Kolowski and seconded by Director Klug that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board that the Fiscal Year 2008 Long Range Implementation Plan be approved.**

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

Voting yea: J. Conley, F. Conley, Klug, Kolowski, Tesar  
Voting nay: none  
Abstain: none  
Absent: none

**Replacement or Retrofit of Lighting at the Natural Resources Center and O&M Shop:**

Becic noted that an energy audit was conducted of the Natural Resources Center and O&M Shop regarding lighting of the buildings. The audit, conducted by OPPD resulted in a proposal to replace or retrofit the lighting fixtures at these facilities. OPPD's sole source contractor, Superior Lighting, Inc. proposed completing the lighting project at a cost of \$17,050. He projected that the savings would amount to approximately 25%, making the proposed changes pay for themselves in four years.

- **It was moved by Director Tesar and seconded by Director Klug that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board 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 was taken on the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 5-yea and 0-nay.

Voting yea: J. Conley, F. Conley, Klug, Kolowski, Tesar  
Voting nay: none  
Abstain: none  
Absent: none

**Adjournment:** Being no further business, the subcommittee adjourned at 8:10 p.m. by acclamation.

