

**Programs, Projects, and Operations Subcommittees
Meeting Minutes
October 7, 2008**

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 October 7, 2008. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Tim Fowler at 6:50 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
Tim Fowler	John Schwope *	Dorothy Lanphier	Connie Spellman
David Klug		Dick Connealy	Steve Jensen
Rick Kolowski		Jim Thompson	Mike McMeekin
Rich Tesar		Rick Patterson	Laurie Carrette-Zook
John Conley **			Paul Dierking
			Paul Peters
			John Winkler
			Marlin Petermann
			Jean Tait
			Dick Sklenar
			Emmett Egr
			Gerry Bowen

* Excused absence

** Alternate voting member

Adoption of Agenda

- **It was moved by Director Kolowski and seconded by Director John Conley that the agenda be adopted.**

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

Voting yes: Klug, Kolowski, Tesar, Conley, Fowler
 Voting no: None
 Abstain: None
 Absent: Schwope
 Excused Absence: Schwope

Proof of Publication: Public notice of the meeting was posted at all District offices and in the Omaha World-Herald on October 2, 2008. A copy of the proof of publication is attached to the file copy of these minutes.

City of Omaha Master Plan Environmental Element

Gerry Bowen noted that the City of Omaha and Omaha by Design had requested financial assistance from the District in the development of an Environmental Element for the City's Master Plan. The request was for \$25,000. A similar request was made to the Metropolitan Area Planning Agency.

Connie Spellman, Omaha By Design, Steve Jensen, City of Omaha, and Mike McMeekin, Lamp Rynearson & Associates detailed the request.

- **It was moved by Director John Conley and seconded by Director Klug, that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board that the District contribute \$25,000 to the City of Omaha and "Omaha by Design" to complete the development of the Environmental Element of the City's Master Plan.**

Roll call was taken on the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 4 yea and 1 abstention.

Voting yes: Klug, Kolowski, Tesar, Fowler
Voting no: None
Abstain: Conley
Absent: Schwope
Excused Absence: Schwope

2009 District Vehicle Purchase

Jean Tait noted that bids had been received for two pick-up trucks for use by the rural water systems. The lowest bid was received from Woodhouse Ford for two Ford Rangers in the amount of \$26,110, and she recommended approval.

Dick Sklenar proposed an alternative recommendation that the District purchase two Chevrolet trucks due to increased fuel economy and savings over the life of the vehicle. He recommended that the District accept the bid from Woodhouse Ford for 2 Chevrolet trucks at a cost of \$29,406.

- **It was moved by Kolowski, seconded by Conley, that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board that the bid from Woodhouse Ford for two Chevrolet Colorado trucks in the amount of \$29,406.00 be accepted with trade-in of the District's 2003 Ford Ranger and 2005 Chevrolet Colorado.**

Roll call was taken on the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 4-1.

Voting yes: Klug, Kolowski, Conley, Fowler
Voting no: Tesar
Abstain: None
Absent: Schwope
Excused Absence: Schwope

Elk Creek Channel Stabilization Project: Dick Sklenar noted that the District proposed a repair project on the Elk Creek levee. A single bid from K&L Landscaping and Construction, Inc in the amount of \$264,070.00 was submitted. The engineer's estimate was \$145,566. He recommended that the District reject the bid and re-advertise the project.

- **It was moved by Director John Conley and seconded by Director Klug that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board that the bid submitted by K&L Landscaping and Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$264,070.00 be rejected and that new bids be sought for the Elk Creek Stabilization Project #3.**

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

Voting yes: Klug, Kolowski, Tesar, Conley, Fowler
 Voting no: None
 Abstain: None
 Absent: Schwope
 Excused Absence: Schwope

Papio Creek Watershed Partnership Stage IV Study

Marlin Petermann briefly summarized the progress made by the Papillion Creek Watershed Partnership to address water quality in the watershed. He highlighted the City of Omaha’s recent adoption of a requirement that all new developments retain the first one-half inch of stormwater runoff on site through low impact development techniques. He noted that he anticipated the other partners would adopt a similar ordinance within the next several months.

Petermann noted the Stage IV contract with HDR Engineering, Inc. to facilitate the next six months work of the PCWP needed amending. Specifically, the scope of services included completing the Stage IV report, assisting the City of Omaha with the renewal of the NPDES Stormwater permit, assisting with the revising the PCWP stormwater policies, and a new interlocal agreement for the PCWP. The amendment amounted to an additional \$116,000, making the new “not-to-exceed” total for the contract \$466,400.

Shawn Melotz, Tyler Moore, and Sheila Dreessen addressed the Subcommittee.

- **It was moved by Director Kolowski and seconded by Director Tesar that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board that the General Manager be authorized to execute the Stage IV contract amendment with HDR Engineering, Inc. on behalf of the Papillion Creek Watershed Partnership, increasing the total not-to-exceed amount of the contract to \$466,400.00, subject to changes deemed necessary by the General Manager and approved as to form by District Legal Counsel.**

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

Voting yes: Klug, Kolowski, Tesar, Conley, Fowler
 Voting no: None
 Abstain: None
 Absent: Schwope
 Excused Absence: Schwope

West Papillion Creek Flood Control Project

Laurie Carrette-Zook and Paul Dierking, with HDR Engineering, Inc., briefed the Subcommittee on the West Papillion Creek Levee Restoration Evaluation Report. New hydrology and changes

to FEMA's requirements had made the District's levees through Papillion to Bellevue not adequate to provide flood protection. Three potential structural alternatives were presented. No action was taken.

Marlin Petermann noted that one of the structures evaluated by HDR West Papillion Creek study was WPRB5 located near 120th & Cornhusker. He noted that this structure would provide the majority of flood control benefits in any of the alternatives evaluated by HDR. He recommended that the District request proposals from qualified consultants to provide engineering services for WPRB5. He noted that the Board recently purchased approximately 11 acres near the proposed structure site from Pink Grading Company.

Julie Thacker and John Walker addressed the Subcommittee.

- **It was moved by Director Kolowski and seconded by Director Klug that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board that the General Manager be authorized to distribute the proposed Request for Proposals for professional engineering services necessary to plan, permit, design, and construct the proposed flood control structure WPRB-5.**

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

Voting yes:	Klug, Kolowski, Tesar, Conley, Fowler
Voting no:	None
Abstain:	None
Absent:	Schwoppe
Excused Absence:	Schwoppe

Adjournment: Being no further business, the meeting adjourned by acclamation at 8:45 p.m.