

**Finance, Expenditure & Legal
Subcommittee Meeting Minutes
September 9, 2003
8:00 pm**

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 September 9, 2003. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Melissa Gardner at 8:05 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 |
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| Melissa Gardner | Dick Connealy * | Rich Tesar | Steve Oltmans |
| John Conley | Jim Thompson | Rich Jansen | Randy Lee |
| Barb Nichols | | Fred Conley | Tom Pleiss |
| Joe Neary** | | | Pat Teer |
| | | | Jean Tait |
| | | | Martin Cleveland |
| | | | Trent Heiser |
| | | | Paul Peters |

* Excused absence

** Alternate voting member

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

✳ **It was moved by Conley and seconded by Nichols that agenda be adopted.**

Roll call was taken on the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 4 to 0.

Voting Yea: Conley, Gardner, Nichols, Neary

Voting Nay: None

Abstaining: None

Excused Absence: Dick Connealy

Absent: Jim Thompson

PROOF OF PUBLICATION: Public notice of the meeting was posted at all District offices and published in the Omaha World-Herald on September 4, 2003.

REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATION ON WEST BRANCH CHANNEL PROJECT (FORMER UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD) ROW SALE TO SARPY COUNTY – MARTIN CLEVELAND:

Martin Cleveland reviewed with the Subcommittee the Sarpy County request to purchase property and temporary easements over NRD Property (Former Union Pacific Railroad right-of-way) to construct Cornhusker Road improvements between 108th and 100th Street. He noted that

the purchase price was set by a recent appraisal conducted by the County appraiser (Ag One Appraisals). There was discussion about the Channel Project and road drainage impacts.

- * **It was moved by Conley and seconded by Nichols that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board the General Manager be authorized to execute a purchase agreement with Sarpy County Highway Department providing for the sale to the County of a parcel of former UPRR ROW required for the Cornhusker Road Improvements Project for the price of \$67,160, in favor of the District and such additional documents that the General Manager determines necessary to effectuate the transaction and that District Legal Counsel approves as to form.**

Roll call was taken on the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 4 to 0.

Voting Yea: Conley, Gardner, Nichols, Neary

Voting Nay: None

Abstaining: None

Excused Absence: Dick Connealy

Absent: Jim Thompson

REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATION ON DISTRICT POLICIES: (PURSUANT TO “PAPERLESS PROJECT”) – PAT TEER.

Pat Teer reviewed the proposed changes to the Board Policies to reflect the implementation of the Paperless Program. She noted that District Policy 1.5 requires that amendments to the above policies (with the exception of Policy 22.1) be tabled for one month. Final consideration for adoption will be at the October 9, 2003 Board Meeting.

The revised policies (see attachments) are the following:

- ❖ 4.1 Board Meetings – Special Meetings
- ❖ 4.4 Board Meetings – Notice of meetings and Expenditures
- ❖ 4.9 Board Meetings – Meeting Materials Distribution
- ❖ 4.10 Board Meetings – Agenda Distribution
- ❖ 5.3 Subcommittee – Notice of Meetings
- ❖ 5.9 Subcommittees – Meeting Materials Distribution
- ❖ 22.1 Miscellaneous – Papio – Missouri River NRD “Paperless Project”

1. **It was moved by Gardner, and seconded by Conley, that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board that the amendments to the following District policies be tabled for one month with final consideration at the October 9, 2003 Board meeting, pursuant to District policy 1.5:**

- **4.1 Board Meetings – Special Meetings**
- **4.4 Board Meetings – Notice of Meetings and Expenditures**
- **4.9 Board Meetings – Meeting Materials Distribution**
- **4.10 Board Meetings – Agenda Distribution**
- **5.3 Subcommittee – Notice of Meetings**
- **5.9 Subcommittees – Meeting Materials Distribution**
- **22.1 Miscellaneous – Papio-Missouri River NRD “Paperless Project”**

Roll call was taken on the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 4 to 0.

Voting Yea: Conley, Gardner, Nichols, Neary

Voting Nay: None

Abstaining: None

Excused Absence: Dick Connealy

Absent: Jim Thompson

FY2004 Budget – Final Levy = 0.030637 (Last Year’s Tax Levy = 0.030729) – Steve Oltmans:

Steve Oltmans discussed the Fiscal Year 2004 property tax levy requirements to meet the property tax request of \$10,701,211.59 and the total requirements at \$24,091,018.34 and noted that the levy will decrease from 0.030729 to 0.030637 as a request of increased property valuations.

- **It was moved by Nichols and seconded by Conley that the Subcommittee recommends to the Board that the following resolution be adopted:**

WHEREAS the Papio-Missouri River NRD Board of Directors at the August 14, 2003, meeting adopted the FY 2004 budget with a property tax request of \$10,701,211.59 and the total requirements at \$24,091,018.34;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the tax levy of 0.030637/\$100 for FY 2004 be adopted and that certified copies of this resolution and the adopted budget document be forwarded to the County Clerks of counties having taxable property within the District.

Roll call was taken on the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 4 to 0.

Voting Yea: Conley, Gardner, Nichols, Neary

Voting Nay: None

Abstaining: None

Excused Absence: Dick Connealy

Absent: Jim Thompson

OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST:

Steve Oltmans reviewed the schedule for the upcoming Project Tour for Board of Directors for September 11, 2003 with the Subcommittee.

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