

**Personnel, Legislative and Public Affairs Subcommittee
Meeting Minutes
September 9, 2003**

A meeting of the Papio-Missouri River Natural Resources District's Personnel, Legislative and Public Affairs Subcommittee was held at the Natural Resources Center, 8901 S. 154th Street, Omaha, NE on September 9, 2003. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Barbara Nichols at 8:45 p.m.

QUORUM CALL:

Quorum call was taken. The following were in attendance.

Subcommittee Members Present	Subcommittee Members Absent	Other Directors Present	Others Present
Conley (Fred)	Rubin *	Neary	Steve Oltmans
Gardner	Connealy *	Conley (John)	Emmett Egr
Nichols			Paul Peters
Jansen **			Trent Heiser
Tesar **			Pat Teer
			Jean Tait
			Randy Lee

* Excused absence

** Alternate voting member

PROOF OF PUBLICATION

Notice of the meeting was posted in all District offices and published in the Omaha World Herald on September 4, 2003. The proof of publication affidavit is included with the file copy of these minutes.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

✱ It was moved by Jansen and seconded by Conley that the agenda be adopted.

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

Voting Yea	-	Conley, Gardner, Nichols, Jansen, Tesar
Voting Nay	-	None
Abstaining	-	None
Excused Absence	-	Connealy, Rubin
Absent	-	None

REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATION ON ADDITION OF DISTRICT POLICY 17.40 – DISTRICT PROGRAMS - NATURAL RESOURCES GRANTS PROGRAM:

Emmett Egr, Information/Education Coordinator, introduced a draft “Natural Resources Grants” Program (attached) as requested at the Board’s August 14, 2003 meeting. Discussion took place on the need for the Grants program and possible disadvantages.

- ✳ **It was moved by Gardner and seconded by Conley that the subcommittee recommend that a Grants program not be adopted.**

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

Voting Yea - Conley, Gardner, Nichols, Jansen
 Voting Nay - Tesar
 Abstaining - None
 Excused Absence - Connealy, Rubin
 Absent - None

REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATIONS ON RESOLUTIONS TO BE CONSIDERED AT THE NARD ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The subcommittee reviewed recommendations submitted by the General Manager. General Manager, Steve Oltmans, briefed the subcommittee on the proposed resolutions. Discussion took place concerning the resolutions.

- ✳ **It was moved by Tesar and seconded by Conley that the subcommittee recommend Pappio-Missouri River NRD support of the following resolutions:**

Reso #	Description	Recommended Position
2003-1	Development Below Existing Dams, submitted by Lower Platte South NRD	SUPPORT
2003-2	Ground Water Management and Protection Act – 2.5% Lid Exemption, submitted by Upper Elkhorn	SUPPORT
2003-3	Nebraska Department of Natural Resources District, submitted by Central Platte	SUPPORT
2003-4	Encourage the Development and Rehabilitation of Surface Water Storage in Nebraska, submitted by Lower Loup NRD	SUPPORT
2003 -	Penalty Section – Ground Water Management and Protection Act, submitted by Middle Republican NRD	SUPPORT
2003-	Amend Statutes on Surface Water Storage Permits, submitted by Lower Elkhorn NRD	SUPPORT
2003-	Registered Well Information, submitted by Little Blue NRD	SUPPORT
2003	Eliminate the Need to Permit Small Dams Used to Water Livestock, submitted by Nemaha NRD	SUPPORT

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

Voting Yea - Conley, Gardner, Jansen, Nichols, Tesar
Voting Nay - None
Abstaining - None
Excused Absence - Connealy, Rubin
Absent - None

OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST: No other items.

ADJOURNMENT: Being no further business, the meeting adjourned by acclamation at 9:10 p.m.

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