

**Personnel, Legislative and Public Affairs Subcommittee  
Meeting Minutes  
September 7, 2004**

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 7, 2004. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Barbara Nichols at 6:00 p.m.

**QUORUM CALL:** Quorum call was taken. The following were in attendance.

<u>Subcommittee Members Present</u>	<u>Subcommittee Members Absent</u>	<u>Other Directors Present</u>	<u>Others Present</u>
Connealy	Conley (Fred)	Neary	Steve Oltmans
Conley (John) **			Marlin Petermann
Nichols			Emmett Egr
Tesar **			Trent Heiser
			Paul Peters

\* 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 2, 2004. The proof of publication affidavit is included with the file copy of these minutes.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA:**

\* It was moved by Connealy and seconded by Conley that the agenda be adopted.

Roll call vote was held on the motion. The motion carried by a vote of 4-0.

Voting Yea - Connealy, Conley (John), Nichols, Tesar

Voting Nay - None

Abstaining - None

Absent - Conley (Fred)

**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 Connealy and seconded by Conley that the subcommittee recommend to the Board that the Papio-Missouri River NRD take the following positions on resolutions to be considered at the NARD Annual Conference:

Reso #	Description	Recommended Position
2004-1	Change in Water Well Decommissioning Fund Allocation, Submitted by the Lower Loup	<b>Support</b>
2004-2	Amendments to Water Well Standards and Contractors' NRD Licensing Act (46-1201 to 46-1241), Submitted by the Middle Republican NRD	<b>Monitor</b>
2004-3	Authorize Water Use Fees, Submitted by the Upper Republican NRD	<b>Support</b>
2004-4	Annual Limits on Per Diem Payments to Board Members, Submitted by North Platte NRD	<b>Support</b>
2004-5	Utilize fees for Scrap Tire Grants, Submitted by Lower Elkhorn NRD	<b>Oppose</b>

Roll call vote was held on the motion. The motion carried by a vote of 4-0.

Voting Yea - Connealy, Conley (John), Nichols, Tesar  
Voting Nay - None  
Abstaining - None  
Absent - Conley (Fred)

**REPORT ON LEGISLATIVE HEARING (held at NRC on August 31, 2004):**

General Manager, Steve Oltmans and Assistant General Manager, Marlin Petermann briefed the subcommittee on the hearing.

Marlin Petermann discussed LR 278 – Development below Non-High Hazard Dams. He briefed the subcommittee on testimony offered by the Papio-Missouri River NRD at the hearing (attached to file copy).

Steve Oltmans then briefed the subcommittee on P-MRNRD testimony on LR 404 (attached to file copy). The purpose of LR 404 is to study and review issues involved in funding storm water runoff requirements of the federal Clean Water Act. The NRD testimony also highlighted a need for the P-MRNRD to have authority to issue general obligation bonds to finance future flood control reservoir construction. Draft legislation for such authority was included in the testimony and discussed by the Subcommittee

**\* It was moved by Conley and seconded by Tesar that the subcommittee recommend to the Board that the General Manager be authorized to seek general obligation bonding authority for the Papio-Missouri River NRD.**

Roll call vote was held on the motion. The motion carried by a vote of 3- 1.

Voting Yea - Connealy, Conley, Tesar  
Voting Nay - Nichols  
Abstaining - None  
Absent - Conley (Fred)

**OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST:** There were no other items discussed.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Being no further business, the meeting adjourned by acclamation at 6:45 p.m.

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