

**Finance, Expenditure & Legal
Subcommittee Meeting Minutes
September 9, 2008**

A meeting of the Papio-Missouri River Natural Resources District's Finance, Expenditure & Legal Subcommittee was held at the Natural Resources Center, 8901 South 154th Street, Omaha, Nebraska, on September 9, 2008. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson John Conley at 6:30 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
John Conley	Fred Conley *	Tim Fowler	John Winkler
Dick Connealy		Dave Klug	Carey Fry
Rick Kolowski		Rick Patterson	Jim Becic
Dorothy Lanphier		John Schwope	Dick Sklenar
Rich Tesar**		Jim Thompson	Amanda Grint
			Marlin Petermann
			Trent Heiser
			Paul Peters, Legal Counsel
			Shawn Melotz

* Excused Absence

** Alternate Voting Member

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

→ It was moved by Director Kolowski and seconded by Director Connealy that agenda be adopted.

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

Voting Yea: Conley (John), Connealy, Kolowski, Lanphier, Tesar

Voting Nay: None

Abstaining: None

Excused Absence: Conley (Fred)

Absent: Conley (Fred)

PROOF OF PUBLICATION: Public notice of the meeting was posted at all District offices and published in the Omaha World-Herald on September 4, 2008. A copy of the affidavit is attached to the file copy the minutes.

FY 2009 BUDGET

A. 1% Increase to the Budgeted Restricted Funds for Lid Calculation: General Manager John Winkler explained that pursuant to state statutes the District has the ability to increase its base restrict funds by 2.5%, plus allowable growth. The percent of growth for FY 2009 budget is

2.44% so the District is limited to 2.5% increase of the base restricted funds. Total unused restricted funds authority is \$280,593.63. State statutes also allow the District an additional 1% increase to the budgeted restricted funds if approved by a super majority vote of the Board (9 affirmative votes). If the additional 1% is approved the unused restricted fund authority would be \$342,535.74. Director Patterson expressed his concerns about government excess and questioned the need for the 1% increase.

→ It was moved by Director Kolowski and seconded by Director Tesar that the subcommittee recommend to the Board that the following resolution be adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Directors of the Papio-Missouri River NRD approves an additional increase of 1% in the Total Funds Subject to Limitation, pursuant to Neb. Rev. State. §§ 13-518 through 13-522.

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

Voting Yea: Conley (John), Connealy, Kolowski, Tesar

Voting Nay: Lanphier

Abstaining: None

Excused Absence: Conley (Fred)

Absent: Conley (Fred)

B. Set Property Tax Request for FY 2009: General Manager Winkler noted that the Board adopted the FY 2009 budget at the August 14, 2008 Board meeting with a property tax request of \$16,594,576.17. Pursuant to final valuations being received from County Assessors', the final tax levy would be set at 0.033753/\$100. He then reminded Directors that a Public Hearing to Set Property Tax Request for FY 2009 Budget would be held, as a portion of the September 11, 2008 Board Meeting.

→ It was moved by Director Kolowski and seconded by Director Tesar that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board that the following resolution be adopted:

WHEREAS, Nebraska Revised Statute 77-1601.02 provides that the property tax request for the prior year shall be the property tax request for the current year for purposes of the levy set by the County Board of Equalization unless the Governing Body of the Papio-Missouri River NRD passes by a majority vote a resolution or ordinance setting the tax request at a different amount; and,

WHEREAS, a special public hearing held on September 11, 2008, as required by law to hear and consider comments concerning the property tax request; and,

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the Papio-Missouri River NRD that the property tax request for the current year be a different amount than the property tax request for the prior year.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Papio-Missouri River Natural Resources District by a majority vote, resolved that:

- 1. The FY 2009 property tax request be set at \$16,594,576.17 with a tax levy of 0.033753/\$100.**
- 2. And, that a copy of this resolution be certified and forwarded to the County Clerks within the District prior to October 13, 2008.**

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

Voting Yea: Conley (John), Connealy, Kolowski, Lanphier, Tesar

Voting Nay: None

Abstaining: None

Excused Absence: Conley (Fred)

Absent: Conley (Fred)

ADJOURNMENT: Being no further business, the meeting adjourned by acclamation at 6:40 p.m.

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