

**Programs, Projects, and Operations  
Subcommittee Meeting Minutes  
May 7, 2024**

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 154<sup>th</sup> Street, Omaha, NE, on May 7, 2024. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Fred Conley at 4:00 p.m.

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

<b>Subcommittee Members Present</b>	<b>Subcommittee Members Absent</b>	<b>Other Directors Present</b>	<b>Others Present</b>
Fred Conley, Chairman	Tim Fowler, Vice-Chairman*	Larry Bradley	John Winkler
Patrick Bonnett**		Josh Henningsen	Amanda Grint
Ted Japp		Tim McCormick	Brent Meyer, Legal Counsel
Rich Tesar		Kevyn Sopinski	Nicole Gust
Jim Thompson			Austen Hill
			Lori Laster
			Terry Schumacher
			Bill Warren
			Justin Novak
			Bill Brush
			Other Staff Members

- \* Absent
- \*\* Alternate Voting Member

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA:**

- **It was moved by Director Tesar and seconded by Director Thompson that the agenda be adopted.**

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

Voting Yea: Bonnett, Japp, Tesar, Thompson, Conley  
 Voting Nay: None  
 Abstaining: None  
 Absent: Fowler

**PROOF OF PUBLICATION:** Public notice of the meeting was posted at all District offices and published in the Omaha World-Herald on May 2, 2024. The proof of publication affidavit is included with the file copy of these minutes.

**1. FY 2025 Equipment Requirements – Nicole Gust:**

Purchasing Agent Nicole Gust explained the process used to determine the equipment replacement budget for FY 2025 and described each of the items proposed for purchase. Nicole, Project Manager Justin Novak and O&M/Park Superintendent Bill Warren answered Directors questions.

- **It was moved by Director Thompson and seconded by Director Tesar that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board of Directors to approve the proposed FY 2025 Equipment Requirements subject to funding in the FY 2025 Budget, and that the District’s 2017 Bobcat Toolcat 5600 (6CT27) be declared surplus and that the General Manager be authorized to list this equipment for sale with Big Iron Auctions.**

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

Voting Yea: Bonnett, Japp, Tesar, Thompson, Conley  
 Voting Nay: None  
 Abstaining: None  
 Absent: Fowler

**2. Fifth Addendum to the Agreement with Nebraska Land Trust – Austen Hill:**

Education Programs Supervisor Austen Hill presented information about District’s partnership with The Nebraska Land Trust (NLT) and stated that the NRD is a charter member of the NLT Board. In 2009, 2012, 2015, 2018 and 2021 the NRD entered into three-year Cooperative Agreements with the NLT, to provide a financial contribution of \$30,000.00 per year to assist in their operations. The NLT is requesting that this partnership continue for an additional three-year period beginning in Fiscal Year 2025. Austen answered Directors questions.

- **It was moved by Director Tesar and seconded by Director Thompson that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board that the General Manager be authorized to execute the proposed Fifth Addendum to the 18 March, 2009 Agreement Between Papio-Missouri River Natural Resources District and the Nebraska Land Trust for Cooperative Assistance that allows for an additional three-year District commitment in the amount of \$30,000/year, commencing in fiscal year, 2025 subject to changes deemed necessary by the General Manager and approval as to form by District Legal Counsel.**

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

Voting Yea: Bonnett, Japp, Tesar, Thompson, Conley  
 Voting Nay: None  
 Abstaining: None  
 Absent: Fowler

**3. Elkhorn River Improvement Project Area Assessment – Amanda Grint:**

Assistant General Manager Amanda Grint reminded the Directors that in February of 2011 the Board voted to reestablish the Operations and Maintenance Assessment on benefited properties in the Elkhorn River Improvement Project Area and reviewed the project. Amanda stated that significant damage occurred during the flood in March 2019 and the District completed repair work in the IPA to protect public infrastructure and private property. Amanda told the Directors that annual assessments are used to cover recurring small costs and are building the balance of the fund to be available if restoration and protection work is needed again in the future but for Douglas County to collect these assessments, a Board resolution is required each year. Amanda answered Directors questions.

- **It was moved by Director Tesar and seconded by Director Thompson that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board of Directors that a special assessment for the operation and maintenance of the Elkhorn River Bank Stabilization Improvement Project Area be levied against the benefited parcels in the total amount of \$20,000 for calendar year 2024 and that the attached Resolution be adopted:**

**RESOLUTION  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
PAPIO-MISSOURI RIVER NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT  
Elkhorn River Bank Stabilization Improvement Project  
Annual Operation and Maintenance Assessment**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Directors of the Papio-Missouri River Natural Resources District that each of the lots and parcels of ground in Douglas County, Nebraska, identified in the “2024 Assessment Schedule,” attached hereto as Exhibit “A” and incorporated herein by reference, has been specially benefited by the District’s program of operation and maintenance upon the construction and capital improvements involved with the District’s Elkhorn River Bank Stabilization Improvement Project; that special benefits from such program of operation and maintenance are correctly set out in the respective amounts appearing opposite the designation of said lots and parcels of ground in said schedule; that such respective amounts appearing opposite said lots and parcels of ground in said schedule are hereby levied as special assessments against such lots and parcels of ground; and, that said assessments shall become due fifty (50) days after date, to-wit: shall become due on June 28, 2024, and may be paid within said time without interest, but if not paid by June 28, 2024, each such assessment shall draw interest at the rate of nine per cent (9%) per annum from and after date until delinquent; and, from and after date that each installment become delinquent, shall draw interest at the rate of fourteen per cent (14%) per annum until paid.

**BE IF FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Secretary of the District shall certify a copy of this levy resolution to the County Clerk and County Treasurer of Douglas County, Nebraska, for spreading the same on the tax records of such County, and such special assessments shall be collected by the County Treasurer as provided by law.

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

Voting Yea: Bonnett, Japp, Tesar, Thompson, Conley  
Voting Nay: None  
Abstaining: None  
Absent: Fowler

**4. Papillion Creek Watershed Partnership Interlocal Agreement – Lori Laster:**

Project Manager Lori Laster briefed the Directors on the history of the Papillion Creek Watershed Partnership, the member communities, and how they review the watershed fee framework and management plan every five years to assure funding for plan implementation and to determine structure projects for the next implementation plan. Lori stated that the current agreement expires on June 30, 2024. Lori reviewed the revisions from the current interlocal and answered Directors questions.

- **It was moved by Director Thompson and seconded by Director Bonnett that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board that the General Manager be authorized to execute the proposed Interlocal Agreement for the continuation of the Papillion Creek Watershed Partnership between the communities of Bellevue, Boys Town, Gretna, La Vista, Omaha, Papillion, Ralston, Sarpy County, and the Papio-Missouri River NRD, subject to changes deemed necessary by the General Manager and approval as to form by District Legal Counsel**

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

Voting Yea: Bonnett, Japp, Tesar, Thompson, Conley  
Voting Nay: None  
Abstaining: None  
Absent: Fowler

**5. Financial Assistance to the Nebraska Game & Parks Commission for the Summit Lake SRA – Terry Schumacher:**

Land & Water Programs Coordinator Terry Schumacher reviewed the current 25 year lease agreement between the District and the Nebraska Game & Parks Commission, stating that it is in its fourteenth year. Terry told the Directors that Commission and District staff recently met and determined that continuing the \$40,000 annual contribution for the next four years was appropriate. Terry answered Directors questions.

- **It was moved by Director Tesar and seconded by Director Japp that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board that the General Manager be authorized to pay an annual \$40,000 District contribution to the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission for the next four fiscal years (2025 – 2028) to assist in operation and management of the Summit Lake State Recreation Area, beginning on or about, July 1 , 2024.**

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

Voting Yea: Bonnett, Japp, Tesar, Thompson, Conley  
Voting Nay: None  
Abstaining: None  
Absent: Fowler

**ADJOURNMENT:** Being no further business, the meeting adjourned by acclamation at 4:37 p.m.