



**PAPIO-MISSOURI RIVER
NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES
June 13, 2024**

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: A regular meeting of the Papio-Missouri River Natural Resources District Board of Directors was held at the Natural Resources Center, 8901 S. 154th Street, Omaha, NE on June 13, 2024. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Kevyn Sopinski at 4:00 p.m.

NOTIFICATION OF OPEN MEETINGS ACT POSTING AND MEETING PROCEDURE

QUORUM CALL: The following Directors were present for the Quorum Call:

Patrick Bonnett	Ted Japp
Larry Bradley	Tim McCormick
Fred Conley	Kevyn Sopinski
Phil Davidson	Rich Tesar
Tim Fowler	Jim Thompson
Josh Henningsen	

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

- **MOTION NO. 1:** It was moved by Director Tesar and seconded by Director Fowler that the meeting agenda be adopted.

Roll call vote was held on the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 11-yea.

Voting Yea	-	Bonnett, Bradley, Conley, Davidson, Fowler, Henningsen, Japp, McCormick, Tesar, Thompson, Sopinski
Voting Nay	-	None
Abstaining	-	None
Excused Absence	-	None
Absent	-	None

ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA:

- **MOTION NO. 2:** It was moved by Director McCormick and seconded by Director Bradley that the following resolution be adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED that the following resolutions on the consent agenda are hereby adopted.

Agenda Item 3.A.:

BE IT RESOLVED that the absences of the following Director(s) from the June 13, 2024, Board of Directors Meeting are excused:

None to date.

Agenda Item 7. A.:

BE IT RESOLVED that the May 9, 2024, Papio-Missouri River NRD Board Meeting minutes are approved as printed.

Roll call vote was held on the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 11-yea.

Voting Yea	-	Bonnett, Bradley, Conley, Davidson, Fowler, Henningsen, Japp, McCormick, Tesar, Thompson, Sopinski
Voting Nay	-	None
Abstaining	-	None
Excused Absence	-	None
Absent	-	None

PROOFS OF PUBLICATION OF MEETING NOTICE: Notice of the meeting was published in the Omaha World Herald on June 6, 2024. The District's April 12 through May 9, 2024, expenditures were published in The Burt County Plaindealer on May 21, 2024. The Chairman ordered the Proofs of Publication recorded in the minutes of this meeting. (They are contained as part of the file copy of these minutes.)

PUBLIC COMMENT: Chairman Sopinski invited the public to make comments. No one from the public spoke.

AGENCY AND ASSOCIATION REPORTS:

A. Natural Resources Conservation Service Report: Kristin Schlueter, District Conservationist, submitted a written report on NRCS activities for the month of June.

B. Nebraska Association of Resources District Board Meeting and NARD Basin Tour: Director Tesar reported the NARD Board of Directors met in McCook, Nebraska on June 10th. Directors Bonnett and McCormick briefed the Board on the NRD Annual Basin Tour of the Republican River they attended on June 10th and 11th, 2024.

C. Legislative Report – Catalyst Public Affairs: General Manager Winkler stated there were no updates on Legislative activities.

Reports can be heard on the District's podcast at www.papionrd.org/meeting-podcasts/

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:

A. Programs, Projects, and Operations Subcommittee: Director Conley reported that the PPO Subcommittee met on June 11, 2024 and gave a brief recap of the meeting.

- **MOTION NO. 3:** It was moved by Director Conley that the following recommendation be adopted:

PPO Recommendation 1: Amendment No. 1 with HDR Engineering for In-Lieu Fee Program Development: Recommendation that the General Manager be authorized to execute the proposed Amendment No. 1 with HDR Engineering for the In-Lieu Fee Aquatic Resource Mitigation Program Instrument project in a not-to-exceed amount of \$80,395, bringing the total contract not-to-exceed amount to \$130,386, subject changes deemed necessary by the General Manager and approval as to form by District Legal Counsel.

Roll call vote was held on the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 11-yea.

Voting Yea - Bonnett, Bradley, Conley, Davidson, Fowler, Henningsen, Japp, McCormick, Tesar, Thompson, Sopinski
Voting Nay - None
Abstaining - None
Excused Absence - None
Absent - None

- **MOTION NO. 4:** It was moved by Director Conley that the following recommendation be adopted:

PPO Recommendation 2: Amendment No. 5 with HDR Engineering for WP-4: Recommendation that the General Manager be authorized to execute Amendment No. 5 with HDR Engineering, Inc. for Professional Engineering Services for modifications to the Final Design of the WP4 Project in a not-to-exceed amount of \$213,200, bringing the total contract amount to \$3,877,026, subject to changes deemed necessary by the General Manager and approval as to form by District Legal Counsel.

Roll call vote was held on the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 11-yea.

Voting Yea - Bonnett, Bradley, Conley, Davidson, Fowler, Henningsen, Japp, McCormick, Tesar, Thompson, Sopinski
Voting Nay - None
Abstaining - None
Excused Absence - None
Absent - None

- **MOTION NO. 5:** It was moved by Director Conley that the following recommendation be adopted:

PPO Recommendation 3: Amendment No. 1 with HDR Engineering for the Papillion Creek Tributary Section 319 Water Quality Project: Recommendation that the General Manager be authorized to execute the proposed Amendment No. 1 with HDR Engineering, Inc. for the Papillion Creek Tributary Section 319 Water Quality Project in an amount not-to-exceed \$592,415, bringing the total contract amount to \$1,066,915, subject to changes deemed necessary by the General Manager and approval as to form by District Legal Counsel.

Roll call vote was held on the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 11-yea.

Voting Yea - Bonnett, Bradley, Conley, Davidson, Fowler, Henningsen, Japp, McCormick, Tesar, Thompson, Sopinski
Voting Nay - None
Abstaining - None
Excused Absence - None
Absent - None

•• **MOTION NO. 6:** It was moved by Director Conley that the following recommendation be adopted:

PPO Recommendation 4: Bids for the Papillion Creek Tributary Section 319 Water Quality Project: Recommendation that the General Manager be authorized to execute the proposed contract with Pruett Grading, LLC in the amount of \$2,171,680 for the Papillion Creek Tributary Section 319 Water Quality Project, subject to changes deemed necessary by the General Manager and approval as to form by District Legal Counsel.

Director Japp asked when the project would start. Project Manager Terry Schumacher stated that typically a project like this would start within 2-3 weeks after Board approval. A preconstruction meeting needs to be held and a couple of wildlife issues need to be resolved, which could potentially cause delay with the start of this project.

Roll call vote was held on the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 11-yea.

Voting Yea - Bonnett, Bradley, Conley, Davidson, Fowler, Henningsen, Japp, McCormick, Tesar, Thompson, Sopinski
Voting Nay - None
Abstaining - None
Excused Absence - None
Absent - None

•• **MOTION NO. 7:** It was moved by Director Conley that the following recommendation be adopted:

PPO Recommendation 5: Interlocal Agreement with Waterloo Rural Fire Department for Elkhorn River Water Rescue Funding: Recommendation that the General Manager be authorized to execute the proposed Interlocal

Agreement for the Elkhorn River Water Rescue Funding for a term to expire on December 31, 2026, subject to changes deemed necessary by the General Manager and approval as to form by District Legal Counsel.

Roll call vote was held on the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 11-yea.

Voting Yea	-	Bonnett, Bradley, Conley, Davidson, Fowler, Henningsen, Japp, McCormick, Tesar, Thompson, Sopinski
Voting Nay	-	None
Abstaining	-	None
Excused Absence	-	None
Absent	-	None

B. Finance, Expenditures, and Legal Subcommittee: Director Tesar reported that the FEL Subcommittee met on June 11, 2024 and gave a brief recap of the meeting.

•• **MOTION NO. 8:** It was moved by Director Tesar that the following recommendation be adopted:

FEL Recommendation 1: Land Acquisition for the Papillion Creek Tributary Section 319 Water Quality Project: Recommendation that the General Manager be authorized to execute a purchase agreement providing permanent easements from Lance G. and Michelle A. Dunker for the Papillion Creek Tributary Section 319 Water Quality Project in an amount not-to-exceed \$253,805, subject to changes as deemed necessary by the General Manager and approval as to form by District Legal Counsel.

Roll call vote was held on the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 11-yea.

Voting Yea	-	Bonnett, Bradley, Conley, Davidson, Fowler, Henningsen, Japp, McCormick, Tesar, Thompson, Sopinski
Voting Nay	-	None
Abstaining	-	None
Excused Absence	-	None
Absent	-	None

TREASURER'S REPORT:

•• **MOTION NO. 9:** It was moved by Director Fowler and seconded by Director Conley that the following resolution be adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Treasurer is authorized to expend general funds to pay: (1) claims listed in the May 2024 financial report; and, (2) any claims made prior to the next Board meeting for (a) earned salaries of District employees, (b) withholding taxes, (c) social security payments, (d) retirement program contributions, (e) utilities, (f) registration fees and expenses for upcoming meetings and conferences, (g) certified completed CAP and Special Project

Area applications, (h) invoices which offer a credit or discount for payment made prior to the next Board meeting, (i) postage, and, (j) building and grounds contract expenses.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Treasurer is authorized to pay, from the respective operating accounts of the Dakota County, Thurston County and Washington County Rural Water System, the Elkhorn River Bank Stabilization Project, the Elk/Pigeon Creek Drainage Project, and the Western Sarpy Drainage District, the project bills listed on the May 2024 financial report, and future claims for project utilities.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the financial reports be affixed to and made a part of the minutes.

Roll call vote was held on motion. The motion carried on a vote of 11-yea.

Voting Yea	-	Bonnett, Bradley, Conley, Davidson, Fowler, Henningsen, Japp, McCormick, Tesar, Thompson, Sopinski
Voting Nay	-	None
Abstaining	-	None
Excused Absence	-	None
Absent	-	None

CHAIRMAN’S REPORT: Chairman Sopinski thanked staff for their work. The levee system worked as was intended.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT: General Manager Winkler reviewed his report with the Board. The written report is posted to the District’s website. A special thanks goes to Valley Corp for mobilizing their equipment to assist with the clearing of debris that clogged the channel located at the 36th Street Bridge in Bellevue, during the May 21, 2024 flood event. Because of an evening rain, the debris cleared the channel naturally and the equipment was not needed. Valley Corp did not charge the District for the expenses they incurred for putting their equipment in place. Thank you for your partnership with the District! Additional thanks from the General Manager can be heard on the District’s Podcast.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

A. Future Meetings: The Chairman reviewed the following upcoming meetings with the Directors:

June 19, 2024 Papiro NRD Offices Closed for Juneteenth

July 4, 2024 Papiro NRD Offices Closed for the 4th of July

July 9, 2024 Papiro NRD Directors Budget Workshop, 3:00 – 4:00 p.m., at NRC

July 9, 2024 Papiro NRD Subcommittee Meetings, 4:00 p.m., at NRC

July 11, 2024 Papio NRD Board of Directors Meeting, 4:00 p.m., at NRC

B. Next Meeting – The next scheduled meeting of the Papio NRD Board of Directors will be held on July 11, 2024, at the NRC.

ADJOURNMENT: Being no further business, the Chairman declared that the meeting was adjourned at 4:42 p.m.

NOTE: These minutes reflect the actions and votes taken at the June 13, 2024, Board of Directors Meeting of the Papio-Missouri River Natural Resources District and are not an official transcript of the meeting. The audio cast of this meeting can be found on our website at www.papionrd.org.

I, the undersigned, Secretary of the Papio-Missouri River Natural Resources District, hereby certify that the foregoing are true and correct minutes of a meeting of the Board of Directors of the District held on June 13, 2024, that all of the subjects included in the foregoing proceedings were contained in the agenda for the meeting, kept continually current and readily available for public inspection at the office of the District; that such subjects were contained in said agenda at least twenty-four hours prior to said meeting; that at least one copy of all reproducible material discussed at the meeting was available at the meeting for examination and copying by members of the public; that the minutes were in written form and available for public inspection within ten working days and prior to the next convened meeting of said body; and, that all news media requesting notification of the meeting of said body were provided advance notification of the time and place of said meeting.

Richard Tesar
District Secretary