



**PAPIO-MISSOURI RIVER  
NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES  
October 10, 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. 154<sup>th</sup> Street, Omaha, NE on October 10, 2024. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Tim McCormick 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	Tim McCormick
Larry Bradley	Rich Tesar
Fred Conley	Jim Thompson

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA:**

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

Roll call vote was held on motion. The motion carried on a vote of 6-yea.

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

**ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA:**

- **MOTION NO. 2:** It was moved by Director Thompson and seconded by Director Bonnett 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 absence of the following Director from the October 10, 2024, Board of Directors Meeting are excused:

Phil Davidson  
Tim Fowler  
Josh Henningsen  
Zachary Irvine  
Ted Japp

Agenda Item 7. A.:

BE IT RESOLVED that the September 12, 2024, Papio-Missouri River NRD Board Meeting Minutes are approved as printed.

Roll call vote was held on motion. The motion carried on a vote of 6-yea.

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

**PROOFS OF PUBLICATION OF MEETING NOTICE:** Notice of the meeting was published in the Omaha World Herald on October 3, 2024. The District's August 9 - September 12, 2024, expenditures were published in the Dakota County Star on October 3, 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.)

**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 October.
- B. Nebraska Association of Resources Districts: Director Rich Tesar gave the report on the 2024 NARD Annual Meeting that was held on September 23-24, 2024, in Kearney, NE.
- C. Legislative Report: The General Manager stated that there was nothing to report.

Reports can be heard on the District's podcast at [www.papionrd.org/meeting-podcasts/](http://www.papionrd.org/meeting-podcasts/)

**SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:**

A. Programs, Projects and Operations Subcommittee: Director Conley reported that the PPO Subcommittee met on October 8, 2024, and gave a brief recap of the meeting.

Groundwater Management Engineer Philip Paitz and Tyler Martin from Nebraska Department of Natural Resources gave an update on the 2023 Voluntary Integrated Management Plan Annual Report. No action was taken by the Subcommittee.

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

*PPO Recommendation #1:* Access Agreement with Bellevue Rod and Gun Club for the Platte River Obstruction Removal Project: Recommendation that the General Manager be authorized to execute the proposed Access Agreement with Bellevue Rod and Gun Club to provide the required access to the project area; with any changes deemed necessary by the General Manager and Legal Counsel.

Roll call was held on the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 6-yea.

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

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

*PPO Recommendation #2:* Agreement with Lower Platte North NRD for Platte River Cameras: Recommendation that the General Manager be authorized to execute the proposed Interlocal Agreement with the Lower Platte North NRD, Dodge County, and the City of Fremont for the continued maintenance of the Platte River Cameras project, 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 6-yea.

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

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

*PPO Recommendation #3:* Modification to USGS Agreement for Platte River Cameras: Recommendation that the General Manager be authorized to execute the proposed Modification to the USGS Agreement for the addition of the Louisville camera to FY 25 for the Platte River Camera project, 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 6-yea.

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

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

*PPO Recommendation #4:* Contract with HDR for Washington County Rural Water Expansion Design: Recommendation that the General Manager be authorized to waive District Policy 15.2 Purchasing-Professional Services and execute the proposed Final Design and Bidding Services Agreement with HDR for the Washington County Rural Water #2 Expansion Project with a cost not-to-exceed \$86,700, 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 6-yea.

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

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

*PPO Recommendation #5:* Pigeon Jones Creek Dam 11 Decommissioning Bids: Recommendation that the General Manager be authorized to execute a contract with Detlefsen Construction in the amount of \$201,607.78 for the construction of the Pigeon Jones Creek Dam 11 Decommissioning Project, 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 6-yea.

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

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

*PPO Recommendation #6:* Renewal of USGS Maintenance Agreement for Papio Floodwarning System Gages: Recommendation that the General Manager be authorized to execute the proposed Joint Funding Agreement with the USGS in the amount of \$142,685 in District funds for the operation of the District’s floodwarning system for 2025, 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 6-yea.

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

•• **MOTION NO. 9:** It was moved by Director Conley that the following recommendation be accepted:

*PPO Recommendation #7:* WP-1 Construction Bids: Recommendation that the General Manager be authorized to execute a construction contract with K2 Construction for the West Papillion Regional Basin 1 (WP-1) project in an amount not-to-exceed \$11,392,223.16, 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 6-yea.

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

•• **MOTION NO. 10:** It was moved by Director Conley that the following recommendation be accepted:

*PPO Recommendation #8:* FY 2025 Long Range Implementation Plan (LRIP): Recommendation that proposed Fiscal Year 2025 Long Range Implementation Plan be approved.

Roll call vote was held on the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 6-yea.

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

- **MOTION NO. 11:** It was moved by Director Conley that the following recommendation be accepted:

*PPO Recommendation #9:* Memorandum of Understanding with Omaha Public Works for 120<sup>th</sup> Street Bridge Remapping: Recommendation that the General Manager be authorized to execute the Memorandum of Understanding with Omaha Public Works to cost share on the 120th Street Remapping project, 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 6-yea.

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

B. Ad-Hoc Consultant Selection Subcommittee RFP for the Silver Creek Watershed 35A Project: Director Bradley reported that the Ad-Hoc Subcommittee met on October 8, 2024, and gave a brief recap of the meeting.

- **MOTION NO. 12:** It was moved by Director Bradley that the following recommendation be accepted:

*Ad-Hoc Recommendation #1:* Initial Screening of Proposals for Consultant Selection Interviews: Recommendation that that the Subcommittee request interviews with JEO Consulting Group, Houston Engineering, and HDR Engineering in the order presented, on November 7, 2024 at 4:00 p.m.

Roll call was held on the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 6-yea.

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

### **TREASURER'S REPORT:**

- **MOTION NO. 13:** It was moved by Director Bonnett and seconded by Director Thompson 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 September 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 Washington County, Dakota County, and Thurston County Water Supply System, the Elkhorn River Stabilization Project, the Elk/Pigeon Creek Drainage Project, the Western Sarpy Drainage Project, the Papillion Creek Watershed Partnership, and the Southern Sarpy Watershed Partnership project bills listed on the September 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 6-yea.

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

**CHAIRMAN’S REPORT – PAPIO NRD BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING SCHEDULE FOR 2025:**

•• **MOTION NO. 14:** It was moved by Director Thompson and seconded by Director Conley that the following resolution be adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED that the following be adopted as the schedule for Papio-Missouri River NRD Board of Directors meetings for calendar year 2025:

January 9, 2025	July 10, 2025
February 13, 2025	August 14, 2025
March 13, 2025	September 11, 2025
April 10, 2025	October 9, 2025
May 8, 2025	November 13, 2025
June 12, 2025	December 11, 2025

Roll call vote was held on the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 6-yea.

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

**GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT:** General Manager Winkler reviewed the GM Report with the Board. He added that the District hosted the National NRCS Chief Terry Cosby at the District office. He said they had a great conversation, and Assistant General Manager Amanda Grint gave a presentation of the work the District and other organizations have done over the past 60 years. The original Watershed Plan started back in 1966 with just a few structures remaining, which are estimated to be completed by 2028. We appreciate the partnership we have with the NRCS.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:**

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

October 11, 2024	Household Hazardous Waste Collection, 3:00-6:00 p.m., at Blair Recycling Center 440 South 3 <sup>rd</sup> Avenue, Blair, NE
November 7, 2024	Ad-Hoc Consultant Selection Subcommittee Meeting - RFP for the Silver Creek Watershed Project 35A, Firm Interviews, 4:00 p.m., at NRC
November 11, 2024	Papio NRD Offices Closed – Veteran’s Day
November 12, 2024	Papio NRD Subcommittee Meetings, 4:00 p.m., at NRC
November 14, 2024	Papio NRD Board Meeting, 4:00 p.m., at NRC
November 28-29, 2024	Papio NRD Offices Closed – Thanksgiving Holiday

B. Next Meeting: The next scheduled meeting of the Papio NRD Board of Directors will be held on Thursday, November 14, 2024, at the NRC.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Being that there was no further business, Chairman McCormick declared that the meeting was adjourned at 4:28 p.m.

**NOTE:** These minutes reflect the actions and votes taken at the October 10, 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](http://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 October 10, 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.

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Richard Tesar  
District Secretary