

**Programs, Projects, and Operations
Subcommittee Meeting Minutes
November 12, 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 154th Street, Omaha, NE, on November 12, 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.

Subcommittee Members Present	Subcommittee Members Absent	Other Directors Present	Others Present
Fred Conley, Chairman	Ted Japp*	Larry Bradley	John Winkler
Tim Fowler, Vice-Chairman	Patrick Bonnett*	Phil Davidson	Amanda Grint
Rich Tesar		Zachary Irvine	Brent Meyer, Legal Counsel
Jim Thompson			Nicole Gust
			Philip Paitz
			Justin Novak
			Lori Laster
			Ian Ghanavati
			Mike Sotak, Houston Engineering
			Dan Lightbody, Olsson
			Jacob Garder, Houston Engineering
			Other Staff Members

* Absent

** Alternate Voting Member

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

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

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

Voting Yea: Fowler, Tesar, Thompson, Conley

Voting Nay: None

Abstaining: None

Absent: Bonnett, Japp

PROOF OF PUBLICATION: Public notice of the meeting was posted at all District offices and published in the Omaha World-Herald on November 6, 2024. The proof of publication affidavit is included with the file copy of these minutes.

1. Groundwater Monitoring Joint Funding Agreement with USGS – Philip Paitz:

Project Manager Philip Paitz briefed the Directors on the purpose of the water monitoring study as well as the data gained from the study and how it is being used by the District. Philip stated that the District’s total for this year’s agreement is \$14,680 and the duration of the agreement is for one year, from October 1, 2024, to September 30, 2025. Philip answered Directors questions.

- **It was moved by Director Fowler and seconded by Chairman Conley that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board of Directors that the General Manager be authorized to execute a Joint Funding Agreement with U.S. Geological Survey for a total cost to the District of \$14,680 for the continuation of groundwater monitoring in the Platte and Elkhorn River valley, 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 failed on a vote of 2-yea and 2-nay.

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

2. Blair Maintenance Building Bids – Justin Novak:

Project Manager Justin Novak reminded the Directors that in 2021 the District purchased land for the construction of a new shop at the Blair Field Office. Justin told the Directors that bids for the construction of the new shop were opened on October 29 with the low bid coming from Rogge General Contractors for \$1,048,100. The architect, Schemmer, recommends that the contract be awarded to Rogge. Justin addressed all questions.

- **It was moved by Director Tesar and seconded by Director Fowler that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board of Directors that the General Manager be authorized to execute a construction contract with Rogge General Contractors for the Blair Maintenance Building in an amount not to exceed \$1,048,000.00, 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 4-yea.

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

3. Amendment to Interlocal Agreement with Lower Platte South NRD for Platte River Cameras – Amanda Grint:

Assistant General Manager Amanda Grint briefed the Directors on the USGS installed cameras along the Platte River and the valuable information they provide on ice breakup and movement through the Platte system. Amanda reminded the Directors that last month the Board approved the installation of a ninth camera, and she broke down the costs this would add to the original agreement for FY 2025. Amanda answered Directors questions.

- **It was moved by Director Tesar and seconded by Director Fowler that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board of Directors that the General Manager be authorized to execute the First Amendment to the Interlocal Cooperation Act Agreement for Platte River and Elkhorn River Cameras with the Lower Platte South Natural Resources District 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 4-yea.

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

4. Platte River Obstruction Removal Project Bids – Lori Laster:

Project Manager Lori Laster told the Directors that bids for the Platte River Obstruction Project were opened on October 13 with the apparent low base bid coming from Valley Corp for \$1,292,406. Lori reminded the Directors that the District was awarded money from Nebraska Department of Economic Development through CDBG-DR which covers 90% of the project costs. Lori stated that the other 10% is being covered by a local match being split between the District, Sarpy County, SID 101, LPSNRD and Cass County. Lori and Mike Sotak, Houston Engineering, answered Directors questions.

- **It was moved by Director Tesar and seconded by Director Thompson that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board of Directors that the General Manager be authorized to execute a construction contract with Valley Corp for the Platte River Obstruction Project in an amount not to exceed the available grant funds, 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 4-yea.

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

5. Amendment No. 2 with Olsson for WP-1 Professional Services – Ian Ghanavati:

Project Manager Ian Ghanavati reminded the Directors that in May 2017 the Board approved the selection of Olsson for the preliminary design of WP-1 and DS-7, and that in May 2018 there was an amendment to the contract expanding the scope of the project to include WP-1's final design and permitting. Ian stated that final design and permitting of WP-1 were completed in 2024 and bids for the project were opened on September 24. Ian summarized the proposed Amendment 2 for WP-1 which includes construction administration, testing and observation, adding that Olsson proposes to provide the professional services in Contract Amendment No. 2 for a total not-to-exceed fee of \$1,436,625. Ian answered Directors questions.

- **It was moved by Director Tesar and seconded by Director Fowler that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board of Directors that the General Manager be authorized to execute the proposed Contract Amendment No. 2 with Olsson for the West Papillion Regional Basin Number 1 (WP-1) project in an amount not to exceed \$1,436,625 bringing the total contract not to exceed amount to \$3,588,094, subject to such other terms and conditions as the General Manager determines necessary and Legal Counsel approves as to form.**

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

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

ADJOURNMENT: Being no further business, the meeting adjourned by acclamation at 4:33 p.m.