



**PAPIO-MISSOURI RIVER
NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES
November 14, 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 November 14, 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	Zachary Irvine
Larry Bradley	Tim McCormick
Fred Conley	Rich Tesar
Phil Davidson	Jim Thompson
Tim Fowler	

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

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

Roll call vote was held on motion. The motion carried on a vote of 9-yea.

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

ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA:

- **MOTION NO. 2:** It was moved by Director Thompson and seconded by Director Conley 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 November 14, 2024, Board of Directors Meeting is/are excused:

Josh Henningsen
Ted Japp.

Agenda Item 7. A. and B.:

BE IT RESOLVED that the October 10, 2024, Papio-Missouri River NRD Board Meeting Minutes and the October 9, 2024, Dakota County Rural Water Advisory Board Meeting Minutes are approved as printed.

Roll call vote was held on motion. The motion carried on a vote of 9-yea.

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

PROOFS OF PUBLICATION OF MEETING NOTICE: Notice of the meeting was published in the Omaha World Herald on November 6, 2024. The District's September 13 - October 10, 2024, expenditures were published in the Omaha World Herald on October 23, 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 updated the Board on the NRCS activities for the month of November.
- B. Nebraska Association of Resources Districts: Director Rich Tesar stated he was unable to attend the NARD Board of Directors meeting that was held on November 3-4, 2024, in Valentine, NE and had nothing to report.
- C. Legislative Report – Catalyst Public Affairs: General Manager Winkler stated he had emailed Directors the list of State Senators that were either elected or reelected to the State Legislature.

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

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:

A. Ad-Hoc Consultant Selection Subcommittee RFP for the Silver Creek Watershed 35A Project: Director Bradley reported that the Ad-Hoc Subcommittee met on November 7, 2024, and gave a brief recap

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

Ad-Hoc Recommendation #1: Consultant Selection Interviews: Recommendation that Houston Engineering, Inc. be ranked first, and HDR Engineering, Inc. be ranked second to negotiate a contract to provide professional services necessary to design, permit, and construct a Small Flood Control and Water Quality Structure (Site 35A dam) in the Silver Creek Watershed in Burt County, Nebraska.

Roll call was held on the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 9-yea.

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

B. Programs, Projects and Operations Subcommittee: Director Conley reported that the PPO Subcommittee met on November 12, 2024 and gave a brief recap of the meeting.

- **MOTION NO. 4:** The Groundwater Monitoring Joint Funding Agreement with USGS: This item failed in Subcommittee.

Motion to Reconsider Director Bradley made a motion to reconsider the Groundwater Joint Funding Agreement. The motion to reconsider was seconded by Director Conley.

Roll call was held on the motion to reconsider. The motion carried on a vote of 5-yea and 4-nay.

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

PPO Recommendation #1: Groundwater Monitoring Joint Funding Agreement with USGS: Recommendation that the Board of Directors recommends 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 (fourteen thousand, six hundred eighty dollars) 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 held on the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 5-yea and 4-nay.

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

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

PPO Recommendation #2: Blair Maintenance Building Bids: Recommendation 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 (one million, forty-eight thousand dollars), 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 9-yea.

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

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

PPO Recommendation #3: Amendment to Interlocal Agreement with Lower Platte South NRD for Platte River Cameras: Recommendation that the General Manager be authorized to execute the First Amendment to the Interlocal 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 vote was held on the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 9-yea.

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

Absent: Henningsen, Japp

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

PPO Recommendation #4: Platte River Obstruction Removal Project Bids: Recommendation 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 vote was held on the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 9-yea.

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

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

PPO Recommendation #5: Amendment No. 2 with Olsson for WP-1 Professional Services: Recommendation 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 (one million, four hundred thirty-six thousand, six hundred and twenty-five dollars), bringing the total contract not-to-exceed amount to \$3,588,094 (three million, five hundred eighty-eight thousand, ninety-four dollars) 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 9-yea.

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

C. Finance, Expenditure, and Legal Subcommittee: Director Tesar reported that the FEL Subcommittee met on November 12, 2024, and gave a brief recap of the meeting.

- **MOTION NO. 9:** It was moved by Director Tesar that the following recommendation be adopted:

FEL Recommendation #1: Remnant Right-of-Way Transfer to Hagen Hills, LLC.: Recommendation that the General Manager be authorized to execute the proposed Quitclaim Deed with Hagen Hills Homeowners Association, Inc., subject to changes deemed necessary by the General Manager and approval as to form by District Legal Counsel.

Roll call was held on the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 9-yea.

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

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

FEL Recommendation #2: Storm Easement for Dakota County Rural Water System Waterline Main: Recommendation that the General Manager be authorized to execute the proposed easement with the Storms in exchange for 1 new meter pit connection, subject to changes deemed necessary by the General Manager and approval as to form by District Legal Counsel.

Roll call was held on the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 9-yea.

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

•• **MOTION NO. 11:** It was moved by Director Tesar that the following recommendation be adopted:

FEL Recommendation #3: Sorensen Connection Land Rights: Recommendation that the General Manager be authorized to execute a purchase agreement providing for the purchase by the District from Cynthia Olsberg of one (1) parcel for the purchase price of \$54,000 (fifty-four thousand dollars), subject to changes deemed necessary by the General Manager and approval as to form by District Legal Counsel.

Roll call was held on the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 9-yea.

Voting Yea: Bonnett, Bradley, Conley, Davidson, Fowler, Irvine, Tesar, Thompson, McCormick

Voting Nay: None
Abstaining: None
Excused Absence: Henningsen, Japp
Absent: Henningsen, Japp

•• **MOTION NO. 12:** It was moved by Director Tesar that the following recommendation be adopted:

FEL Recommendation #4: Land Acquisition for Dam Site -19: Recommendation that the General Manager be authorized to execute a purchase agreement providing for the purchase by the District from MRDP, LLC, Tract 11 for the Dam Site 19 Project for the purchase price of \$3,797,123 (three million, seven hundred ninety-seven thousand, one hundred twenty-three dollars), subject to changes deemed necessary by the General Manager and approval as to form by District Legal Counsel.

The following individual addressed the Board:

➤ Shawn Melotz, 10404 N. 132nd Street, Omaha, NE 68142

Roll call was held on the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 9-yea.

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

•• **MOTION NO. 13:** It was moved by Director Tesar that the following recommendation be adopted:

FEL Recommendation #5: Floodway Buyout Sales Corrections with NEMA: Recommendation that the corrected payment amounts be approved and payments be made to the property owners as follows: \$26,454 (Twenty-Six Thousand and Four Hundred and Fifty-Four Dollars) to Mark J. Amdor; \$31,000 (Thirty-One Thousand Dollars) to Timothy Wilson; and \$31,000 (Thirty-One Thousand Dollars) to Michael Fox, subject to changes deemed necessary by the General Manager and approval as to form by District Legal Counsel.

Roll call was held on the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 9-yea.

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

Absent: Henningsen, Japp

TREASURER'S REPORT:

- **MOTION NO. 14:** It was moved by Director Fowler and seconded by Director Bradley 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 October 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 October 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 9-yea.

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

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT: Chairman McCormick congratulated the District and staff for being nominated for Omaha By Design's 2024 Laurels Awards. Nominations in the category of 'Access & Mobility Award' included the Baby Bob Bridge and the Platte River Bridge Trail. Project Manager Eric Williams was recognized for his work in the category of 'Environment and Open Space Award.'

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT: General Manager Winkler reviewed the GM Report with the Board. and noted that the report had been posted to the website. He concluded his report by wishing everyone a Happy Thanksgiving!

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

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

November 21, 2024	Davis Creek Watershed Improvement Project, Public Open House, 5:00-7:00 p.m., at the American Legion, 700 Main Street, Herman, NE
November 28-29, 2024	Papio NRD Offices Closed – Thanksgiving Holiday
December 10, 2024	Papio NRD Subcommittee Meetings
December 12, 2024	Papio NRD Board of Directors Meeting

B. Next Meeting – The next scheduled meeting of the Papio NRD Board of Directors will be held on Thursday, December 12, 2024, at the NRC.

ADJOURNMENT: Being no further business, the Chairman declared that the meeting was adjourned at 4:26 p.m.

NOTE: These minutes reflect the actions and votes taken at the November 14, 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 November 14, 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