

**Programs, Projects, and Operations
Subcommittee Meeting Minutes
January 7, 2025**

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 January 7, 2025. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Fred Conley at 4:07 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	Tim Fowler*	Brian Adams	John Winkler
Rich Tesar		Larry Bradley	Amanda Grint
Jim Thompson		Phil Davidson	Brent Meyer, Legal Counsel
		Anne Hubbard	Nicole Gust
		Tim McCormick	Lori Laster
		Rod Storm	Justin Novak
			Eric Williams
			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 3-yea.

Voting Yea: 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 January 3, 2025. The proof of publication affidavit is included with the file copy of these minutes.

1. FEMA Swift Current Grant Program Agreement with Puritan Manufacturing – Lori Laster:

Project Manager Lori Laster briefed the Directors on the Swift Current Project in which \$10 million is available to help NFIP policy holders across Nebraska become more resilient to flooding. Lori stated that Puritan Manufacturing had been designated as repetitive loss property, and as such qualifies for the Swift Current project. Puritan Manufacturing will provide the 10% local match requirement. Lori told the Directors that the proposed grant program agreement with Puritan Manufacturing would be at no cost to the District. Lori and Brent Meyer, Legal Counsel, 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 the**

proposed agreement with Puritan Manufacturing to proceed with the Swift Current project, 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 3-yea.

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

2. Thurston County Rural Water, Water Tower Painting Bids – Justin Novak:

Project Manager Justin Novak informed the Directors that Thurston County Rural Water, water tower painting bids were opened on December 27, 2024. Four bids were received with the lowest apparent bid from Maguire Iron Inc., in the amount of \$92,500. Justin recommended that this bid be accepted and 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 Maguire Iron Inc. for the Thurston County Rural Water, Water Tower Painting in an amount not to exceed \$92,500 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 3-yea.

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

3. Sorensen to Girard Trail Construction Bids – Eric Williams:

Project Manager Eric Williams briefed the Directors on the history of the Sorensen to Girard trail construction. Eric let the Directors know that bids were opened on December 18, 2024 for the connection to the east, with the apparent low bid being from Navarro Lawn & Landscape in the amount of \$919,522.70. Eric provided a letter from EGA recommending award of the construction contract to NL&L and stated that construction is set to begin early 2025 with completion expected by September 1st, 2025. Eric answered all questions.

- **It was moved by Director Thompson and seconded by Director Tesar that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board of Directors that the General Manager be authorized to execute a construction contract with Navarro Lawn & Landscape Inc. (NL&L) in the amount of nine hundred nineteen thousand, five hundred twenty-two dollars and seventy cents (\$919,522.70) for the Sorensen to Girard Trail Project, 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 3-yea.

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

ADJOURNMENT: Being no further business, the meeting adjourned by acclamation at 4:38 p.m.