



**PAPIO-MISSOURI RIVER
NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES
January 9, 2025**

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 January 9, 2025. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Tim McCormick at 4:00 p.m.

OATH OF OFFICE: Brent Meyer, District Legal Counsel with Husch Blackwell, administered the oath of office to the following Directors elected in the November 2024 general election.

**Brian Adams
Larry Bradley
Phil Davidson**

**Anne Hubbard
Rod Storm
Rich Tesar**

NOTIFICATION OF OPEN MEETINGS ACT POSTING AND MEETING PROCEDURE

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

Brian Adams
Larry Bradley
Fred Conley
Phil Davidson
Anne Hubbard

Zach Irvine
Tim McCormick
Rod Storm
Rich Tesar
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 the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 10-yea.

Voting Yea - Adams, Bradley, Conley, Davidson, Hubbard, Irvine, Storm, Tesar,
Thompson, McCormick
Voting Nay - None
Abstaining - None
Excused Absence - Fowler
Absent - Fowler

ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA:

- **MOTION NO. 2:** It was moved by Director Tesar 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 January 9, 2025, Board of Directors Meeting is excused:

Tim Fowler.

Agenda Item 7. A.:

BE IT RESOLVED that the December 12, 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 10-yea.

Voting Yea	-	Adams, Bradley, Conley, Davidson, Hubbard, Irvine, Storm, Tesar, Thompson, McCormick
Voting Nay	-	None
Abstaining	-	None
Excused Absence	-	Fowler
Absent	-	Fowler

PROOFS OF PUBLICATION OF MEETING NOTICE: Notice of the meeting was published in the Omaha World Herald on January 3, 2025. The District's November 15, 2024 – December 12, 2024, expenditures were published in the Omaha World Herald on December 26, 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 January.
- B. Nebraska Association of Resources Districts: Director Tesar reported the NARD's Legislative Conference is scheduled to be held on January 28-29, 2025, in Lincoln, NE.
- C. Legislative Report – Catalyst Public Affairs: Tim Gay began by congratulating the Directors who were sworn in earlier in the meeting and then briefed the Board on the opening session of the 109th Nebraska Legislature.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:

A. Personnel, Legislative and Public Affairs Subcommittee: Director McCormick reported that the PLPA Subcommittee met on January 7, 2025, and gave a brief recap of the meeting.

PLPA Program Update Papio NRD’s Affirmative Action Program: This was a program update. No action was taken by the Subcommittee.

B. Programs, Projects and Operations Subcommittee: Director Conley reported that the PPO Subcommittee met on January 7, 2025, 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: FEMA Swift Current Grant Program Agreement with Puritan Manufacturing: Recommendation 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 vote was held on the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 10-yea.

Voting Yea - Adams, Bradley, Conley, Davidson, Hubbard, Irvine, Storm, Tesar, Thompson, McCormick
Voting Nay - None
Abstaining - None
Excused Absence - Fowler
Absent - Fowler

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

PPO Recommendation 2: Thurston County Rural Water, Water Tower Painting Bids: Recommendation 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 (ninety-two thousand, five hundred 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 10-yea.

Voting Yea - Adams, Bradley, Conley, Davidson, Hubbard, Irvine, Storm, Tesar, Thompson, McCormick
Voting Nay - None
Abstaining - None
Excused Absence - Fowler
Absent - Fowler

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

PPO Recommendation 3: Sorensen to Girard Trail Construction Bids: Recommendation that the General Manager be authorized to execute a construction contract with Navarro Lawn & Landscape Inc. (NL&L) in the amount of \$919,522.70 (nine hundred nineteen thousand, five hundred, twenty-two dollars and seventy cents) 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 vote was held on the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 10-yea.

Voting Yea - Adams, Bradley, Conley, Davidson, Hubbard, Irvine, Storm, Tesar, Thompson, McCormick
Voting Nay - None
Abstaining - None
Excused Absence - Fowler
Absent - Fowler

C. Finance, Expenditure and Legal Subcommittee: Director Tesar reported that the FEL Subcommittee met on January 7, 2025, and gave a brief recap of the meeting.

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

FEL Recommendation 1: Building Maintenance – Blair Account 01-01-4630-401 over 110%: Recommendation that account 01-01-4630-401 Building Maintenance – Blair be allowed to exceed 110% of the budgeted amount up to a maximum of \$140,000 (one hundred forty thousand dollars.)

Roll call vote was held on the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 10-yea.

Voting Yea - Adams, Bradley, Conley, Davidson, Hubbard, Irvine, Storm, Tesar, Thompson, McCormick
Voting Nay - None
Abstaining - None
Excused Absence - Fowler
Absent - Fowler

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

FEL Recommendation 2: Papio Rails System Land Rights Account 01-06-4430-261 over 110%: Recommendation that the Papio Trails System, Land Rights account 01-06-4430-261 be allowed to exceed the budgeted amount up to a total \$55,000 (fifty-five thousand dollars.)

Roll call vote was held on the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 10-yea.

Voting Yea - Adams, Bradley, Conley, Davidson, Hubbard, Irvine, Storm, Tesar, Thompson, McCormick
Voting Nay - None
Abstaining - None
Excused Absence - Fowler
Absent - Fowler

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

FEL Recommendation 3: WP-1 Project Surplus Land Sale to the City of Omaha: Recommendation that approximately 2.2 acres of land purchased as part of the WP-1 project be declared surplus and that the General Manager be authorized to execute a purchase agreement with the City of Omaha for the sale of 2.2 acres, in the amount of \$382,932 (Three hundred and eighty-two thousand and nine hundred and thirty-two 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 10-yea.

Voting Yea - Adams, Bradley, Conley, Davidson, Hubbard, Irvine, Storm, Tesar, Thompson, McCormick
Voting Nay - None
Abstaining - None
Excused Absence - Fowler
Absent - Fowler

TREASURER'S REPORT:

•• **MOTION NO. 9:** It was moved by Director Davidson 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 December 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 December 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 the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 10-yea.

Voting Yea - Adams, Bradley, Conley, Davidson, Hubbard, Irvine, Storm, Tesar, Thompson, McCormick
Voting Nay - None
Abstaining - None
Excused Absence - Fowler
Absent - Fowler

CHAIRMAN’S REPORT:

A. Appointment of Papio NRD Standing Subcommittees:

- **MOTION NO. 10:** It was moved by Director Tesar and seconded by Director Conley that the following resolution be adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Papio NRD Standing Subcommittee appointments, as presented by the Board Chairman, are hereby approved.

Roll call vote was held on the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 10-yea.

Voting Yea - Adams, Bradley, Conley, Davidson, Hubbard, Irvine, Storm, Tesar, Thompson, McCormick
Voting Nay - None
Abstaining - None
Excused Absence - Fowler
Absent - Fowler

Director Bradley was given the opportunity to commemorate the passing of President Jimmy Carter. Director Bradley’s tribute can be heard by accessing the District’s podcast at www.papionrd.org/meeting-podcasts/.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT: GM Winkler congratulated the newly elected and re-elected representatives to the Board and reviewed the GM Report with the Board and noted that the report had been posted to the website.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

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

January 17, 2025	Director Orientation, 10:00 a.m., at NRC
January 20, 2025	Papio NRD Offices Closed for Martin Luther King Jr. Day
January 28-29, 2025	NRD’s Legislative Conference, Lincoln, NE
February 8-12, 2025	NACD’s 79 th Annual Meeting, Salt lake City, Utah
February 11, 2025	Papio NRD Subcommittee Meetings, 4:00 p.m., at NRC
February 13, 2025	Papio NRD Board Meeting, 4:00 p.m., at NRC
February 17, 2025	Papio NRD Offices Closed for President’s Day

B. Next Meeting – The next scheduled meeting of the Papio NRD Board of Directors will be held on February 13, 2025, at the NRC.

ADJOURNMENT: Being no further business, the Chairman declared that the meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

NOTE: These minutes reflect the actions and votes taken at the January 9, 2025, 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 January 9, 2025, 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