

**Programs, Projects, and Operations  
Subcommittee Meeting Minutes  
February 11, 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 154<sup>th</sup> Street, Omaha, NE, on February 11, 2025. 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.

| <b>Subcommittee Members Present</b> | <b>Subcommittee Members Absent</b> | <b>Other Directors Present</b> | <b>Others Present</b>  |
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| Fred Conley, Chairman               | Tim Fowler, Vice-Chairman*         | Brian Adams                    | John Winkler   |
| Phil Davidson                       | Rich Tesar*                        | Anne Hubbard                   | Amanda Grint   |
| Jim Thompson                        |                                    | Tim McCormick                  | Brent Meyer, Legal Counsel                                     |
| Zach Irvine**                       |                                    |                                | Nicole Gust  |
| Rod Storm**                         |                                    |                                | Philip Paitz   |
|                                     |                                    |                                | Eric Williams  |
|                                     |                                    |                                | Ian Ghanavati  |
|                                     |                                    |                                | Terry Schumacher   |
|                                     |                                    |                                | Katie Cameron, ENWRA   |
|                                     |                                    |                                | Jennifer Thompson, FHU   |
|                                     |                                    |                                | Mark Dethlefs, EGA   |
|                                     |                                    |                                | Terry Morrison, EGA  |
|                                     |                                    |                                | Gary Bowen, Dr. Susan La Flesche Picotte Hospital              |
|                                     |                                    |                                | Elizabeth Lovejoy Brown, Dr. Susan La Flesche Picotte Hospital |
|                                     |                                    |                                | Other Staff Members  |

- \* Absent
- \*\* Alternate Voting Member

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA:**

- **It was moved by Director Thompson and seconded by Director Davidson that the agenda be adopted.**

Roll call was taken on the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 5-yea.

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

**PROOF OF PUBLICATION:** Public notice of the meeting was posted at all District offices and published in the Omaha World-Herald on February 5, 2025. The proof of publication affidavit is included with the file copy of these minutes.

**1. Eastern Nebraska Water Resources Assessment Presentation – Philip Paitz and Katie Cameron, ENWRA:**

Katie Cameron, ENWRA, presented the Eastern Nebraska Water Resources Assessment and answered Directors questions. No action was taken by the subcommittee.

**2. Cooperative Agreement with UNL Conservation and Survey Division – Philip Paitz and Katie Cameron, ENWRA:**

Project Manager Philip Paitz reviewed the cooperative agreement between the University of Nebraska CSD and the Papio NRD for test-hole drilling, monitoring, and geophysical work stating that it was a three-year agreement through June 30, 2028. The Directors were told that the total cost of the work will not exceed \$77,750, and Philip provided a breakdown of the cost per year. All questions were addressed.

- **It was moved by Director Davidson and seconded by Director Thompson that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board of Directors that the General Manager be authorized to execute the proposed Cooperative Agreement with the UNL Conservation and Survey Division, 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 5-yea.

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

**3. Beltline Trail Phase 4 Construction Bids – Eric Williams:**

Project Manager Eric Williams stated that there was no recommendation at this time and the item will be returned to the Subcommittee in March. No action was taken.

**4. Contract Amendment 5 with Ehrhart, Griffin & Associates for Beltline Trail – Eric Williams**

Project Manager Eric Williams gave the Directors an update on the Beltline Trail project and its various phases. Eric stated that the proposed amendment to the professional services agreement related to Phase 3A, and Phase 3B represents an increase of \$46,780 to the total contract bringing the total maximum not to exceed contract amount to \$905,914.54. Eric answered Directors questions.

- **It was moved by Director Davidson and seconded by Director Irvine that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board of Directors that the General Manager be authorized to execute the proposed Amendment No. 5 to the Professional Services Agreement between the District and Ehrhart Griffin & Associates for the Beltline Trail Project for the maximum amount of \$46,780 bringing the total maximum not to exceed contract amount to \$905,914.54, 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 5-yea.

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

**5. Contract Amendment 2 with Felsburg, Holt & Ullevig for Sorensen to Girard Trail – Eric Williams:**

Project Manager Eric Williams reviewed the Sorensen to Girard Trail project with Directors and stated that the subcontractor, Linhart, requested additional geotechnical information that was not included in the original contract. The initial contract was in the amount of \$97,798 with Amendment 1 for \$39,015. The updated contract including Amendment 2 will have a not to exceed amount of \$170,341. Eric and Jennifer Thompson, FHU, answered Directors questions.

- **It was moved by Director Storm and seconded by Director Irvine that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board of Directors that the General Manager be authorized to execute the proposed Amendment No. 2 to the Professional Services Agreement between the District and Felsburg, Holt & Ullevig for the Sorensen to Girard Trail Connection Project for the maximum amount of \$33,528 bringing the total maximum not to exceed contract amount to \$170,341, 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 5-yea.

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

**6. Water Sustainability Fund Grant Applications:**

Project Managers Ian Ghanavati, Terry Schumacher and Assistant General Manager Amanda Grint briefed the Directors on their respective projects as well as the proposed applications for Water Sustainability Fund Grants to assist in funding. All questions were addressed.

**A. Dam Site 12 Project:**

- **It was moved by Director Davidson and seconded by Director Thompson that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board of Directors that the General Manager be authorized to execute and submit a Water Sustainability Fund application for the Papio Dam Site 12 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 5-yea.

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

**B. Lower Platte River Weed Management:**

- **It was moved by Director Thompson and seconded by Director Davidson that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board of Directors that the General Manager be authorized to execute and submit a Water Sustainability Fund application on behalf of the Lower Platte Weed Management Association, 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 5-yea.

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

**C. Southern Sarpy Watershed Partnership:**

- **It was moved by Director Davidson and seconded by Director Thompson that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board of Directors that the General Manager be authorized to execute and submit a Water Sustainability Fund application in the amount of 60% of eligible project costs for the Springfield Creek Bank Stabilization Project, 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 5-yea.

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

**D. Silver Creek 35A:**

- **It was moved by Director Storm and seconded by Director Davidson that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board of Directors that the General Manager be authorized to execute and submit a Water Sustainability Fund application for sixty percent (60%) of the eligible costs for the Silver Creek Watershed Site 35A 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 5-yea.

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

**7. Dam Site Naming Resolutions – John Winkler:**

General Manager John Winkler turned the floor over to Director Jim Thompson who reviewed the Dam Site Naming recommendations of WP-1, WP-2, WP-4 and DS-19. All questions were addressed.

**A. West Papillion Basin #1, Marlin Petermann Recreation Area:**

- **It was moved by Director Thompson and seconded by Director Davidson that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board of Directors that per District Policy 16.7 District Property – Donation Recognition and naming of NRD Reservoirs, Recreation Areas and Other Property, the naming of the West Papillion Basin #1 to Marlin Petermann Recreation Area be held over until the March 13, 2025 meeting to allow for Board of Directors review and public comment and input.**

Roll call was taken on the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 5-yea.

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

**B. West Papillion Basin #2, Sergeant Mad Bear (Kuruks Tīčaris) Recreation Area:**

- **It was moved by Director Thompson and seconded by Director Davidson that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board of Directors that per District Policy 16.7 District Property – Donation Recognition and naming of NRD Reservoirs, Recreation Areas and Other Property, the naming of the West Papillion Basin #2 to Sergeant Mad Bear (Kuruks Tīčaris) Recreation Area be held over until the March 13, 2025 meeting to allow for Board of Directors review and public comment and input.**

Roll call was taken on the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 5-yea.

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

**C. West Papillion Basin #4, Pītarīšāru Recreation Area:**

- **It was moved by Director Thompson and seconded by Director Davidson that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board of Directors that per District Policy 16.7 District Property – Donation Recognition and naming of NRD Reservoirs, Recreation Areas and Other Property, the naming of the West Papillion Basin #4 to Pītarīšāru Recreation Area be held over until the March 13, 2025 meeting to allow for Board of Directors review and public comment and input.**

Roll call was taken on the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 5-yea.

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

**D. Dam Site 19, Dr. Susan LaFlesche Picotte Recreation Area:**

The following Individuals addressed the Board:

- Gary Bowen, Dr. Susan La Flesche Picotte Hospital, Walthill, NE
- Elizabeth Lovejoy Brown, Dr. Susan La Flesche Picotte Hospital, Walthill, NE

- **It was moved by Director Thompson and seconded by Director Storm that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board of Directors that per District Policy 16.7 District Property – Donation Recognition and naming of NRD Reservoirs, Recreation Areas and Other Property, the naming of Dam Site 19 to Dr. Susan La Flesche Picotte Recreation Area be held over until the March 13, 2025 meeting to allow for Board of Directors review and public comment and input.**

Roll call was taken on the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 5-yea.

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

**ADJOURNMENT:** Being no further business, the meeting adjourned by acclamation at 5:26 p.m.