



**PAPIO-MISSOURI RIVER  
NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES  
February 13, 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. 154<sup>th</sup> Street, Omaha, NE on February 13, 2025. 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:

Brian Adams	Anne Hubbard
Larry Bradley	Zach Irvine
Fred Conley	Tim McCormick
Phil Davidson	Rod Storm
Tim Fowler	Jim Thompson

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA:**

- **MOTION NO. 1:** It was moved by Director Fowler and seconded by Director Conley 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, Fowler, Hubbard, Irvine, Storm, Thompson, McCormick
Voting Nay	-	None
Abstaining	-	None
Excused Absence	-	Tesar
Absent	-	Tesar

**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 February 13, 2025, Board of Directors Meeting is excused:

Rich Tesar.

Agenda Item 7. A. and 7.B.:

BE IT RESOLVED that the January 9, 2025 Papio-Missouri River NRD Board Meeting minutes and the January 8, 2025 Dakota County Rural Water Advisory 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, Fowler, Hubbard, Irvine, Storm, Thompson, McCormick
Voting Nay	-	None
Abstaining	-	None
Excused Absence	-	Tesar
Absent	-	Tesar

**PROOFS OF PUBLICATION OF MEETING NOTICE:** Notice of the meeting was published in the Omaha World Herald on February 5, 2025. The District's December 13, 2024 – January 9, 2025 expenditures were published in the Sarpy County Times on January 29, 2025. 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, gave the report on NRCS activities for the month of February.
- B. Nebraska Association of Resources Districts: Chairman McCormick stated Director Fowler would present his report on the NACD 79<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting that was held on February 7-12, 2025, in Salt lake City, Utah, at the March 13, 2025, Board Meeting.
- C. Legislative Report – Catalyst Public Affairs: Tim Gay gave an update to on-going Legislative activities. His presentation is part of the file copy of the Board meeting information.

Agency reports can be heard on the District’s Podcast at [www.papionrd.org/meeting-podcasts/](http://www.papionrd.org/meeting-podcasts/) .

**SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:**

A. Programs, Projects and Operations Subcommittee: Director Conley reported that the PPO Subcommittee met on February 11, 2025, and gave a brief recap of the meeting.

*PPO Recommendation 1:* Eastern Nebraska Water Resources Assessment Presentation: This was a presentation. No action was taken by the Subcommittee.

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

*PPO Recommendation 2:* Cooperative Agreement with UNL Conservation and Survey Division: Recommendation 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 vote was held on the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 10-yea.

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

*PPO Recommendation 3:* Beltline Trail Phase 4 Construction Bids: No action was taken by the Subcommittee.

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

*PPO Recommendation 4:* Contract Amendment 5 with Ehrhart, Griffin & Associates for Beltline Trail: Recommendation that the General Manager be authorized to execute the proposed Amendment No. 5 to the Professional Services Agreement between the District and Ehrhart, Griffin, and Associates for the Beltline Trail Project for the maximum amount of \$46,780 (Forty-six thousand, seven hundred and eighty dollars) bringing the total maximum not-to-exceed contract amount to \$905,914.54 (Nine hundred and five thousand, nine hundred and fourteen dollars and 54 cents), 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, Fowler, Hubbard, Irvine, Storm, Thompson, McCormick  
Voting Nay - None

Abstaining - None  
Excused Absence - Tesar  
Absent - Tesar

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

*PPO Recommendation 5:* Contract Amendment 2 with Felsburg, Holt, & Ullevig for Sorensen to Girard Trail: Recommendation 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 (Thirty-three thousand and five hundred and twenty-eight dollars) bringing the total maximum, not-to-exceed contract amount to \$170,341 (One hundred and seventy thousand, three hundred forty-one 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, Fowler, Hubbard, Irvine, Storm, Thompson, McCormick  
Voting Nay - None  
Abstaining - None  
Excused Absence - Tesar  
Absent - Tesar

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

*PPO Recommendation 6.a:* Water Sustainability Fund Grant Application – Dam Site 12 Project: Recommendation 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 vote was held on the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 10-yea.

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

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

*PPO Recommendation 6.b:* Water Sustainability Fund Grant Application – Lower Platte River Weed Management: Recommendation 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 vote was held on the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 10-yea.

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

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

*PPO Recommendation 6.c:* Water Sustainability Fund Grant Application – Southern Sarpy Watersheds Partnership – Springfield Creek: Recommendation 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 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, Fowler, Hubbard, Irvine, Storm, Thompson, McCormick  
Voting Nay - None  
Abstaining - None  
Excused Absence - Tesar  
Absent - Tesar

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

*PPO Recommendation 6.d:* Water Sustainability Fund Grant Application – Silver Creek 35A: Recommendation that the General Manager be authorized to execute and submit a Water Sustainability Fund application for 60% of the eligible project 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 vote was held on the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 10-yea.

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

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

*PPO Recommendation 7.a:* Dam Site Naming Resolution – West Papillion Basin #1, Marlin Petermann Recreation Area: Recommendation 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 the 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.

Director Thompson gave input on his support for the naming of West Papillion Basin #1 to the Marlin Petermann Recreation Area.

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

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

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

*PPO Recommendation 7.b:* Dam Site Naming Resolution – West Papillion Basin #2, Sergeant Mad Bear (Kuruks Tičaris) Recreation Area: Recommendation 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 Tičaris) Recreation Area be held over until the March 13, 2025 meeting to allow for Board of Directors review and public comment and input.

Director Bradley gave input on his support for the naming of West Papillion Basin #2 to Sergeant Mad Bear Recreation Area.

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

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

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

*PPO Recommendation 7.c:* Dam Site Naming Resolution – West Papillion Basin #4, Pitarisaru Recreation Area: Recommendation 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 Pitarisaru 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 vote was held on the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 10-yea.

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

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

*PPO Recommendation 7.d:* Dam Site Naming Resolution – Dam Site 19, Dr. Susan LaFlesche Picotte Recreation Area: Recommendation that per District Policy 16.7 District Property – Donation Recognition and naming of NRD Reservoirs, Recreation Areas and Other Property, the naming of the Dam Site 19 to the Dr. Susan LaFlesche Picotte Recreation Area be held over until the March 13, 2025 meeting to allow for Board of Directors review and public comment and input.

The following individuals addressed the Board of Directors:

- John Pappe, Member of the Omaha Tribe, Omaha, NE
- Dr. Rudi Mitchell, Elder of the Omaha Tribe, Omaha, NE
- Mioux Stabler, Member of the Omaha Tribe, 2131 S. 35<sup>th</sup> Street, Omaha, NE 68105

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

Voting Yea - Adams, Bradley, Conley, Davidson, Fowler, Hubbard, Irvine, Storm, Thompson, McCormick

Voting Nay - None  
Abstaining - None  
Excused Absence - Tesar  
Absent - Tesar

B. Finance, Expenditure and Legal Subcommittee: Director Bradley reported that the FEL Subcommittee met on February 11, 2025 and gave a brief recap of the meeting.

•• **MOTION NO. 14:** It was moved by Director Bradley that the following recommendation be adopted:

*FEL Recommendation 1:* Elkhorn River Improvement Project Area Assessment:  
Recommendation that the following Resolution be adopted:

Elkhorn River Bank Stabilization Improvement Project  
Annual Operation and Maintenance Assessment

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Papio-Missouri River Natural Resources District that each of the lots and parcels of ground in Douglas County, Nebraska, identified in the “2025 Assessment Schedule,” attached hereto as Exhibit “A” and incorporated herein by reference, has been specially benefited by the District’s program of operation and maintenance upon the construction and capital improvements involved with the District’s Elkhorn River Bank Stabilization Improvement Project; that special benefits from such program of operation and maintenance are correctly set out in the respective amounts appearing opposite the designation of said lots and parcels of ground in said schedule; that such respective amounts appearing opposite said lots and parcels of ground in said schedule are hereby levied as special assessments against such lots and parcels of ground; and, that said assessments shall become due fifty (50) days after March 10, 2025, to wit: shall become due on April 29, 2025, and may be paid within said time without interest, but if not paid by April 29, 2025, each such assessment shall draw interest at the rate of nine per cent (9%) per annum from and after date until delinquent; and, from and after date that each installment become delinquent, shall draw interest at the rate of fourteen per cent (14%) per annum until paid.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the District shall certify a copy of this levy resolution to the County Clerk and County Treasurer of Douglas County, Nebraska, for spreading the same on the tax records of such County, and such special assessments shall be collected by the County Treasurer as provided by law.

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

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

\* Director Thompson was out of the room during the vote.



- **MOTION NO. 15:** It was moved by Director Bradley that the following recommendation be adopted:

*FEL Recommendation 2:* MoPac Trail OPPD Easements: Recommendation that the General Manager be authorized to execute purchase agreements with Omaha Public Power District for easements covering five (5) parcels of land along the MoPac Trail for a total amount of \$131,220 (One hundred and thirty-one thousand, two hundred and twenty dollars), subject to changes deemed necessary by the General Manager and approval as to form by District Legal Counsel.

Prior to the roll call vote, Directors Adams stated that as an employee of OPPD, and to eliminate any possible conceived conflicts of interest, he would be abstaining from voting on this item.

Roll call vote was held on the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 9-yea and 1-abstention.

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

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

- **MOTION NO. 16:** 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 January 2025 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 Watersheds Partnership, and the Southern Sarpy Watershed Partnership project bills listed on the January 2025 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, Fowler, Hubbard, Irvine, Storm, Thompson, McCormick  
Voting Nay - None  
Abstaining - None  
Excused Absence - Tesar  
Absent - Tesar

**CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:** Chairman McCormick briefed the Board on the upcoming NARD Washington D.C. Meeting being held at the Embassy Suites, Washington, D.C. on March 30-April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025. He asked that Directors contact him if they are interested in attending this event.

**GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT:** GM Winkler reviewed his 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:

March 11, 2025	Papio NRD Subcommittee Meetings, 4:00 p.m., at NRC
March 13, 2025	Papio NRD Board Meeting, 4:00 p.m., at NRC
March 30-April 2, 2025	NARD Washington D.C. Trip, Embassy Suites, 900 10 <sup>th</sup> NW, Washington, D.C.

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

**ADJOURNMENT:** Being no further business, the Chairman declared that the meeting was adjourned at 4:47 p.m.

**NOTE:** These minutes reflect the actions and votes taken at the February 13, 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](http://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 February 13, 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.

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Richard Tesar  
District Secretary