

MEMORANDUM

TO THE BOARD:

SUBJECT: General Manager's Report

DATE: May 9, 2018 - UPDATED

FROM: John Winkler, General Manager



A. **INFORMATION/EDUCATION HIGHLIGHTS:** The Information and Education Department has conducted its first-round of interviews for the Natural Resources Educator position. The department's goal is to have a candidate hired by the beginning of June. Additional highlights for the month of April 2018 are attached.

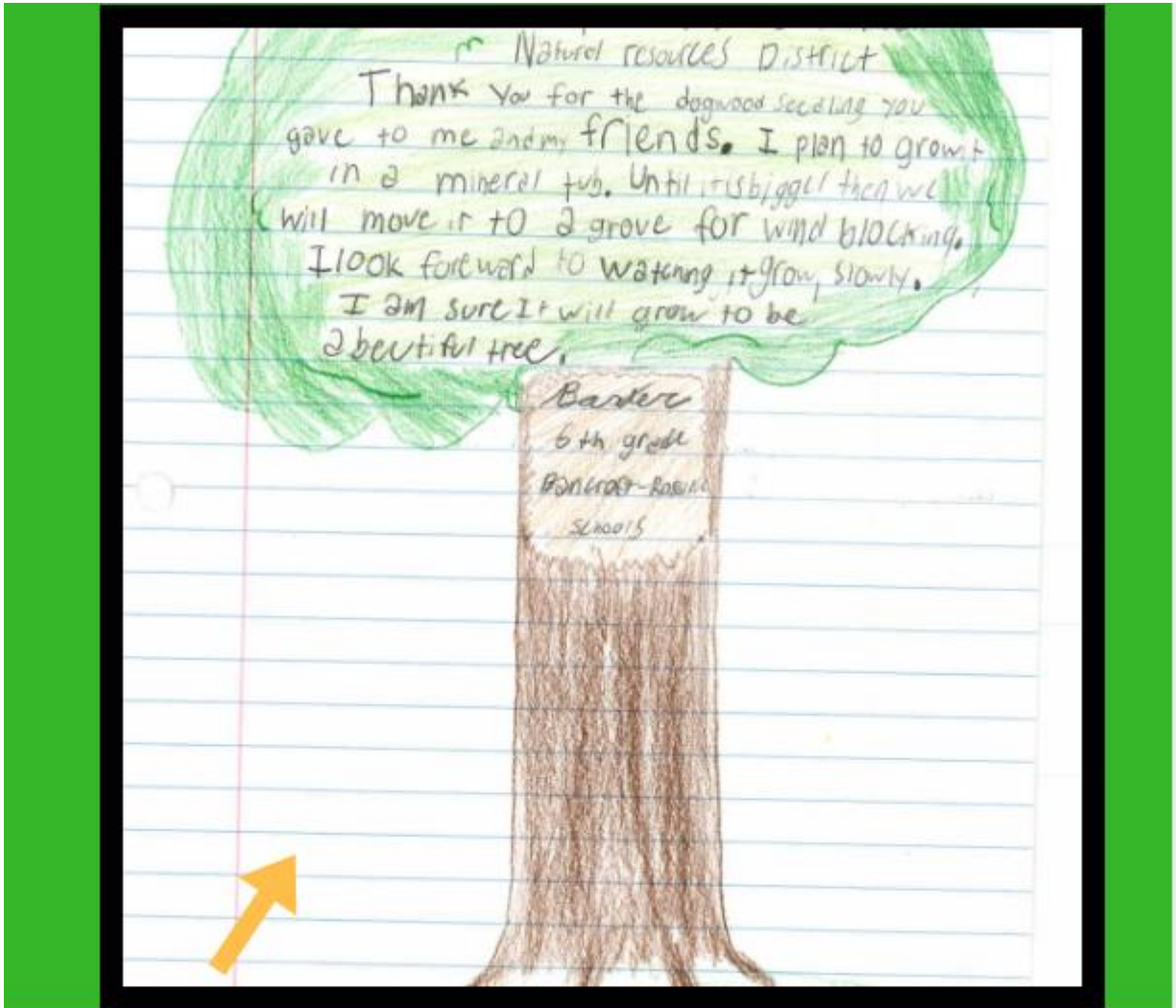
B. **PERSONNEL/MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS:**

1. For the 10th year in a row, The District has been selected as a National Safety Council, Nebraska Safest Company Award winner. Applications are judged on safety logs, safety programs, and using a weighted average of the past three years, are compared to like organizations based on NAICS code. Due to the District's overall score, we will be honored as a Nebraska Safest Company with Distinction 2018 at a luncheon on May 9th. Thank you to all who continue their commitment in making Papio NRD a safe environment in which to work. A copy of the letter is attached.
2. The District received a very complimentary and heart-felt email from a Chalco trail user thanking us for cutting back the brush to make the trail more open to the lake. She said her dog recently passed away and that walking by herself no longer makes her nervous due to this upkeep of the trees. She said, "Not only is it a much prettier view but it makes me as a female, feel much more secure walking alone." Huge thank you to Bill and our entire team for always working hard to make Chalco as safe and beautiful as humanly possible for all. The email is attached.

C. **REPORT ON PURCHASES – CONSTRUCTION SERVICES, PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AND PERSONAL PROPERTY:** Pursuant to Board direction, the report indicating construction services, professional services and personal property purchases from the month of April 2018 is attached for your review. Please review this report and contact me if you have any questions.

D. **CURRENT AND ON-GOING PROJECTS – P-MRNRD LEGAL COUNSEL:** A copy of current and on-going projects for District Legal Counsel, Husch Blackwell, as of April 16, 2018, is attached for your review. I would ask each Director to review this report. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

E. **PAPILLION CREEK WATERSHED PARTNERSHIP REPORT:** The Papillion Creek Watershed Partnership Subcommittee meeting took place on April 26, 2018. The minutes are attached.



THANK YOU NOTE FROM BAXTER!



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SO FAR!

INFORMATION & EDUCATION REPORT

MAY 10, 2018





**National
Safety
Council
Nebraska**

March 9, 2017



Nicole Gust
Papio-Missouri River Natural Resources District
8901 S 154 Street
Omaha, NE 68138

Dear Nicole,

Congratulations! Your company has been chosen as a National Safety Council, Nebraska Safest Company Award winner. You, your safety team, and the senior leadership are to be commended for your commitment to safety.

Safest Company Award applications are judged on the submitted safety logs and your company's safety programs and, using a weighted average of the past 3 years, are compared to like organizations based on your NAICS code. Your overall score, including the safety program score, determines the level awarded. Papio-Missouri River Natural Resources District will be honored as a Nebraska's Safest Company with Distinction 2018.

Safest Company award winners will be honored at the National Safety Council, Nebraska's Celebration of Safety Luncheon on Wednesday, May 9, 2018, at the Embassy Suites, LaVista Conference Center. Mark Eaton, former NBA All-Star will be our keynote speaker. We encourage the attendance of your senior management, safety team, key personnel and your partners who have shared in and supported this success. Please register in advance at our website: www.SafeNebraska.org/2018Luncheon on or before Friday, May 4, 2018.

Thank you for your dedication and commitment to safety within your organization. We are looking forward to seeing you at the Celebration of Safety on May 9, 2018.

Please feel free to contact Kaitlin at 402.898.7364 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Eric Koepp
President/CEO

As a non-profit organization, a portion of your registration is tax deductible. Thank you for your support.

Safety without shortcuts.

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Omaha, NE 68137

Date: May 8, 2018 at 3:43:24 PM CDT

To: "bwarren@papionrd.org" <bwarren@papionrd.org>

Subject: Chalco Recreation Area

Hi Bill,

Not sure if you are the right person but I just wanted to take a minute to tell you how GREAT the Chalco trails look right now. I have always enjoyed walking at this location and always had my dog with me. He passed last Summer and I have a hard time wanting to walk by myself as I get nervous. It is so nice to see that you guys have cut back the brush and trees to make it more open to the lake. Not only is it a much prettier view but it makes me as a female, feel much more secure walking alone. I used to always walk at Zorinsky and the last time I went, I could not believe how overgrown the park is and the trails are so hidden. I believe this to be why that park encounters many predators as it has, as it makes for easy hiding spots.

I love the Chalco park, it is so quiet and beautiful and relaxing. If it is not you in charge of this, please pass along to who is and tell them thanks for providing a secure beautiful place to enjoy a walk in nature.



Updated: April 16, 2018

Current and On-Going Projects P-MRNRD Legal Counsel

☛ = Top Priority
F = Future Work – No Assignment
N = New Assignment
O = Others Handling
W = Work in Progress
P = Counsel Portion Completed
B = Next Board Meeting

- **Little Papio:** (Cleveland)
 - N License (3) for additional USACE NFM Project ROW (N)
- **Big Papio:** (Cleveland)
 - ☛ Thompson Creek – Transfer Stepanek ROW to La Vista (N)
- **West Branch:** (Cleveland)
 - o Land Exchange with Sarpy Co. (96th St.) (P)
 - o Bank Stabilization Project Construction Contract (96th) (W)
- **Western Sarpy Dike:** (Cleveland/Petermann)
 - ☛ NRDs/NE-ARNG Interlocal Addendum for Camp Ashland Property (W)
- **Floodway Purchase Program:** (Laster/Grint)
 - o Arlington Purchase Agreements, Deeds, etc. (P)
- **Trail Projects:** (Williams)
 - o West Papio Trail, Giles to Millard – Revision to Tyson Access License Agreement (W)
 - o MoPac Trail, Chalco to Hwy 50 – Amendment to LRA Professional Services Contract (F)
- **Missouri River Corridor Project:** (Becic)
 - ☛ Draft Purchase Agreement with Reserved Easement for MUD (Platte River/Missouri River) (B)

- **USDA PL 566 Projects, Silver Creek and Pigeon/Jones Watershed:** (Schumacher/Cleveland/Grint)
 - ⊗ Papio PL 566 Sites S-21/Lincoln Road Easements to Sarpy County (P)
- **Papio Watershed Dam Sites:** (Grint/Laster/Williams)
 - ⊗ ROW Acquisition Documents for WP6 & WP7 (B)
 - ⊗ City of Omaha Interlocal Agreement for ZB-2 (W)
 - ⊗ WP6 & WP7 Interlocal Agreement with Papillion and Sarpy Co. (W)
 - ⊗ Easement Documents for Z-B2 with Grandview (W)
 - ⊗ WP6 & WP7 Professional Services Contract Amendment with FYRA Eng. (B)
 - ⊗ DS15A ROW Transfer to City of Omaha/Douglas County (W)
 - ⊗ Hearing and ROW Documents for WP1 and WP4 (B)
- **Papio Creek Watershed Partnership (Stormwater):** (Grint)
- **Southern Sarpy Watershed Partnership (Stormwater):** (Laster)
- **Missouri River R-613 and R-616 Levees:** (Cleveland/Woodward)
 - ⊗ Offutt AFB Storm Sewer Outlets O&M Agreement (W)
 - ROW Acquisition Documents (W)
- **Rural Water Projects:** (Nelson)
 - WCRW Surf Side Club developer agreement for engineering (W)
- **Other:**
 - ⊗ Elk/Pigeon IPA NDOT Elk Creek easement for culvert near Jackson (Nelson) (B)



Meeting Minutes
April 26, 2018 – 10:00 AM – Board Room
Natural Resource Center, 8901 S 154th Street, Omaha, NE

Attendants:

See attached sign-in sheet.

Purpose

A meeting of the Partnership was held on the above date in order to discuss topics stated in the attached agenda. The meeting began at 10:05 am.

1. Introductions

- An agenda and handouts were distributed. Marlin Petermann facilitated introductions.

2. MS4 Update

- Ryan Joe has been hired by NDEQ as the Stormwater Coordinator. He introduced himself to the group and stated that the Small MS4 permit was placed on a 30-day public notice in April.
- Jim Kee stated that the Omaha MS4 permit was approved and effective on April 1.

3. Preliminary Design of Sites WP-1, WP-2, WP-4, DS7, DS12, DS19

- Lori Laster and Amanda Grint reviewed the preliminary designs completed for the 6 priority regional flood control sites. The NRD hired HDR, Olsson Associates, and FYRA Engineering to complete a preliminary design for each site in order to determine the land rights required for each property. These sites all have potential adjacent development. With only a conceptual plan for each site, there is a potential to lose sites to development encroachment.
- Marlin Petermann then discussed that the NRD is working towards obtaining funding from U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to help build the regional basins.
- Amanda Grint stated that Zorinsky Water Quality Basin 2 is currently under construction and that the NRD would be soliciting bids for WP6 and WP7 regional basins in June 2018.

4. Implementation Plan Update

- Marlin Petermann stated that the current Partnership Implementation Plan and Interlocal Agreement only go through July 2019. Both documents will need to be updated.



- The NRD recommends that HDR's contract be amended to prepare an update to the Watershed Management Plan and Implementation Plan. This should be completed by January 1, 2019 so that the Interlocal Agreement can be updated and adopted prior to July 1, 2019. A scope for the update will be presented at the May 24, 2018 Partnership Meeting for approval by the Partnership.
- John Kottmann asked if stream stabilization would be a consideration in the next update. Marlin Petermann stated that the Partnership, City of Omaha, and the NRD are partnering with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for a streambed stabilization study. This study is being partially funded by USACE through their Section 22 – Planning Assistance to States program. This study would then make communities eligible to apply for project funds for stream stabilization projects through USACE. The study is anticipated to take 2 years to complete. Updates on the study will be provided at future meetings.
- Amanda Grint then stated that the Southern Sarpy Watershed Partnership has adopted a larger stream setback requirement. An update of the policies in the Watershed Management Plan should be included to address stream stability issues in the short term.

5. Next Meeting Date

The next meeting will be held May 24, 2018 at 10 am at the NRC building.

7. Adjourn

- The meeting adjourned at 11:02 am. An agenda and the handouts passed out at the meeting are available upon request.

Please contact Lori Laster at 444-6222 regarding any questions or comments concerning these meeting minutes.