

# MEMORANDUM

TO THE BOARD:

SUBJECT: General Manager's Report

DATE: February 7, 2019

FROM: John Winkler, General Manager



**A. INFORMATION/EDUCATION HIGHLIGHTS:**

1. Austen was a co-presenter at the NARD Legislative Conference that highlighted what new and successful NRD education programs are being developed – with a special focus on increasing engagement for all students and adults in natural resources. One fact that really stuck with the crowd: “Youth spend only 4-7 minutes outside per day vs an average of 7.5 hours behind a screen.”

**B. PERSONNEL/MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS:**

1. Hats off to Bill Warren and team. Bill met with our insurance company for a risk control service visit, where they surveyed the repair shop. The focus of the survey was to determine any unsafe working conditions and fire potential hazards. The survey resulted in no recommendations for improvement. Great news. A letter from Bitco Insurance Companies is attached.
2. The executive director of Keep Omaha Beautiful sent the District a thank you letter for its ongoing support of Keep Omaha Beautiful and its mission. Keep Omaha Beautiful had another record year in 2018 and sent along its brief year in review report. The email is attached.
3. Sandra Hobson from the Nebraska Preparedness Partnership sent an email thanking the District for its hospitality in providing a great venue for their training. She said people loved wandering around the lobby and experienced an extra bonus when the rat snake was taken out to go to his mobile home for a field trip. She said Randy was great to work with on room set up and thanked the District for providing the beverages on such a frigid day. A huge thank you to all our staff who make the public and our partners feel welcomed and appreciated! Sandra's 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 January 2019 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 January 14, 2019, 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 did not meet in January. The next meeting is scheduled for February 8, 2019.



## NARD LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE

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minutes outside per day  
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7.5 hours behind a  
screen.**

**(National Recreation & Park Association)**

**INFORMATION & EDUCATION REPORT**

**FEBRUARY 14, 2019**





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February 1, 2019

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### RISK CONTROL SERVICE VISIT ON JANUARY 23, 2019

Dear Jean:

This letter confirms my visit with you on the date above. The purpose of the time was to meet with Bill Warren to discuss a service plan for this calendar year and to catch him up on services that we can provide your Entity. This is part of BITCO Insurance Risk Control services in assisting our customers in mitigating and reducing any loss potential directed toward them.

After our discussion, Bill accompanied me in surveying the Repair Shop. The focus of the survey was to determine any unsafe working conditions and any fire potential hazards. As a consequence of the survey, no recommendations for improvement were generated.

Please thank Bill for his time.

I'm looking forward to my next visit which is scheduled for April 2019. I'll give Bill a call to coordinate the time. In the meantime, if any need arises in the future that you think that BITCO Insurance could possibly meet, then, please give me a call.

Sincerely,

*Eric C. Balcom*

Eric C. Balcom, CSP  
Senior Risk Control Consultant

cc: The Harry A Koch Company  
File #627354

Hello John, Marlin, & Eric,

Happy new year! I just wanted to pass along Keep Omaha Beautiful's **2018 Year in Review** (the brief, photo-based report is attached).

It was another record year for us thanks to the hard work of the Board, our staff of three, numerous volunteers, and our supporters.

We greatly appreciate the Papio-Missouri River NRD's ongoing support of our organization and mission!

If you have any questions, please let me know.

Thanks and best wishes to you in 2019!

Chris

**From:** Sandra Hobson <[shobson@neprep.org](mailto:shobson@neprep.org)>

**Sent:** Tuesday, January 29, 2019 3:25 PM

**To:** Winkler, John

**Subject:** Thank you

I would like to thank all of you at Papio-Missouri River NRD for providing us with such a great venue for our training this morning. People were loving the venue and wandered around during breaks to look at things in the lobby...an extra bonus when the rat snake was taken out to go to his mobile home for a field trip!

Randy was great to work with on the room setup and getting us all ready to go.

Thank you for providing the water, coffee, and sodas! On such a frigid morning, that was such a blessing to not have to drag that in, as well. I turned off the coffee pot warmers and rinsed the pots but I think I forgot to discard the filter from the last pot I made. Sorry about that!

I mentioned to the woman at the desk during lunch that we were done but we did not know what to do with the AV so we left it alone. I was also not sure if we were supposed to do anything with the tables and chairs so I did not. Let me know if I should in the future and I will get people to stay and help me.

Thanks, again for providing us with such a great venue and such great people to work with.

**Report on Purchases**  
**Construction Services, Professional Services, Personal Property**

January 2019

<b>Date</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Item / Task</b>	<b>Company</b>	<b>Cost</b>
1/1-31/2019	Project Maintenance	Rip Rap	Martin Marietta	\$7,207.25
1/8/2019	Big & Little Papio Channel Projects	Tree trimming and removal	<del>Drefs</del> Tree Service, Inc.	\$10,349
1/9/2019	Washington County Rural Water	Municipal Supply	Meter pits	\$9,313.10



Updated: January 14, 2019

## 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)
  - ☛ License (1) for additional USACE NFM Project ROW (P)
  - ☛ HDR Professional Services Contract Amendment (B)
- **Big Papio:** (Cleveland)
  - Licenses for Phase 2 Culvert Rehab Project (W)
- **West Branch:** (Cleveland/Grint)
  - Land Exchange with Sarpy Co. (96<sup>th</sup> St.) (P)
  - ☛ Levee Accreditation Interlocal Agreement Amendment w/Papillion (B)
- **Western Sarpy Dike:** (Cleveland/Petermann)
  - ☛ NRDs/NE-ARNG Interlocal Addendum for Camp Ashland Property (W)
- **Floodway Purchase Program:** (Laster/Grint)
- **Trail Projects:** (Williams)
  - MoPac Trail, Chalco to Hwy 50 – Amendment to LRA Professional Services Contract (F)
  - ☛ WDCT ROW Acquisition Hearing (B)
- **Missouri River Corridor Project:** (Becic)

- **USDA PL 566 Projects, Silver Creek and Pigeon/Jones Watershed:** (Schumacher/Cleveland/Grint)
  - Papio PL-566 Site S-21, Decommissioning by NRCS (W)
  - ☛ Papio PL-566 D-20, Decommissioning by NRCS (W)
  - PJ-12A Easements (W)
- **Papio Watershed Dam Sites:** (Grint/Laster/Williams)
  - ☛ City of Omaha Interlocal Agreement for ZB-2 (W)
  - ☛ ZB2 Surplus Land Sale Agreement (B)
  - ☛ WP1 Purchase Agreement w/Celebrity Homes (P)
- **Papio Creek Watershed Partnership (Stormwater):** (Grint/Laster)
  - ☛ Interlocal Agreement Amendment (N)
- **Southern Sarpy Watershed Partnership (Stormwater):** (Laster)
  - ☛ Interlocal Agreement Amendment (N)
- **Missouri River R-613 and R-616 Levees:** (Cleveland/Woodward)
  - ☛ Offutt AFB Storm Sewer Outlets O&M Agreement (W)
  - ☛ ROW Acquisition Condemnation Award (B)
  - ☛ City of Omaha Interlocal Agreement (B)
  - ☛ FYRA Eng. Professional Services Contract Amendment (B)
- **Rural Water Projects:** (Nelson)
- **Other:**
  - Interlocal Agreement with Sarpy County for Chalco Hills 168th/Bridge #147 Project (Cleveland) (P)