

- E. **PAPILLION CREEK WATERSHED PARTNERSHIP REPORT:** The Papillion Creek Watershed Partnership Subcommittee met on April 25, 2019. The meeting minutes are attached. The next meeting is scheduled for May 23, 2019.

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March 14, 2019

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 Nebraska's 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 2019.

Safest Company award winners will be honored at the National Safety Council, Nebraska's Celebration of Safety Luncheon on Wednesday, May 15, 2019, at the Embassy Suites, LaVista Conference Center. Jacy Good, driving advocate, 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/2019Luncheon](http://www.SafeNebraska.org/2019Luncheon) on or before Friday, May 10, 2019.

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 15, 2019.

Please feel free to contact Susan at 402.898.7354 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.*

11620 M Circle  
Omaha, NE 68137

## 2019 Awards Work Sheet



National Safety Council  
Nebraska

COMPANY: Papio-Missouri Natural Resources District

NAICS: 234990

Overall Average Rate

51.720%

Better

Photocopy of 2018 OSHA 300A, OSHA 300 logs, or other verification source with entry?

YES

NO

First year applicant

NO

Scorecard rate

128

### Incidence Rate

Total Recordable Cases: Total of OSHA 300 Log Columns G, H, I, J

Formula: Total Recordable Cases X 200,000/Employee Hours Worked

	Number of Employees	Total Cases	Employee Hours Worked	Incidence Rate	NAICS RATE from tables	Percent Better/Worse than Industry Average	
					6.5		
2018	52	2	90,694	4.4	6.5	32.15%	Better
2017	52	1	90,792	2.2	6.5	66.11%	Better
2016	50	2	89,904	4.4	6.5	31.55%	Better
3 year average				3.7	6.5	43.37%	Better

Lost Work Day Cases Involving Days Away From Work: Total of OSHA 300 Log Column H

Formula: Number of Lost Workday Cases X 200,000/Employee Hours Worked

	Number of Employees	Total Cases	Employee Hours Worked	Incidence Rate	NAICS RATE from tables	Percent Better/Worse than Industry Average	
					2.4		
2018	52	0	90,694	0.0	2.4	100.00%	Better
2017	52	1	90,792	2.2	2.4	8.22%	Better
2016	50	1	89,904	2.2	2.4	7.31%	Better
3 year average				1.5	2.4	53.96%	Better

DART (Days Away, Restricted and Transferred): Total of OSHA 300 Log Column H and I

Formula: DART X 200,000/Employee Hours Worked

	Number of Employees	Total Cases	Employee Hours Worked	Incidence Rate	NAICS RATE from tables	Percent Better/Worse than Industry Average	
					3.5		
2018	52	0	90,694	0.0	3.5	100.00%	Better
2017	52	1	90,792	2.2	3.5	37.06%	Better
2016	50	2	89,904	4.4	3.5	-27.12%	Worse
3 year average				2.2	3.5	57.83%	Better

DATE: 04/09/2019

TO: Mr John Winkler  
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Senator Brett Lindstrom  
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FROM:

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SUBJECT: LB 177 The purpose of this communication is to give my support to LB 177 and to give reasons for that support.

I have lived in the Papillion Creek Watershed for nearly my entire life of 73 years and I think that I have some unique perspectives on that area.

I grew up in the Millard area on a farm on the west side of 168<sup>th</sup> Street and the south edge of Zorinsky Lake and a few acres of that farm that my family owned was taken for Zorinsky Lake. At the same time, my family rented some farmland west of 168<sup>th</sup> Street and north of F Street that was on both sides of Box Elder Creek and is now in the bottom of Zorinsky Lake. That land was flooded in both 1964 and 1965 and I helped clean up flood debris from that land. In addition, I clearly remember watching numerous trailer houses floating down the West Papillion Creek through Millard in 1964. Development in the Papio Creek Watershed at that time was a very small percentage of the development of today, but the damage at that time was widespread.

I graduated from the University of NE at Omaha in 1970 with a major in Real Estate. In 2018 I retired after being a self employed licensed real estate appraiser in Nebraska for over 40 years. In that time I completed over 16000 residential appraisals that were mostly in Douglas and Sarpy Counties. I have appraised houses that adjoin or have very near proximity to every one of the current dams in the Papio Creek Watershed, so I had a front row seat to observe the economic benefits of the dams.

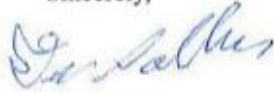
I have made extensive use of the recreation facilities of most of the dams. I currently live about 1 mile north of Wehrspann Lake and use that facility nearly every week as weather allows.

I would think that most people would give the most attention to the recreational features of the Papio dams because they are the most visible, but I would give the most importance to the flood control and we received a very valid reminder of that fact in the recent flooding. The dams already built in addition to the channel and levy work completed have save countless millions of flood damage. I think that it is important to complete the current planned levy work and also the planned dams. The planned dams are in areas that are without flood control, and those dams would also support the current dams in place. If none of the dams or channel and levy work had ever been done, Omaha would every year be facing a potential disaster of several hundred million dollars.

Cost is always a key factor and needs to be considered. The current tax on my \$ 200000 house is \$ 4762.56. That includes Papio NRD taxes of \$ 72.69 which is 1.5% of the total. Even for someone like my that complains loudly about taxes,\$ 72.69 appears to be a bargain when considering what is being provided.

Many thanks to all current and former employees and board members of the Papio-Missouri River NRD. Please feel free to use this communication as you see fit,.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Dean Godbersen", written in a cursive style.

Dean Godbersen



**From:** Christopher A. Stratman (KOB) [mailto:christopher.stratman@cityofomaha.org]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 30, 2019 13:00 PM  
**To:** Williams, Eric <ewilliams@papiomrd.org>  
**Subject:** West Papio Trail Tree Planting

Hello Eric,

I hope NYC treated you well! Just wanted to update you regarding the West Papio Trail tree planting...

With the help of 90+ volunteers we planted 183 trees in roughly 2.5 hours. Volunteers included Nathan Hale Middle School "DREAM" program students, various Girl Scout Troops, Tyson Foods employee groups, Suburban and West Rotary Clubs, LinkedIn, State Senator Lathrop (represents that area), independent vols, and families. An employee of PayPal is also now going to adopt the trail along with her colleagues/company to conduct periodic litter cleanups. We also had 8 volunteer arborists/horticulturalists help review the volunteer plantings (we only had to replant about 15).

We mentioned Papio-Missouri River NRD's vision for the project and financial support several times (when addressing the volunteers, speaking with the media, etc.). The PMR-NRD logo was also included on the sponsorship banner.

KETV covered the event (3 live morning interviews and a taped segment that ran later in the day). KIOS also ran the story (but unfortunately, I don't believe they mentioned the Papio-Missouri River NRD).

We also boosted the post with the FB photo album (which noted PMR-NRD).

I attached a thank you PDF, and when you have a free moment check out the [Facebook album](#).

Thanks again for your support in this endeavor. It truly was one of the more amazing projects that I've been a part of since I started with KOB. It was incredible to look down the trail in both directions and see so many volunteers involved and trees planted.

The contractor finished staking the trees yesterday. We will check on them periodically and conduct a formal review this summer to see if any trees need to be replaced.

On a side note, Nick with Tyson (the facility director) approached us about wanting to do/fund a series of murals now on the side of their facility (with an environmental and/or transcontinental railroad theme). We are going to explore it.

Thanks again and let me know if you have any questions!

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# ARBOR DAY TREE PLANTING

SATURDAY, APRIL 27 | WEST PAPIO TRAIL

183 TREES PLANTED



TREES FOR OMAHA

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

April 201

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Updated: April 15, 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)
  - License for Blondo Street Drainage Repair (P)
- **Big Papio:** (Cleveland)
- **West Branch:** (Cleveland/Grint)
  - Land Exchange with Sarpy Co. and City of Papillion (96<sup>th</sup> St.) (W)
- **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)
- **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 and Douglas County Agreement (W)

- **Papio Watershed Dam Sites:** (Grint/Laster/Williams)
  - ✪ City of Omaha Interlocal Agreement for ZB-2 (W)
  - ✪ ZB2 Surplus Land Sale Agreement (F)
- **Papio Creek Watershed Partnership (Stormwater):** (Grint/Laster)
  - ✪ Interlocal Agreement Amendment (W)
- **Southern Sarpy Watershed Partnership (Stormwater):** (Laster)
  - ✪ Interlocal Agreement Amendment (W)
- **Missouri River R-613 and R-616 Levees:** (Cleveland/Woodward)
  - ✪ Offutt AFB Storm Sewer Outlets O&M Agreement (W)
  - ✪ JEO IEPR Professional Service Agreement (N)
  - ✪ Land Rights Condemnations (W)
- **Rural Water Projects:** (Nelson)
  - Gabel Property Waterline Agreement of Easements (N)
- **Other:**
  - Interlocal Agreement with Sarpy County for Chalco Hills 168th/Bridge #147 Project (Cleveland) (P)
  - North Omaha Trail – Urban Cost Share Interlocal with Omaha (Williams) (N)
  - Buffalo Creek Stabilization – Urban Cost Share Interlocal with Sarpy Co. (Williams) (N)



**Meeting Minutes**  
**April 25, 2019 – 10:00 AM – Lower Level Conference Room**  
**Natural Resource Center, 8901 S 154<sup>th</sup> Street, Omaha, NE**

Attendants:

See attached sign-in sheet.

The meeting began at 10:04 am.

1. Introductions

- An agenda and handouts were distributed. Marlin Petermann (P-MRNRD) facilitated introductions.

2. Papillion Creek Watershed Management Plan Update

- Lori Laster (P-MRNRD), Laurie Carrette-Zook (HDR), and Jeremy Cook (HDR) presented an overview of the work completed as part of the update to the Watershed Management Plan and the recommendations for the next five years.
- In 2014 two structural projects were selected for implementation, WP-6 and WP-7. In addition to those two projects, design of six structural projects began as the surrounding areas are developing rapidly. Zorinsky Water Quality Basin 2 was also designed, and construction began.
- In 2014, no changes to the stormwater management policies were proposed or adopted.
- As part of HDR's scope, they reviewed the stormwater management policies to determine if any changes are needed.
- Policy Group #1, Water Quality was updated to reflect new TMDLs in the Papillion Creek Watershed and to incorporate by reference the Papio-Missouri River Basin Water Quality Management Plan completed by P-MRNRD in June 2018.
- No changes are proposed to Policy Group #2, Peak Flow Reduction.
- Policy Group #3, Landscape Preservation, Restoration, and Conservation was updated to make the definition of the current stream setback policy clearer. Language was also added to state that these policies are a minimum and that site conditions may warrant additional stream stabilization measures. This policy may be updated in the near future as the USACE completes the Stream Stability Study and more data is available to inform a new policy.
- No changes are proposed to Policy Group #4, Erosion and Sediment Control and Other BMPs.
- Policy Group #5, Floodplain Management was updated to reference current mapping projects and FEMA programs.
- Policy Group #6, Stormwater Management Financing was updated to reflect that P-MRNRD was granted bonding authority in 2009 and is currently seeking reauthorization of that authority from the state legislature.





- From the original Watershed Management Plan, there are 9 regional detention basins and 7 water quality basins left to be construction for a total estimated cost of \$244.1 million (2018 dollars).
  - The PCWP members met to discuss the remaining structures and how they should be prioritized.
  - The P-MRNRD has been successful in securing federal and state funding for WP1. There are currently two subdivisions being developed adjacent to this site and for that reason it was chosen as the first priority for the next implementation plan.
  - Structures WP4 and WP2 were chosen next due to their lower cost and development pressure.
  - DS19 and DS12 were the next priorities followed by DS7, DS8A, DS9A, DS10, and then the water quality basins above Cunningham Lake.
  - HDR prepared a financial model to determine the funds available for construction and when funds would be available for each project. They looked at a scenario of Pay-as-You-Go where no changes are assumed to either P-MRND tax rates and contributions and no bonds are issued. This scenario allows for the construction of WP1 and WP4 in the next implementation plan. The FY 2025- FY 2029 plan would allow for the construction of WP2, and then no structures could be built until 2035.
  - HDR also looked at two scenarios where the P-MRNRD issued bonds under it's remaining authority, approximately \$26 million. This would allow for the construction of WP1, WP4, and WP2 in the next implementation plan. Additionally, land could be purchased at the next priority sites and could accelerate the construction of the remaining structures.
  - HDR is recommending that P-MRNRD issue the bonds in order to accelerate project completion. The proposed implementation plan for FY 2020 – FY 2024 includes WP1, WP, and WP2.
  - The Watershed Fees are only recommended to continue to be adjusted by 2.5% per year to adjust to inflation.
3. PCWP Interlocal Agreement
- Lori Laster (P-MRNRD) reviewed the draft agreement and exhibits.
  - There are only minor updates to the agreement proposed at this time.
  - P-MRNRD will present the agreement to their Board on May 7, 2019. A final redlined version will be emailed to all Partners no later than April 30, 2019
4. Next Meeting Date
- The next Partnership Meeting will be held May 23, 2019.
5. Adjourn
- The meeting adjourned at 11:42 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.