

# MEMORANDUM

TO THE BOARD:

SUBJECT: General Manager's Report

DATE: November 7, 2019

FROM: John Winkler, General Manager



**A. INFORMATION/EDUCATION HIGHLIGHTS:**

1. The Missouri River levee system groundbreaking ceremony was a success, with many media outlets in attendance. This helped spread the word to the Omaha community that work on the levees has started. I want to thank Governor Ricketts, members of the congressional delegation, the Corps, Offutt AFB, Director Thompson, and many others for participating in the ceremony and helping us get this important project fast-tracked.

**B. PERSONNEL/MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS:**

1. I had the pleasure of speaking to the Skills USA class from Bennington High School this week about the history and benefits of the Nebraska NRD system. They were a great group of students who were intellectually curious and asked a lot of good questions about the NRD. A photo is attached.
2. Chalco Hills has a new recreational opportunity, thanks to Troop 429 and members of our parks crew, who built a Gaga Ball Pit near picnic area A. Don't know what gaga ball is? It's a gentler version of dodge ball in an octagonal pit. A photo 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 October 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 October 14, 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 Thursday, October 24. The minutes are attached. The next meeting is scheduled for January 23, 2020.

**F. SURPLUS CHAIRS:**

Per policy the General Manager is declaring the old metal board room chairs surplus, as they have little to no value, and will donate them on a first come first serve basis or properly dispose and/or recycle them.

# GROUNDBREAKING

*I&E REPORT*



*NOVEMBER 2019*



**MISSOURI  
RIVER  
LEVEE SYSTEM**



## Skills USA Class Presentation



## New Gaga Ball Pit



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

October 2019

<b>Date</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Item / Task</b>	<b>Company</b>	<b>Cost</b>
10/1-30/2019	Project Maintenance	Rip Rap	Martin Marietta	\$11,070.17
9/19/2019	Western Sarpy Project	Levee Repairs – soil purchase \$2.50/CY for fill soil and \$5/CY for topsoil with quantity as needed	Ruff Grading Inc.	\$100,000
10/17/2019	Big Papio Trail	Replace 3,396 Sq. Ft. of removed trail at drainage pipe replacement project	Schroder Concrete	\$18,406.32
10/24/2019	Big Papio Creek	Levee flood repair borrow site geotechnical exploration	Thiele Geotech Inc.	\$5,085
10/31/19	Zorinsky Basin #2 Project	404 Forested Mitigation Monitoring 10-year Forested Wetland Monitoring	HDR Engineering	\$49,233
10/9/2019	ENWRA	Replace ENWRA Ashland 01 Monitoring Well Cluster. Original wells destroyed by flood. FEMA will reimburse 75% and ENWRA will credit P-MRNRD remaining 25%	GeoSpec Drilling LLC	\$24,868.22
10/30/2019	ENWRA	Drill testhole at Alwine Prairie (NW of 144th and State Street), approx. 310' deep	GeoSpec Drilling LLC	\$7,606.21



Updated: October 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 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 PL-566 D17, D-18 Bank Protection Contract (W)

- **Papio Watershed Dam Sites:** (Grint/Laster/Williams)
  - ❖ City of Omaha Interlocal Agreement for ZB-2 (W)
  - ❖ ZB2 Surplus Land Sale Agreement + Closing (W)
  - ❖ DS 19 Property Purchase Agreement (B)
  
- **Papio Creek Watershed Partnership (Stormwater):** (Grint/Laster)
  
- **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)
  - ❖ Land Rights Condemnations (W)
  - ❖ Amend City of Omaha Interlocal Agreement (W)
  
- **Rural Water Projects:** (Nelson)
  - Gabel Property Waterline DCRW Easement Agreement (F)
  - TCRW 2 Waterline Easements (N)
  - WCRW 1 Waterline Easement (N)
  
- **Other:**
  - ❖ Elkhorn River IPA Repair Contract (Williams) (B)
  - ❖ Buffalo Creek Stabilization – Urban Cost Share Interlocal with Sarpy Co. (Williams) (B)
  - Cole Creek Interlocal Agreement (Grint) (F)



**Meeting Minutes**  
**October 24, 2019 – 10:00 AM – Board Room**  
**Natural Resource Center, 8901 S 154<sup>th</sup> Street, Omaha, NE**

Attendants:

See attached sign-in sheet.

The meeting began at 10:01 am.

1. Introductions

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

2. Vote – February 2020 Sediment and Erosion Control Seminar

- Lori Laster explained that the annual Sediment and Erosion Control Seminar is used to meet MS4 permit requirements for education and outreach. This seminar has been well attended by both design professionals and contractors. The City of Omaha has previously used stormwater grant funds to cover the costs of the venue and refreshments. Those funds are no longer available and additional funding must be secured.
- Last year's seminar cost was near \$15,000. The planning committee is moving the event to a lower cost facility. The anticipated cost of this year's seminar is around \$6,000.
- The Partnership Fund balance is approximately \$66,000.
- Mark Stursma made a motion to provide \$2,000 from the Partnership Fund towards the cost of the seminar. Jim Kee seconded. Motion carried on a vote of 5 yea, 0 nay.

3. USACE Update on Papillion Creek Study

- Tiffany Vanosdal, USACE updated the Partnership on the Papillion Creek and Tributaries Lakes, Nebraska General Re-evaluation Study. Currently there is a Tentatively Selected Plan of alternatives to address flood risk. USACE is working to finalize the alternative and the benefit cost analysis of each alternative.
- The draft report is scheduled to be released November 18. Public comments will be accepted for 30 days. A final report will be available at the end of 2020. This must be submitted to HQ/Congress in July 2021.
- A public meeting will be held at UNO first week of December to present the draft plan.

4. Other Items of Interest

- Donna Lynam stated that Sarpy County would like to consider updates to their stream setback ordinances as soon as possible. A proposed development has some known issues





with stream stability and the Planning Commission and County Board have stated they would like this issue to be addressed. The USACE Section 22 Streambank Stabilization Study has been delayed due to flooding. The Partnership could consider looking at projected degradation rates similar to the work done by FYRA for the Southern Sarpy Watershed Partnership. A scope of work will be drafted for the Partnership to consider at the January meeting. USACE will be asked to provide an update on the Section 22 study at that meeting also.

- The Great Rivers Chapter of the International Erosion Control Association is hosting a conference in Omaha November 4-5, 2019.

5. Next Meeting Date

- The next Partnership Meeting will be held January 23, 2020

5. Adjourn

- The meeting adjourned at 10:58. 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.