

# MEMORANDUM

TO THE BOARD:

SUBJECT: General Manager's Report

DATE: February 6, 2020

FROM: John Winkler, General Manager



**A. INFORMATION/EDUCATION HIGHLIGHTS:**

1. The I&E Department (and various creatures) hit the northern part of the District last month. Kaylyn visited Arbor Park Intermediate School in Blair, as well as Homer Community Schools. The students learned about the Papio NRD, water quality, snapping turtles, tiger salamanders, and much more.

**B. PERSONNEL/MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS:**

1. The District would like to officially welcome Kevin Schoepf as our new Water Supply Operator/Maintenance Technician in the Walthill office. Kevin started January 6<sup>th</sup> and replaced Wally Juhlin, who resigned last September.
2. A huge thank you to Tom Pleiss, who selflessly turned a negative situation for a teenager into a very positive one. While a teenager was fishing at Wehrspann, another boy fishing close to him threw the teen's tackle box into the water. The teen alerted Tom as to what happened. Unable to locate the boy, who had then run off, Tom brought personal tackle from home to replace the lost tackle. The District received a thank you note from the teen's family. It is attached. Thank you, Tom!
3. The District received a thank you letter from Sheri French, expressing gratitude for the quick clearing and cleanup of the trails with the recent snow and for our friendly staff. Sheri also said, "I've run on different trails around the metro and they are not often in as good of shape as yours." Thank you to Bill, Tom and the rest of our crew. The email is attached.
4. The District collected four boxes of household supplies and donated to Bethlehem House for women and children in crisis. Thank you to our staff for participating and to Nicole Gust for arranging this opportunity to give back to our community. The thank you letter 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 2020 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 13, 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 met in January. The minutes are attached. The next meeting is scheduled for February 27, 2020

BLAIR/HOMER

*I&E REPORT*



*JANUARY 2020*



***BLAIR &  
HOMER  
OUTREACH***



Tom,

Thank you for  
being so kind to  
my son. You went  
over & beyond and  
it is much  
appreciated.

The Carson's



**From:** Sheri French <[sherifrenchaprn@yahoo.com](mailto:sherifrenchaprn@yahoo.com)>

**Date:** January 31, 2020 at 11:28:23 AM CST

**To:** [bwarren@papionrd.org](mailto:bwarren@papionrd.org)

**Subject:** Kudos

Good morning,

I'm a frequent user of the Chalco trails around the lake. I often enter at the 370 entrance. I enjoy using this year round, and I just want to pass on my gratitude for the quick clearing and cleanup efforts your team does on a daily basis. With several different snow events in the last couple of weeks, the trail has been cleared off very quickly to minimize standing ice and water and that's very much appreciated.

When I'm running and your staff is working in an area, they are always very courteous and will let me know if they have a colleague ahead who may be working as well, particularly with a piece of equipment where vision is difficult. I've run on different trails around the metro and they are not often in as good of shape as yours. Keep up the good work and please pass my appreciation to your team. Thank you for your time.

Sheri French



Papio Missouri River NRD,  
We are grateful for your  
donation of various household  
supplies. Your support of our  
women & children is impactful &  
deeply appreciated.



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

January 2020

<b>Date</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Item / Task</b>	<b>Company</b>	<b>Cost</b>
1/1-31/2020	Project Maintenance	Rip Rap	Martin Marietta <u>Whetrock, Inc./Splitt Quarry</u>	\$6,905.48 \$18,569.20
1/27/2020	Candlewood Lake Dam	Principal Spillway Repairs Design	HDR Engineering	\$10,500
1/27/2020	R613/R616 Levee	2019 Flood Repairs – 40,068 CY of cohesive soil	HB Construction	\$90,153
1/31/2020	Union Dike	2019 Flood Repairs – up to 22,100 CY of cohesive soil	Sawyer Construction Company	\$110,500
1/9/2020	Wetland Mitigation	Study for lien fee mitigation	HDR Engineering	\$49,991



Updated: January 13, 2020

## 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)
  - ☛ 64<sup>th</sup> Street Easement from MUD, City of Omaha (W)
  - ☛ Easement for City of Omaha for Traffic Controls (W)
  - ☛ Culvert Rehab Professional Services Contract w/FYRA (B)
- **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)
  - ☛ National Guard Easement for WS Levee (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 (F)
  - ☛ Papio PL-566 D-20, Decommissioning by NRCS and Douglas County Agreement (B)

- **Papio Watershed Dam Sites:** (Grint/Laster/Williams)
  - ☒ City of Omaha Interlocal Agreement for ZB-2 (W)
  - ☒ DS 19 Property Purchase Agreement (W)
  - ☒ Amendment to Interlocal Agreement w/Sarpy and Papillion for WP6 + WP7 (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)
  
- **Rural Water Projects:** (Nelson)
  
- **Other:**
  - Buffalo Creek Stabilization – Urban Cost Share Interlocal with Sarpy Co. (Williams) (F)
  - Cole Creek Interlocal Agreement (Grint) (F)
  - ☒ Union Dike – Repair Licenses (N)





**Meeting Minutes**  
**January 23, 2020 – 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 10:02 am.

1. Introductions

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

2. MS4 Stormwater Management Plan Document Update

- Lori Laster explained that the annual report for the MS4 permits would be due on April 1, 2020. Along with the annual report, several documents will need to be submitted to NDEE to satisfy the Permit Year 1 requirements.
- One item specifically is an enforcement procedure for violations to rules adopted for the permit. Not all jurisdictions have the same enforcement procedures. A key purpose of the Partnership is to have consistency across all jurisdictions.
- A draft policy will be presented at the February 27, 2020 Partnership Meeting.

3. Draft Scope of Work – Future Stream Degradation Analysis

- At the October 2019 Partnership Meeting, Sarpy County stated their intent to update their stream setback policy. Several developments have had issues with stream stability and the current setback policy has not been sufficient for addressing those issues.
- Lori Laster presented a draft request for proposals to have a consultant look at the current setback policy, assumed future degradation of streams in undeveloped areas of the watershed, and potential improvements to the policy.
- Art Beccard stated that FYRA Engineering had been hired by Sarpy County to clarify the current setback policy and develop a standard method of calculating the setback distance.
- Marlin Petermann stated that because this project is anticipated to be a small contract and under the P-MRNRD management approval threshold, consultants will be directly asked to prepare a proposal rather than advertise and select through interviews.
- Proposals will be presented at the February 27, 2020 meeting.

4. Other Items of Interest



- The annual Sediment and Erosion Control Seminar will be held on February 6, 2020 at the DC Centre.
5. Next Meeting Date
    - The next Partnership Meeting will be held February 27, 2020
  5. Adjourn
    - The meeting adjourned at 10:55. 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.