

MEMORANDUM

TO THE BOARD:

SUBJECT: General Manager's Report

DATE: March 5, 2020

FROM: John Winkler, General Manager



A. INFORMATION/EDUCATION HIGHLIGHTS:

1. Coming very soon – a podcast episode that Jennifer and I participated in regarding the flood of 2019. The LPSNRD is compiling a podcast involving several NRDs to give listeners a first-hand account of how flood events unfolded – the boots on the ground perspective. We will send you a link to listen once the podcast is complete.

B. PERSONNEL/MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS:

1. In its 2019 annual report, the Nebraska Department of Natural Resources included District levee repairs at Offutt Air Force Base, highlighting partial funding for the projects through the state's Critical Infrastructure Fund created by the legislature in 2016. A photo is attached.
2. Tom English, Conservation Program Support Specialist resigned from his position on February 28th to take a job with the NRCS. This position is a NACD Grant position and the District is currently advertising for a replacement. We wish Tom the best of luck in his new job!
3. DJ Rees, District Land Steward, resigned from his position to take a job with a local HVAC company. His final day is March 6th. The District has filled DJ's position by promoting Doug Bithell to Land Steward. Doug has been a District Summer Groundskeeper since 2017. We wish DJ the best of luck in his career!
4. The District is also in the process of hiring 2-Groundskeepers (temporary positions) for the summer. Information regarding all of the District's job openings can be found on our website <https://www.papionrd.org/contact/job-opportunities/>.
5. The District received a thank you note from the Greater Omaha Area Geocachers for the use of the Papio NRD facility for its annual meeting. The note said the group had a great meeting and loved our building. The note 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 February 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 February 18, 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 February 27, 2020. The minutes are attached.

2019 FLOOD PODCAST

I&E REPORT



MARCH 2020



***PARTNER
NRD PODCAST
COMING SOON***

2019 Flood



NeDNR 2019 Annual Report

Levee Repairs Begin

In October, ground was broken for repairs and improvements to levees along the Missouri River, Papio Creek, and Platte River which were damaged during the 2011 flooding.

Partial funding for these repairs were provided by the state and made available through the Critical Infrastructure Facilities Fund (C.I.F.F.), which was created by LB 957 in FY 2016 and funded by a \$13.7 million transfer from the Cash Reserve Fund. NeDNR was assigned to administer the fund.

The Papio-Missouri River Tributaries Natural Resources District (P-MRNRD) applied for a grant through this fund to help offset the costs associated with its Offutt Air Force Base levee project, and the \$13.7 million grant was approved.

Work on the project was hampered by the length of time it took to obtain a U.S. Army Corps of Engineers permit and the repeated Spring 2019 flood events.



Hi Randy,
Thank you once again
for the use of the facility
for our Annual meeting.
Members love the place
and all went very well.

Carol Deman
(Greater Omaha Area
Geocachers)





Updated: February 18, 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)
 - ☛ 64th Street Easement from MUD, City of Omaha (W)
 - ☛ Easement for City of Omaha for Traffic Controls (W)
 - ☛ Culvert Rehab Professional Services Contract w/FYRA (W)
- **Big Papio:** (Cleveland)
- **West Branch:** (Cleveland/Grint)
 - Land Exchange with Sarpy Co. and City of Papillion (96th 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 (P)

- **Papio Watershed Dam Sites:** (Grint/Laster/Williams)
 - ❖ City of Omaha Interlocal Agreement for ZB-2 (W)
 - ❖ DS 19 Property Purchase Agreement (B)
 - ❖ Easement Agreement for Access Drive at Prairie Queen (B)
 - ❖ Agreement for embankment material at WP-7 with BHI (N)
 - ❖ Purchase Agreement w/FRK Development for land acquisition at WP-1 (N)

- **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)
 - ❖ DCRW – Finalize Olsson Agreement for Kramper Lake Extension (W)

- **Other:**
 - Buffalo Creek Stabilization – Urban Cost Share Interlocal with Sarpy Co. (Williams) (F)
 - Cole Creek Interlocal Agreement (Grint) (F)
 - ❖ Union Dike – Repair Licenses (W)



Meeting Minutes
February 27, 2020 – 10:00 AM – Board Room
Natural Resource Center, 8901 S 154th Street, Omaha, NE

Attendants:

See attached sign-in sheet.

The meeting began at 10:06 am.

1. Introductions
 - An agenda and handouts were distributed. Marlin Petermann (P-MRNRD) facilitated introductions.
2. Update – USACE Section 22 Stream Degradation Study
 - Tim Goode and Paul Boyd with USACE were present to provide an update on the USACE Section 22, Planning Assistance to States Stream Degradation Study.
 - Phase 2 of the study began in Spring 2019. This involves a comprehensive review of sites that were visited to evaluate the problems most often seen in the Papillion Creek Watershed.
 - Three sites were selected based on sponsor feedback for further design of corrective action. These sites are Cole Creek at Hillside Drive, West Papio Creek at 132nd Street Bridge, and South Papio Creek, from confluence to Giles Road.
 - Additional work will include work to look at potential future degradation with a grant from the Engineer Research and Development Center.
 - The study should be completed in Fall 2020.
3. Notice of Vote – 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 scope of work from Felsburg Holt & Ullevig (FHU) to conduct GIS analysis to determine what future degradation could look like in undeveloped areas of the Papillion Creek Watershed. This will then help to inform a new stream setback policy. FHU would also make recommendations to the Partnership for the new policy.
 - Aaron Hirsh (FHU) noted that the stream miles included in the draft scope were an estimate. Since the USACE study is doing similar work on some of the main branches, the FHU study could focus on smaller streams where problems develop in neighborhoods.



- Omaha and P-MRNRD will work with FHU to refine the scope to make sure that the study provides enough data to show the full range of potential stream degradation issues.
 - Derek Miller (Omaha) stated we should coordinate with development stakeholders early on in the study so that they are aware policy changes are forthcoming.
4. Other Items of Interest
 - MS4 Annual Reports are due to NDEE by April 1, 2020. Omaha and P-MRNRD are working on developing the template.
 5. Next Meeting Date
 - The next Partnership Meeting will be held March 26, 2020
 5. Adjourn
 - The meeting adjourned at 11:37. 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.