

**Natural Resources Conservation Service
Report To
Papio-Missouri River NRD Board
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Good afternoon Board members and General Manager Winkler! I hope this report finds you all well. This month's report is very short.

FIELD OFFICE STATUS-COVID 19

USDA has implemented a Covid-19 Playbook and guidelines for re-opening field offices. As you may have seen from our State Conservationist Craig Derickson, we have a tool that automatically monitors Covid-19 positive cases within each county of the State. Depending on the rate of positive cases per county USDA is taking a 3-phase approach to opening offices. I won't get into the details of how counties are assessed and what the Phases are, however I will tell you that thus far we have zero counties in this NRD that have moved into any one of three phases to re-open, in other words all 6 counties are in what is considered the gated status and remain closed to the public with only 1 NRCS employee per office.

PROGRAMS

EQIP

We are now starting to pre-approve EQIP applications that we have been working on over the winter and spring. Currently we have 11 pre-approved applications from State and Area Fund Pools comprising about \$120,000 of financial assistance.

We have about 100 more applications for our Local NRD funding pools to rank and assign dollars to. We have been given an initial allocation to our NRD area fund codes for EQIP in the amount of \$366,103. We anticipate that we will receive more dollars through the summer months.

Respectfully Submitted

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