

# MEMORANDUM

TO THE BOARD:

SUBJECT: General Manager's Report

DATE: November 12, 2020

FROM: John Winkler, General Manager



**A. INFORMATION/EDUCATION HIGHLIGHTS:**

Sawyer, an education owl at the Papio NRD, has passed away after 3 ½ years in our care. Over the years, Sawyer has positively impacted thousands of students both through outreach and his display at Chalco Hills. It's our hope to house another eastern screech owl in the spring.

**B. PERSONNEL/MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS:**

1. As we witnessed, Democracy was in action this election, with a record number of ballots cast, and the Papio NRD Board election was no exception. Congratulation to all on races well run. We will see some new faces on the board in January. I want to thank Directors Wiese and Gruenewald for their dedication to the board and the districts they served. The unofficial election results are attached.
2. Congratulations to Tom Pleiss and the rest of our park maintenance crew for a glowing report from the Corps of Engineers' lease compliance inspection. The letter (attached) said, "The overall maintenance and appearance of the parks was clean and well maintained. The hard work and dedicated commitment by your staff to ensure exceptional facilities has not gone unnoticed. Keep up the great work and thank you for your stewardship." I could not have said it better.
3. Thank you to the Bennington SkillsUSA Chapter for once again taking pride in our community. For the seventh year, the chapter has cleaned up trash in the Prairie View lake area. 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 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 October 12 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 on October 22. The minutes are attached. The next scheduled meeting is December 3.

RIP SAWYER

*I&E REPORT*



*NOVEMBER 2020*



***IMPACTED THOUSANDS OF  
STUDENTS***

You will be missed!

Unofficial General Election Results  
November 4, 2020  
(Taken from the Nebraska Secretary of State Office - 11/4/2020@ 9:05 AM)

<u>District 1</u>		Votes	Percent
	Ted Japp	26,848	100.00%

<u>District 3</u>		Votes	Percent
	Larry Bradley	14,200	57.03%
	Christian Mirch	10,698	42.97%

<u>District 5</u>		Votes	Percent
	Rich Tesar	34,051	100.00%

<u>District 7</u>		Votes	Percent
	Danny Begley	22,450	100.00%

<u>District 9</u>		Votes	Percent
	Patrick Bonnett	15,677	50.28%
	Tyler Berzina	15,501	49.72%

<u>District 11</u>		Votes	Percent
	Phil Davidson	13,583	54.11%
	John B. Wiese	11,519	45.89%



REPLY TO  
ATTENTION OF

**DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY**  
CORPS OF ENGINEERS, OMAHA DISTRICT  
1616 CAPITOL AVENUE  
OMAHA NE 68102-4901

September 24, 2020

Real Estate Division

SUBJECT: 2020 Lease Compliance Inspection, Lease No. DACW45-1-88-6045, Papio Natural Resources District, Papillion Creek and Tributaries, Nebraska

Papio Natural Resource District  
ATTN: Mr. Tom Pleiss  
8901 South 154<sup>th</sup> Street  
Omaha, Nebraska 68138

Dear Mr. Pleiss:

A lease compliance inspection was conducted by Corps of Engineers personnel on August 25, 2020. The leased area was inspected by Annette Griffin of my staff and Missouri River Project Natural Resource Specialist, Kelsey Jolley. Representatives from the District were not present.

The leased property in all areas was extremely well maintained, clean, neat, and appeared in excellent condition. No major safety issues were observed.

The only observation noted pertains to erosion on the road near the maintenance shed and it appears it could be repaired with additional rock.

The overall maintenance and appearance of the parks was clean and well maintained. The hard work and dedicated commitment by your staff to ensure exceptional facilities has not gone unnoticed. Keep up the great work and thank you for your stewardship.

Should you have any questions, please contact Annette Griffin at (402) 995-2830/Annette.m.griffin@usace.army.mil or our project Natural Resource Specialist, Kelsey Jolley at (402) 996-3752 or by email Kelsey.e.jolley@usace.army.mil

Sincerely,

Rick L. Noel  
Chief, Real Estate Division  
Real Estate Contracting Officer

Bennington Skills USA Chapter – Prairie View Lake Cleanup





Updated: October 12, 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 (P)
- **Big Papio:** (Cleveland)
- **West Branch:** (Cleveland/Grint)
  - Land Exchange with Sarpy Co. and City of Papillion (96<sup>th</sup> St.) (F)
- **Western Sarpy Dike:** (Cleveland/Petermann)
  - ★ NRDs/NE-ARNG Interlocal Addendum for Camp Ashland Property (W)
  - ★ National Guard Easement for WS Levee (F)
- **Floodway Purchase Program:** (Laster/Grint)
  - ★ Agreement w/NEMA on Sarpy Co. Floodway Purchases HMGP Grant (W)
  - ★ Arlington Buyouts – FEMA FMA Grant Closeout (N)
- **Trail Projects:** (Williams)
  - ★ LIED Bridge HWY 31 Connecting Link Repair Construction Contract (W)
  - ★ Lied Bridge Substructure Repair Construction Contract (B)
- **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)
  - ✦ P/J-12 Construction Contract (B)
- **Papio Watershed Dam Sites:** (Grint/Laster/Williams)
  - ✦ City of Omaha Interlocal Agreement for ZB-2 (P)
  - ✦ Purchase Agreement w/FRK Development for land acquisition at WP-1 (B)
  - ✦ Public Hearings for WP1 and WP2 ROW (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)
  - ✦ BNSF and UP Agreements and Easements (W)
  - ✦ FYRA Professional Services Contract amendment (N)
- **Rural Water Projects:** (Nelson)
  - ✦ DCRW – Easements and Land Purchase Documents for Kramper Lake Extension (B)
- **Other:**
  - Cole Creek Interlocal Agreement (Grint) (F)
  - ✦ EJCDC Professional Services Contract Documents Update (Petermann) (W)





**Meeting Minutes  
October 22, 2020 – 10:00 AM  
Via Zoom Meeting**

Attendants:

Derek Miller (Omaha), Jim Kee (Omaha), Andy Szatko (Omaha), Selma Kessler (Omaha), Pat Dowse (La Vista), Chris Solberg (La Vista), Marlin Petermann (P-MRNRD), Amanda Grint (P-MRNRD), Eric Williams (P-MRNRD), Lori Laster (P-MRNRD), Denny Wilson (Sarpy County), Zach Hergenrader (Sarpy County), Dan Giittinger (Gretna), Matt Knight (Bellevue), Mark Stursma (Papillion), Alex Evans (Papillion), Ryan Ossell (MAPA), Julie Godbersen (Offut AFB), Marisa Gibb (Offut AFB), Stacy Gilman (Douglas County), Aaron Hirsh (FHU), Dave Lampe (FHU), Ann Nissen (JEO), Matt Hubel (Schemmer), Cody Buckland (Lamp Rynearson), Scott Oswald (Lamp Rynearson)

The meeting began at 10:02 am.

1. Introductions

- An agenda and handouts were distributed via email on October 20, 2020. Marlin Petermann (P-MRNRD) facilitated introductions.

2. Stream Degradation Analysis - FHU

- Lori Laster (P-MRNRD) introduced Aaron Hirsh of FHU, who had been contracted by the Partnership to perform some stream degradation analysis within the Papio watershed in order to help develop modifications to the existing stream setback policy.
- Aaron presented the work completed by FHU to date through a story map which can be viewed at this link: <https://arcc.is/Wibn>.
- Aaron walked through the findings of the future degradation analysis performed on a stream in a developed area. The figures show that there is potential for the stream degradation to cause the stream to migrate out of the existing setback area.
- This stream was analyzed with several scenarios. First, if the stream was allowed to degrade with no further intervention. Then FHU looked at different scenarios for grade control spacing, at 1/8 mile, 1/4 mile, 1/2 mile, and 1 mile spacing. With that analysis, setback widths were presented for different existing stream slopes and potential stable stream slopes.
- Using the data from this analysis, FHU developed a range of alternatives of changes to the existing stream setback policy, along with the pros and cons of each alternative.
- The next step of this study will be to analyze further the potential degradation impacts and to provide more detail regarding the possible policy changes. The PCWP will review this work in December and prepare for a potential stakeholder meeting in January. FHU will provide a draft technical memorandum in December.



3. Other Items of Interest

- Andy Szatko stated that the University of Nebraska Extension is working on a virtual Green Infrastructure Tour for November 20, 2020. Registration information will be sent soon.

4. Next Meeting Date

- The next regular meeting would be scheduled for Thanksgiving Day. Lori Laster will send a Doodle poll to find an alternate date for the meeting.

5. Adjourn

- The meeting adjourned at 11:29 am. An agenda and the emailed handouts are available upon request.

Please contact Lori Laster at 444-6222 regarding any questions or comments concerning these meeting minutes.