

MEMORANDUM

TO THE BOARD:

SUBJECT: General Manager's Report

DATE: January 14, 2021

FROM: John Winkler, General Manager



A. INFORMATION/EDUCATION HIGHLIGHTS:

We continue to make progress on the Education and Awareness Initiative. With research complete and analyzed, EG Integrated and Jennifer have been developing a new proposed organizational platform to ensure consistent messaging across the board. The agency will present the entire proposed initiative to the Board in the coming months.

B. PERSONNEL/MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS:

1. Pat McEvoy, Assistant O&M Superintendent since 2012, retired from the District on January 6th. We thank Pat for his commitment and hard work and wish him a wonderful retirement. Ryan Trapp, former Heavy Equipment Operator, has been promoted to Pat's position. The District is currently working to fill the Heavy Equipment Operator position.
2. Zach Nelson has notified the District of his resignation from his position as Project Manager on January 29. The District is in the process of hiring his replacement. We thank Zach for his dedication to the District and wish him the best in his next chapter.
3. The District sent a letter of endorsement to Governor Ricketts and the Agriculture Committee in support a report developed by the Nebraska Healthy Soils Task Force. The HSTF is looking to increase awareness and impact of its five Soil Health Initiatives by identifying collaboration opportunities among the State, NRDs, and other organizations. If adopted, the initiatives could place Nebraska agriculture in the forefront of soil health activity. You can read the report [here](#).

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 December 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 December 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 met on December 3. The minutes are attached. The January meeting was held last Thursday (Jan. 7).

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NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT**

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- Research phase is complete
- Messaging platform work continues



Updated: December 14, 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)
 - ☼ Culverts Rehab Design Interlocal Agreement with Omaha (N)
 - License for Blondo Street Drainage Repair (P)
 - ☼ 64th Street Easement from MUD, City of Omaha (P)
- **Big Papio:** (Cleveland)
 - ☼ Culverts Rehab Phase II Interlocal Amendment with Omaha (N)
- **West Branch:** (Cleveland/Grint)
 - Land Exchange with Sarpy Co. and City of Papillion (96th St.) (F)
- **Western Sarpy Dike:** (Cleveland/Petermann)
 - ☼ NRDs/NE-ARNG Interlocal Addendum for Camp Ashland Property (P)
 - ☼ National Guard Easement for WS Levee (F)
- **Floodway Purchase Program:** (Laster/Grint)
 - ☼ Purchase Agreements for Washington/Douglas/Sarpy Acquisition Projects (W)
 - ☼ Arlington Buyouts – FEMA FMA Grant Closeout (W)
 - ☼ Public Hearings for Washington/Douglas/Sarpy HMGP Acquisition Projects (W)

- **Trail Projects:** (Williams)
 - ✦ LIED Bridge HWY 31 Connecting Link Repair Construction Contract (W)
 - ✦ Platte River Bridge Trail – Amendment to Schemmer 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 (P)
 - ✦ Papio PL566 Site D-15B Sponsorship Change by NRCS (W)

- **Papio Watershed Dam Sites:** (Grint/Laster/Williams)
 - ✦ City of Omaha Interlocal Agreement for ZB-2 (P)
 - ✦ Purchase Agreement w/Armbrust for land acquisition @ WP2 (N)

- **Papio Creek Watershed Partnership (Stormwater):** (Grint/Laster)

- **Southern Sarpy Watershed Partnership (Stormwater):** (Laster)
 - ✦ Amendment to FYRA Professional Services Contract (N)

- **Missouri River R-613 and R-616 Levees:** (Cleveland/Woodward)
 - ✦ Offutt Ditch O&M Agreement (N)
 - ✦ 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 (W)
 - ✦ Rural Water Project Rules & Regulations Update (B)

- **Other:**
 - Cole Creek Interlocal Agreement (Grint) (F)
 - ✦ EJCDC Professional Services Contract Documents Update (Petermann) (W)
 - ✦ Purchase Agreement with City of Blair for 1.8-acre lot (Schumacher) (B)



**Meeting Minutes
December 3, 2020 – 1:30 PM
Via Zoom Meeting**

Attendants:

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), Matt Knight (Bellevue), Mark Stursma (Papillion), Alex Evans (Papillion), Ryan Ossell (MAPA), Julie Godbersen (Offut AFB), Stacy Gilman (Douglas County), Aaron Hirsh (FHU), Dave Lampe (FHU), Sara Mechtenberg (FYRA), Noma Borde (Omaha), Dan Fricke (JEO), Chris Haring (USACE), George Parizek (Omaha), Jason Kubicek (Sarpy County), Paul Boyd (USACE), Rynn Kerkhove (Omaha), Travis Gibbons (Papillion), Adam Wilmes (Omaha)

The meeting began at 1:36 pm.

1. Introductions

- An agenda and handouts were distributed via email. 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 Hirsh (FHU) presented a matrix of potential policy modifications and recommendations in order to account for future stream bed degradation in the watershed.
- The recommended policy is to calculate the stream setback at a minimum of 200-foot intervals based on an equation that calculates the vertical difference between the existing stream slope and an assumed stable stream slope of 0.2%. The equation also takes into account potential grade control features that are installed. This would allow developers to lessen their setback width in the event that grade control features are installed at more frequent distances than they are currently.
- Several people questioned if the blanket equation could cause some issues with topography variation on each bank. There is potential to have either an overly conservative setback or a too narrow setback based on stream bank conditions that are widely different on each side of the stream.
- FHU will revise the policy to account for varying topographic conditions.
- Lori will send a Doodle poll to set up a meeting in Early January to discuss FHU's revisions based on this feedback. The plan is to present the proposed policy at the Sediment and



Erosion Control Seminar on February 4, 2021 and then hold a development stakeholder meeting after that.

3. Notice of Vote – Annual Sediment and Erosion Control Seminar Sponsorship

- Lori Laster explained that the Partnership contributed \$2,000 towards the cost of the seminar in 2020 after the stormwater funds from NDEE had been discontinued for communities. All MS4 permittees in the watershed are required to do education and outreach and this event goes towards satisfying that requirement. At the January meeting, the Partnership will again vote to provide \$2,000 towards the cost of the seminar in 2021

Other Items of Interest

- The Sediment and Erosion Control Seminar will be held virtually on February 4, 2021.

4. Next Meeting Date

- The next regular meeting is scheduled for January 28, 2021. Lori Laster will send a Doodle poll to find an additional meeting date in early January.

5. Adjourn

- The meeting adjourned at 3:20 pm. 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.