

MEMORANDUM

TO THE BOARD:

SUBJECT: General Manager's Report

DATE: March 4, 2021

FROM: John Winkler, General Manager



A. INFORMATION/EDUCATION HIGHLIGHTS:

The Papio NRD worked closely with the National Weather Service Omaha Office and other emergency management agencies to provide collaborative and consistent messaging regarding river ice conditions to the news media and public. With so many agencies involved, it's difficult for the media and public to know where to quickly go to get the latest information on ice jams and/or flooding. We created one central online location (Papio NRD website) that curated latest updates and provided helpful resource links. We look to further expand on this collaboration next season.

B. PERSONNEL/MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS:

1. The District received a Workers Compensation Experience Rating of .74 by the National Council on Compensation Insurance (NCCI). This is good news, as a rating below 1% translates into a savings for taxpayers of the District.
2. Wyatt Cieluch, IT Support Tech, submitted his resignation with the District last week and his final day will be March 12. The District is in the process of hiring his replacement. We thank Wyatt for his good work and dedication and wish him well.
3. The District received a thank you message from the Bennington Outdoor Club for providing bobbers for the club's annual TeamMates Fishing Day for students. Club members provided instructions on all things fishing and participants received a tackle box with tackle and a fishing pole. Pictures are 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.

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 16 is attached for your review.

E. PAPILLION CREEK WATERSHED PARTNERSHIP REPORT: The Papillion Creek Watershed Partnership Subcommittee met on February 25. The minutes are attached. The next meeting is scheduled for March 25.

ICE JAM COMMUNICATIONS

I&E REPORT



MARCH 2021



- Collaborative messaging among agencies
- Consistent messaging to media & public in ONE online location

BENNINGTON OUTDOOR CLUB TEAMMATES FISHING DAY

The Bennington Outdoor Club held their annual Fishing Day for students on February 27. Bennington Outdoor Club members provided instruction on Fishing Safety, Fish Species, Fishing Knots, Tackle/Gear and Fishing Poles. The participating students received a tackle box with tackle and a fishing pole. The day concluded with a cookout for the students. The Bennington Outdoor Club would like to thank the following organizations for their donations: Scheels, Hy-Vee and the Papio Natural Resources District.



Pictured are the participating students/mentors and Bennington Outdoor Club members.

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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 (B)
 - 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)
- **Floodway Purchase Program:** (Laster/Grint)
 - ☼ Purchase Agreements for Washington/Douglas/Sarpy Acquisition Projects (W)
 - ☼ Arlington Buyouts – FEMA FMA Grant Closeout (W)
- **Trail Projects:** (Williams)
 - ☼ LIED Bridge HWY 31 Connecting Link Repair Construction Contract (W)
 - ☼ LIED Bridge HWY 31 Connecting Link ROW Documents (B)
 - ☼ Omaha Beltline Trail Professional Services Contract with EGA (B)
- **Missouri River Corridor Project:** (Becic)

- **USDA PL 566 Projects, Silver Creek and Pigeon/Jones Watershed:** (Schumacher/Cleveland/Grint)
 - ✦ 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 (P)
- **Papio Creek Watershed Partnership (Stormwater):** (Grint/Laster)
- **Southern Sarpy Watershed Partnership (Stormwater):** (Laster)
- **Missouri River R-613 and R-616 Levees:** (Cleveland/Woodward)
 - ✦ Offutt Ditch O&M Agreement (W)
 - ✦ Offutt AFB Storm Sewer Outlets O&M Agreement (W)
 - ✦ BNSF and UP Agreements and Easements (W)
 - ✦ FYRA Professional Services Contract amendment (W)
- **Rural Water Projects:** (Nelson)
 - ✦ DCRW – Easements and Land Purchase Documents for Kramper Lake Extension (W)
- **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 (Novak) (P)
 - ✦ Elk Creek EWP Repair Project ROW Documents (Novak) (B)



**Meeting Minutes
February 25, 2021 – 10:00 AM
Via Zoom Meeting**

Attendants:

Jim Kee (Omaha), Andy Szatko (Omaha), Selma Kessler (Omaha), Marlin Petermann (P-MRNRD), Amanda Grint (P-MRNRD), Eric Williams (P-MRNRD), Lori Laster (P-MRNRD), Mark Stursma (Papillion), Stacy Gilman (Douglas County), Aaron Hirsh (FHU), Rynn Kerkhove (Omaha), Dan Giittinger (Gretna), Derek Miller (Omaha), Emily Holtzclaw (Jacobs), Adam Wilmes (Omaha), Zach Hergenrader (Sarpy County), Lianne Dougherty (Jacobs), Nick Sutko (Jacobs), Brad Huyck (TD2), Bruce Fountain (La Vista), Chris Solberg (La Vista), Charlie Huddleston (Sarpy Planning Commission), Caleb Beasley (E&A), Dan Fricke (JEO), Dave Lampe (FHU), Don Heine (TD2), Donna Lynam (Sarpy County), Doug Kellner (TD2), Dustin Simmons (E&A), George Cunningham, Greg Perry (Gretna/Olmstead&Perry), Jason Kubicek (Sarpy County), Jeff Elliot, Jeff Roberts (Sarpy County), Jim Theiler (Omaha), John Coolidge (LRA), Joe Soucie (La Vista), Kathleen Gottsch (Springfield), Kevin Sasse, Kyle Graham (Olsson), Laurie Carrette-Zook (HDR), Mary Giff (Sarpy Planning Commission), Matt Hubel (Schemmer), Matt Knight (Bellevue), Matt Vanicek, Mike McIntosh (LRA), Pat Dowse (La Vista), Philip Niewohner (Olsson), Randy Kuszak, Ryan Ossell (MAPA), Tim Papstein, Therese Pogge (Omaha)

The meeting began at 10:00 am.

1. Introductions

- An agenda was distributed via email. Marlin Petermann (P-MRNRD) facilitated introductions.

2. Proposed Stream Setback Policy Discussion - FHU

- Lori Laster (P-MRNRD) and Aaron Hirsh (FHU) presented the reasons for updating the stream setback policy, the stream degradation analysis, and the proposed policy. The recommended policy is to incorporate a future degradation depth into the existing 3:1+50 ft policy. This depth is calculated as the difference between the existing stream slope and the assumed future stable slope of 0.15%. This will still allow for the installation of grade control structures to lessen the setback width if feasible and/or desired. The policy also calls for grade control to be installed with arterial road crossings and utility crossings.
- Lori then opened discussion. The following questions were submitted via Zoom chat:
 - o E&A Consulting: Would the new policy apply to Waters of the U.S. only? Or what is proposed? A: The setbacks would be applicable to any watercourse draining more than 40 acres.
 - o Matt Vanick: What biological analysis was conducted as part of this study? Will aquatic fauna migration be factored in to the design standards for grade control



structures? A: The current study only focused on stream morphology. In future steps the Partnership will work to develop design standards that meet all requirements as required for permitting these structures in jurisdictional waters.

- Mike McIntosh: Will there still be an option to reduce or waive the required setbacks using engineered stabilized stream banks? A: Yes, if an analysis/design shows the design will stabilize the streams the setbacks may be waived.
- Jim Theiler: One of the biggest concerns that we need to understand a little better is how much additional land could this take out of development and off the tax rolls. A: The technical memorandum did provide an approximate value of land required to be placed in setbacks based on some assumptions.
- Mike McIntosh: Are there stakeholder meetings or outreach planned with the development community or are you looking to us to inform our clients and provide any feedback received? A: This presentation, the technical memorandum explaining the study and setback policy, and the recording of this meeting will all be posted at <http://papiopartnership.org/stream-setback/> along with a comment form. We will hold another meeting in March and make sure that development stakeholders are notified of that meeting.
- Caleb Beasley: This policy will encourage developers to install grade stabilization structures. Have there been any conversations with Corps regarding permitting for these structures because these can be difficult or time consuming to permit and may not be able to be permitted with a nationwide permit? A: Part of our next steps is to develop design guidelines for grade stabilization projects that would be able to fall into a nationwide permit category.
- Other comments included a desire to stay at 3:1+20 feet for smaller streams.
- Marlin Petermann noted that the NRD/FHU have also coordinated this policy development with the Southern Sarpy Watershed Partnership to try to keep a consistent policy throughout the area.

4. Other Items of Interest

- MS4 Annual Reports are due April 1. Templates will be sent out in early March.

5. Next Meeting Date

- The next regular meeting is scheduled for March 25, 2021.

6. Adjourn

- The meeting adjourned at 11:12 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.