

MEMORANDUM

TO THE BOARD:

SUBJECT: General Manager’s Report

DATE: April 8, 2021

FROM: John Winkler, General Manager



**A. INFORMATION/EDUCATION HIGHLIGHTS:**

Our education team and partners have worked hard again this year to make Water Works 2021 a reality. Even though it’s in a virtual format, the committee has created some outstanding sessions for 5<sup>th</sup> grade students in Douglas, Sarpy, and Washington counties to learn about water conservation. Water Works 2021 takes place on May 4th and 5th. Registration is underway and going strong.

**B. PERSONNEL/MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS:**

- 1. The District has been selected as a Nebraska’s Safest Company Award winner for the 13<sup>th</sup> year in a row. Award applicants are judged on their safety logs and organization’s safety programs and, using a weighted average of the past three years, are compared to like organizations. This success could not be achieved without all in the District supporting our culture of safety. Keep up the great work. The announcement letter 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 March 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 March 15 is attached for your review.

**E. PAPILLION CREEK WATERSHED PARTNERSHIP REPORT:**

The Papillion Creek Watershed Partnership Subcommittee met on March 25. The minutes are attached. The next meeting is scheduled for April 22.

# WATER WORKS 2021

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*APRIL 2021*



*Water Works*

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WATER WORKS  
2021**

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TO LEARN ABOUT  
WATER  
CONSERVATION*





March 19, 2021

Nicole Gust  
Papio-Missouri River Natural Resources District  
8901 S 154 Street  
Omaha, Nebraska 68138

Dear Nicole Gust,  
Congratulations! Your company has been chosen as a Nebraska's Safest Company Award winner. You, your safety team, and all of the senior leadership are to be commended for your commitment to safety.

Safest Company Award applications are judged on the submitted safety logs and your company's safety programs and, using a weighted average of the past 3 years, are compared to like organizations based on your NAICS code. Your overall score, including the safety program score, determines the level awarded. Papio-Missouri River Natural Resources District will be honored as a Nebraska's Safest Company 2021.

Safest Company award winners will be honored at the National Safety Council – Nebraska chapter's Celebration of Safety Virtual event on Wednesday, May 19, 2021. This year our keynote speaker is Candace Carnahan. Candace's experience with a workplace incident is a story you and your team will certainly remember. Her presentation, "See Something, Say Something", will be a powerful reminder for your team.

Although we are holding the event virtually, we encourage you to share this award with your entire team - senior management, safety committee members, and key personnel who have shared in and supported this success. To get everyone in the celebratory mood, for all registered attendees we will be sending your award along with snacks and party goodies for you and your team to enjoy during the presentation! **Because we need time to ship your items, please register by May 5<sup>th</sup> with Bree at 402.898.7350 or Tiara at 402.898.7364**

Thank you for your dedication and commitment to the safety of your employees. We are looking forward to seeing you at the Celebration of Safety on May 19, 2021.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Eric Koepe". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Eric" being more prominent than the last name "Koepe".

Eric Koepe  
President/CEO

As a non-profit organization, a portion of your registration is tax deductible. Thank you for your support.

*Safety without shortcuts.*

11620 M Circle  
Omaha, NE 68137

COMPANY: Papio-Missouri River Natural Resources District

NAICS: Code #234990  
2021 Determination: Safest Company

Overall Average Rate 32.330%  
**Better**

Current Member Yes  
First year applicant No  
Scorecard rate 112

**Safest Company Criteria:**

**Nebraska's Safest Company:** Using your Incident, Lost Time, and DART rate data, your NAICS code and BLS industry averages, a 3 year weighted average is established. Nebraska Safest Companies must be **better than industry average**. Plus: using your results from your Safety Program Evaluation Scorecard, Nebraska's Safest Companies must score **higher than 75 points**.

**Nebraska's Safest Company with Distinction:** Using your Incident, Lost Time, and DART rate data, your NAICS code and BLS industry averages, a 3 year weighted average is established. Nebraska Safest Companies with Distinction must be **50%+ better than industry average**. Plus: using your results from your Safety Program Evaluation Scorecard, Nebraska's Safest Company with Distinction must score **higher than 112 points**.

**Incidence Rate**

**Total Recordable Cases**

Total of OSHA 300 Log Columns G, H, I, J  
Formula: Total Recordable Cases X 200,000/Employee Hours Worked

	Number of Employees	Total Cases	Employee Hours Worked	Incidence Rate	NAICS RATE from tables	Percent Better/Worse than Industry Average	
2020	52	3	106,538	5.6	6.2	9.16%	<b>Better</b>
2019	52	1	90,452	2.2	6.2	64.34%	<b>Better</b>
2018	52	2	90,694	4.4	6.2	28.86%	<b>Better</b>
3 year average				4.1	6.2	30.84%	<b>Better</b>

**Lost Work Day Cases Involving Days Away From Work**

Total of OSHA 300 Log Column H  
Formula: Number of Lost Workday Cases X 200,000/Employee Hours Worked

	Number of Employees	Total Cases	Employee Hours Worked	Incidence Rate	NAICS RATE from tables	Percent Better/Worse than Industry Average	
2020	52	1	106,538	1.9	2.1	10.61%	<b>Better</b>
2019	52	1	90,452	2.2	2.1	-5.29%	<b>Worse</b>
2018	52	0	90,694	0.0	2.1	100.00%	<b>Better</b>
3 year average				1.4	2.1	20.21%	<b>Better</b>

**DART (Days Away, Restricted and Transferred)**

Total of OSHA 300 Log Column H and I  
Formula: DART X 200,000/Employee Hours Worked

	Number of Employees	Total Cases	Employee Hours Worked	Incidence Rate	NAICS RATE from tables	Percent Better/Worse than Industry Average	
2020	52	1	106,538	1.9	3.1	39.44%	<b>Better</b>
2019	52	1	90,452	2.2	3.1	28.67%	<b>Better</b>
2018	52	0	90,694	0.0	3.1	100.00%	<b>Better</b>
3 year average				1.4	3.1	45.95%	<b>Better</b>



Updated: March 15, 2021

## **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)
  - ☼ 64<sup>th</sup> 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 (96<sup>th</sup> 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 (B)
- **Missouri River Corridor Project:** (Becic)

- **USDA PL 566 Projects, Silver Creek and Pigeon/Jones Watershed:** (Schumacher/Cleveland/Grint)
  - ✦ Papio PL566 Site D-15B Interlocal w/SID 264 and Decommissioning by NRCS (B)
  - ✦ Papio 319 Small Dams Professional Services Contract (N)
  
- **Papio Watershed Dam Sites:** (Grint/Laster/Williams)
  - ✦ Release of Papio 5-6 Easements at WP2 (B)
  - ✦ Purchase Agreement w/Armbrust for land acquisition @ WP2 (P)
  - ✦ Purchase Agreement w/Dreessen for land acquisition @ WP1 (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 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)
  - ✦ Elk Creek EWP Repair Project ROW Documents (Novak) (B)
  - ✦ Blair Shop Professional Services Contract (Novak) (N)





**Meeting Minutes**  
**March 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), Dan Giittinger (Gretna), Derek Miller (Omaha), Zach Hergenrader (Sarpy County), Lianne Dougherty (Jacobs), Emily Holtzclaw (Jacobs), Chris Solberg (La Vista), Dan Fricke (JEO), Dave Lampe (FHU), Jason Kubicek (Sarpy County), Jeff Roberts (Sarpy County), Laurie Carrette-Zook (HDR), Matt Knight (Bellevue), Cody Buckland (LRA), Ryan Ossell (MAPA), Ana Hanke (Schemmer), Julie Godberson (Offutt), Patrick Ducey (NDEE), Ann Nissen (JEO), Jeff Thompson (Papillion), Robert Laroco (Omaha), Alex Evans (Papillion)

The meeting began at 10:03 am.

1. Introductions

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

2. Proposed Stream Setback Policy Stakeholder Meeting Follow Up

- Lori Laster (P-MRNRD) and Aaron Hirsh (FHU) discussed some changes that will be made to the technical memorandum regarding the calculated amount of land in the setback areas of the different policy scenarios. This information will be posted to the Partnership website and emailed to the distribution list.
- Lori reviewed the comments received at the March 17, 2021 Stakeholder Meeting. Overall stakeholders felt that more time was needed to review the policy and provide feedback. There was a request to put together a working committee to discuss the policy update. Lori will coordinate with the stakeholders to set up a committee and times for discussion.
- Jeff Thompson stated that a stormwater utility fee would be useful in addressing some of issues resulting from stream degradation.
- Dave Lampe asked about the coordination with the Southern Sarpy Watershed Partnership. Lori stated that the SSWP communities would look to adopt the same policy at the time as the PCWP.
- Marlin Petermann requested that communities start to think about a representative to meet with the stakeholder working committee.

4. Other Items of Interest

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





- Jim Kee asked Patrick Ducey about changes to state permits. Patrick stated that the Industrial stormwater permit is being reviewed by EPA. The construction stormwater permit will not change significantly. MS4 annual reports should go to Reuel Anderson.

5. Next Meeting Date

- The next regular meeting is scheduled for April 22, 2021.

6. Adjourn

- The meeting adjourned at 10:55 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.