

MEMORANDUM

TO THE BOARD:

SUBJECT: General Manager’s Report

DATE: May 13, 2021

FROM: John Winkler, General Manager



**A. INFORMATION/EDUCATION HIGHLIGHTS:**

In celebration of Arbor Day, the education team distributed more than 6,800 Colorado Blue Spruce seedlings to 26 schools and organizations, as well as the public.

**B. PERSONNEL/MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS:**

- 1. Curtis Edwards II has been hired as the District’s IT Support Tech/Website Manager. Curtis comes to us with years of experience in IT and network infrastructure. His first day with the District was April 19th. Jonathan Hansen has been hired as the District’s Washington County Field Representative. He comes to us from NRCS and brings with him over two years of soil and conservation program experience. His first day with the District was also April 19th. We wish them both much success in their new positions!
- 2. Kelly Fravel, Program Assistant located in the Dakota City field office, has submitted her letter of retirement. Kelly’s last day with the District will be July 2nd. Kelly has been with the District for 33 years, having started out as a part-time Field Office Program Assistant for the Middle Missouri River NRD, then moving up to a full-time position when the Middle Missouri River NRD merged to the Papio-Missouri River NRD in July 1988. The District is in the process of hiring a NACD Grant sponsored Conservation Program Support Specialist for the Dakota City field office. We wish Kelly the best in her upcoming retirement.
- 3. The scrap computer and electronics recycling collections will take place on Tuesday, May 25 in Tekamah and Blair and on Thursday, May 27<sup>th</sup> in Dakota City at Walthill. These collections are a great service to our communities, as properly disposing of these items is extremely difficult. Thank you to Deb Ward for her hard work securing and organizing these events, as well as all the volunteers who also help make them a success.

**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 April 2021 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 April 12 is attached for your review.

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

The Papillion Creek Watershed Partnership Subcommittee met on April 22. The minutes are attached. The next meeting is scheduled for May 27.

# ARBOR DAY

**I&E REPORT**



MAY 2021



**6,800  
SEEDLINGS  
DISTRIBUTED**



**Scrap Computer & Electronics Recycling  
Collections: Tuesday May 25, 2021 &  
Thursday May 27, 2021**



**FREE OF CHARGE!!  
See schedule below.**



Please check the NRD website [www.papionrd.org](http://www.papionrd.org) prior to event in case COVID-19 DHMs result in changes.

FREE disposal of computers, monitors, printers, keyboards, office equipment, TVs, DVD & VHS players, audio & video equipment, radios, small electronic devices!

E-Waste recycling at  
USDA/NRD offices:

**Tuesday May 25th**

10:00-1:00 Tekamah  
(539 S. 13th St.)

3:00-6:00 Blair  
(1060 Wilbur St.)

**Thursday May 27th**

10:00-1:00 Dakota City  
(1505 Broadway)

3:00-5:00 Walthill  
(106 S. Costello St)

NO Large Appliances  
or microwaves.  
NO computer or electronics  
repair or retail businesses!



For info contact Deb  
Ward at PMRNRD:  
(402)374-1920 ex 3

**PAPIO-MISSOURI RIVER  
NATURAL  
RESOURCES  
DISTRICT**



Funding provided through Litter Reduction & Recycling Incentive Grant Program, Nebraska  
Department of Environment & Energy



Updated: April 12, 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 (P)
- **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)
  - ✦ HDR Professional Services Amendment for WP4 (B)
  - ✦ Purchase Agreements for WP1 land acquisition (F)
  - ✦ Purchase Agreement w/Armbrust for land acquisition @ WP2 (P)
  - ✦ Purchase Agreement for sale of WP2 land (N)
- **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)
- **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  
April 22, 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), Zach Hergenrader (Sarpy County), Dan Fricke (JEO), Matt Knight (Bellevue), Joe Flaxbeard (LRA), Ryan Ossell (MAPA), Robert Laroco (Omaha), Jim Theiler (Omaha), Noma Borde (Jacobs)

The meeting began at 10:02 am.

1. Introductions

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

2. Proposed Stream Setback Policy Status

- Lori Laster (P-MRNRD) briefed the group on the status of forming a working group with design and development stakeholders to discuss concerns about the new policy. The Nebraska chapter of the American Council of Engineering Companies (ACEC) is compiling comments from engineering firms and intends to provide that to the Partnership in early May.
- Jim Theiler has been discussing a working group with several developer representatives. A meeting will be scheduled for May between the Partnership and developer representatives.
- Marlin Petermann asked who from Partnership communities would want to participate in the meeting. Mark Stursma indicated that the meeting should be scheduled as soon as possible with the stakeholders, Omaha, and NRD representatives. If the meeting time works for others to attend, they can but it is important that the issues are settled as soon as possible.
- Lori will work with Jim to get the meeting date set and provide the information to the Partnership.

3. NOTICE OF VOTE – Contract with FHU for Stream Setback Policy Support

- Lori Laster stated that the contract with FHU to prepare the initial stream degradation analysis and proposed policy has been completed. During the project, several other tasks were identified as necessary, including additional stakeholder coordination, USACE coordination, and development of design guidelines for the new policy.



- Aaron Hirsh with FHU reviewed a draft scope and fee for these additional tasks. The proposed total cost for these tasks is \$68,872. Lori showed the expected Partnership Fund balance through the current five-year interlocal agreement. The fund is sufficient to cover the cost of this contract.
- Lori will send the draft scope and fee to the Partnership for review. Any comments on the scope should be sent to Lori no later than May 1 so that comments and adjustments can be made, and a new draft sent out before the Partnership votes on the contract at the May meeting.

4. Next Meeting Date

- The next regular meeting is scheduled for May 27, 2021.

5. Adjourn

- The meeting adjourned at 10:53 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.