

MEMORANDUM

TO THE BOARD:

SUBJECT: General Manager's Report

DATE: January 13, 2022

FROM: John Winkler, General Manager



A. INFORMATION/EDUCATION HIGHLIGHTS:

The education department has taken a welcome break from virtual presentations as schools are requesting more in-person presentations. In fact, the presentation calendar is fully booked through May. While we have created great virtual content, nothing beats speaking to the students eye-to-eye and enabling them to interact with the educational resources we bring to their classrooms. We will see how schools respond to Omicron, but regardless, our program continues.

B. PERSONNEL/MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS:

1. I would like to re-welcome Kalani Fortina to the District in her new position as Program and Administrative Specialist in the Blair field office. Her previous position was a grant funded position which enabled us to use her talents on federal programs, such as EQUIP, and Papio NRD programs like WHIP. The timing of her position and her qualifications also enabled us to transition her into Darlene Hensley's role, who retired in December.
2. Good news on the recycling front. The Papio NRD was again awarded several grants for tire recycling and e-waste collections to be held in the District's northern counties. In addition, the Papio NRD was a partner applicant for a nearly \$83,000 grant with Sarpy County for a joint tire recycling collection to take place in Sarpy County.
3. Area non-profits raised a significant amount of funds for great causes by hosting events here at Chalco Hills Recreation Area. We are grateful these organizations utilize Chalco Hills to raise funds to help provide better outcomes for those they serve. Thank you to Randy for his help in organizing these events. The 2021 report is attached.

A. 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 2021 is attached for your review.

B. 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 17 is attached for your review.

C. PAPILLION CREEK WATERSHED PARTNERSHIP REPORT: The last PCWP Subcommittee meeting took place November 17. The next meeting is scheduled for January 27.

IN-PERSON PRESENTATIONS

I&E REPORT



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Teaching 3rd graders
about Nebraska
mammals.

2021 Fundraiser Events / NRC Chalco Hills

2021	Non-Profit	\$ Raised		Type / Status of Event	2022 Date
June 6	Scleroderma	2019	\$20,225.00	Chalco	6-12-22
		2020	\$15,000.00	Virtual	
		2021	\$12,000.00	Virtual	
June 19	Walk Rite	2021	\$4,000.00	Chalco	TBD
July 10	The Blade	2018	\$4,200.0	Chalco	7-9-22
		2019	\$3,435.93	Chalco	
		2020	\$6,750.00	Virtual	
		2021	\$7,200.00	Chalco	
Aug. 7	The Cure	2017	\$78,000.00	Chalco	4-23-22
		2018	\$73,000.00	Chalco	
		2019	\$67,000.00	Chalco	
		2020	\$36,000.00	Virtual	
		2021	\$37,000.00	Chalco	
Aug. 21	Epilepsy	2019	\$20,400.00	Chalco	8-20-22
Aug. 22	Brain Injury	2020	\$19,500.00	Virtual	
		2021	\$32,500.00	Chalco	
		2018	\$17,330.00	Chalco	5-7-22
		2019	\$24,659.00	Chalco	
2020	\$0.00	Chalco			
Aug. 29	Make A Wish	2021	\$19,338.00	Chalco	
		2019	\$2,000.00	Chalco	TBD
		2020	\$ 0.00	No Event	
Sept. 19	Hydrocephalus	2019	\$10,000.00	Zorinsky	
		2020	\$11,750.00	Virtual Event	
		2021	\$16,250.00	Chalco	
Oct. 2	Hemophilia	2018	\$42,000	Chalco	9-24-22
		2019	\$40,000	Chalco	
		2020	\$26,000	Virtual Event	
		2021	\$42,000	Chalco	

Scleroderma: A group of diseases causing hardening and tightening of skin and connective tissues. It occurs due to over production of the protein called collagen in the skin tissues.

Walk Rite: The Rite Care Clinics of Nebraska's mission is to lead the world in transforming the lives of all individuals with disabilities and complex health needs, their families, and the

community through outreach, engagement, premier educational programs, innovative research, and extraordinary patient care.

The Blade: In 2019, The dedicated Board of Directors created a nomination process, so that other deserving athletes could apply to receive the proceeds from our race to pay for the (non-covered) cost of the specialized prosthetic. The Blade 5K raises the funds to help support these needs.

The Cure: The Cure Starts Now represents something truly different – a grassroots effort dedicated to, not just fighting one cancer, but the **elimination of ALL cancers**. We believe as the experts do; that to truly cure cancer you have to focus on: those cancers that are immune to treatment, those cancers that also affect children and those cancers that are the biggest bullies with the highest death rate.

Epilepsy Foundation: STEPS TOWARD ZERO is a movement that's designed to educate, inspire, and activate the epilepsy community to reimagine their goals with the help of their doctors—and that starts with stronger conversations.

Brain Injury Foundation: The Brain Injury Foundation is dedicated to the prevention of brain damage caused by lack of oxygen and blood flow to the brain. The Mission of our Foundation is to save lives and prevent brain damage of Sudden Cardiac Arrest victims and other breathing cessation insults.

Make-A-Wish Foundation: Tens of thousands of volunteers, donors and supporters advance the Make-A-Wish® vision to grant the wish of every child diagnosed with a critical illness. In the U.S. and its territories, a wish is granted every 34 minutes. A wish can be that spark that helps these children believe that anything is possible and gives them the strength to fight harder against their illnesses. This one belief guides us and inspires us to grant wishes that change the lives of the kids we serve.

Hydrocephalus: Hydrocephalus comes from the Greek words: “Hydro” meaning water and “cephalus” meaning head. Hydrocephalus is a chronic, neurological condition caused by an abnormal accumulation of cerebrospinal fluid (CSF) within cavities of the brain called ventricles, resulting in pressure on the brain. It affects over 1 million Americans, ranging from infants and older children to young and middle-aged adults, as well as seniors. There is currently no cure for hydrocephalus, but it can be treatable.

Hands & Voices: "Who are we? We are parents of ASL signers, cued speech users.... parents of kids with cochlear implants or total communicators... we are people who have common interests connected through the community of deafness. Hands & Voices is a safe place to explore options, get unemotional support (although we can be emotional about it!), learn from one another and share what we have in common. We value diversity and honor the role of parents and family as the single greatest factor in raising a WASK, (our favorite acronym: Well- Adjusted Successful Kid).

Hemophilia: The Hemophilia Alliance works to ensure member Hemophilia Treatment Centers have the expertise, resources, and public support to sustain their integrated clinical and pharmacy services for individuals with bleeding and clotting disorders.

Other Community Events:

Sons of Norway Walk	Norwegian Community	5-15-22
Girl Scouts Thin Mint Sprint	Girls Fun Run to promote Fitness	TBD
Rip Roar Kids Tri Athlon	Run, Swim, Bike Competition	TBD
Wehrspann Lake Run	On going event Since Opening of Chalco Hills	8-7-22
Engineers Without Borders	3 rd World Countries Water Supply systems	TBD
Tail's & Trails Run	Dog Rescue Event	4-9-22
Life Launch	New Event	5-22-22
Nebraska Assoc. Deaf Kids	New Event	7-30-22
Hands & Voices	New Event	TBA

Updated: December 17, 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 Construction Interlocal Agreement with Omaha (B)
- **Big Papio:** (Cleveland)
- **West Branch:** (Cleveland/Grint)
- **Western Sarpy Dike, Union Dike and No Name Dike:** (Cleveland/Petermann)
 - ☼ No Name Dike – Sokol Camp High Ground Easement (W)
- **Floodway Purchase Program:** (Laster/Grint)
 - ☼ King Lake Lot Donation (W)
 - ☼ Purchase Agreements for Washington/Douglas/Sarpy Acquisition Projects (W)
- **Trail Projects:** (Williams)
 - ☼ West Papio Trail, Millard Connection – Interlocal Agreement w/Omaha (B)
 - ☼ Platte River Trail Supplemental Agreement #2 w/Schemmer (F)
- **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 (W)

- **Papio Watershed Dam Sites:** (Grint/Laster/Williams)
 - ✦ WP-4 Interlocal Agreements w/Gretna & Sarpy Co. (W)
 - ✦ Purchase Agreements for WP1 land acquisition (P)
 - ✦ Purchase Agreements for WP-4 land acquisition (W)
 - ✦ Big Elk Lake Transfer Deed (N)
 - ✦ Flowage and Storage Easement at Prairie Queen (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)
 - ✦ Lower Platte Consortium Interlocal Extension (B)

- **Rural Water Projects:** (Novak)

- **Other:**
 - Cole Creek Interlocal Agreement (Grint) (F)
 - EJCDC Professional Services Contract Documents Update (Petermann) (F)
 - ✦ Blair Shop Professional Services Contract (Novak) (F)
 - ✦ Ownership Transfer for West Maple Elkhorn River Access (Grint) (W)
 - ✦ Arlington Dog Park – Deed Restriction (Lori) (N)

John Winkler, All NRD Staff
and Board of Directors,

On behalf of the NRCS
staff in Papio NRD I would
like to express our great
sorrow and grief with the
passing of Marlin Petermann.
You all are in our thoughts
and prayers.

Sincerely,

Your NRCS family in
Blair, Tekamah, Walthill and
Dakota City.

Andy Bohlenkamp D.C.

To let you know
that thoughts and prayers
are with you
in your time of sorrow.