

MEMORANDUM

TO THE BOARD:

SUBJECT: General Manager's Report

DATE: February 10, 2022

FROM: John Winkler, General Manager



A. INFORMATION/EDUCATION HIGHLIGHTS:

The Papio NRD will host the Metro Regional Envirothon competition on March 1. Five-member high school teams from the Douglas/Sarpy county area are tested on their knowledge of wildlife, soils, forestry, environmental policy, aquatics, range management, and a current environmental issue. The top team from the region will qualify to compete at the state competition hosted this year in Cozad.

B. PERSONNEL/MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS:

1. Shawn French, Surveyor and GIS/CAD Technician since 2017, has resigned to pursue other opportunities. His last day with the District was February 4th. We wish Shawn all the best and he will be missed. Bill Benda was promoted to this position and started as Surveyor/GIS Technician/Pipe Inspector on February 7.
2. The Nebraska Legislature passed Legislative Resolution 286 to celebrate and highlight the accomplishments of the NRD system over the last 50 years. The resolution 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 January 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 January 18 is attached for your review.

C. PAPILLION CREEK WATERSHED PARTNERSHIP REPORT: The PCWP Subcommittee meeting scheduled for January 27 was canceled. The next meeting is scheduled for February 24.

METRO REGIONAL ENVIROTHON

I&E REPORT



FEBRUARY 2022



- Papio NRD hosting
- High school teams from Douglas/Sarpy counties to compete

ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

SECOND SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 286

Introduced by Bostelman, 23; Aguilar, 35; Arch, 14; Blood, 3; Bostar, 29; Brandt, 32; Briese, 41; Cavanaugh, J., 9; Cavanaugh, M., 6; DeBoer, 10; Dorn, 30; Friesen, 34; Geist, 25; Gragert, 40; Hansen, B., 16; Hansen, M., 26; Hilgers, 21; Hilkemann, 4; Hughes, 44; Hunt, 8; Kolterman, 24; Lathrop, 12; Lindstrom, 18; Linehan, 39; McCollister, 20; McDonnell, 5; McKinney, 11; Morfeld, 46; Murman, 38; Pahls, 31; Pansing Brooks, 28; Sanders, 45; Slama, 1; Stinner, 48; Vargas, 7; Walz, 15; Wayne, 13; Williams, 36; Wishart, 27.

WHEREAS, the fiftieth anniversary of Nebraska's natural resources districts is on July 1, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature passed LB1357 in 1969 to merge one hundred fifty-four political subdivisions into natural resources districts to provide local management of natural resources based on river basin boundaries; and

WHEREAS, the reorganization into natural resources districts was completed on July 1, 1972; and

WHEREAS, Nebraska's natural resources districts play a critical role in the conservation of natural resources locally, statewide, and nationally; and

WHEREAS, Nebraska's natural resources districts protect water, our most precious resource, by finding a balance between competing uses, an essential element to sustaining our state's resources for future generations; and

WHEREAS, Nebraska's groundwater resources are at predevelopment levels thanks to local management and controls implemented by natural resources districts; and

WHEREAS, Nebraska's natural resources districts work with landowners and partner organizations to minimize flood damage by protecting people and property with watershed structures such as dams, levees, dikes and drainage ditches; and

WHEREAS, Nebraska's natural resources districts have built more than seven hundred flood control structures and levees across Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, Nebraska's natural resources districts have developed multi-use

projects providing public access to lakes, trails, and wetland areas across more than eighty recreation areas throughout the state; and

WHEREAS, Nebraska's natural resources districts have planted nearly one hundred million trees and shrubs in windbreak structures and urban forestry programs; and

WHEREAS, Nebraska's natural resources districts have been instrumental in assisting landowners with improving grazing lands and pastures; and

WHEREAS, Nebraska's natural resources districts organize projects and programs to educate both youth and adults about conservation and natural resources; and

WHEREAS, Nebraska's natural resources districts have been invaluable in managing, conserving, and sustaining the state's natural resources for future generations; and

WHEREAS, Nebraska's natural resources districts are a model for the other states and countries to successfully manage natural resources.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, SECOND SESSION:

1. That the Legislature congratulates Nebraska's twenty-three natural resources districts for fifty years of protecting lives, property, and the future of Nebraska.

2. That the Legislature recognizes all past and current natural resources district board members and staff for their dedicated service to the state in protecting our natural resources.

3. That copies of this resolution be sent to each of the twenty-three natural resources district offices.

Report on Purchases
Construction Services, Professional Services, Personal Property
January 2022

Date	Project Name	Item / Task	Company	Cost
1/1-31/2022	Project Maintenance	Rip Rap	Martin Marietta	\$17,035.23
1/5/2022	Western Sarpy Drainage Project	Remove tree debris from Lateral R-3 ditch cleaning	Terry Hughes Tree Service	\$32,500

Updated: January 18, 2022

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 (P)
- **Big Papio:** (Cleveland)
- **West Branch:** (Cleveland/Grint)
- **Western Sarpy Dike, Union Dike and No Name Dike:** (Cleveland)
 - ☼ No Name Dike – Sokol Camp High Ground Easement (W)
 - ☼ No Name Dike – Culvert Rehabilitation Professional Services Agreement (B)
- **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 564 and Decommissioning by NRCS (P)
 - ⊛ Papio 319 Small Dams Professional Services Contract (W)
 - ⊛ Papio PL 566 Site S-6 Decommissioning by NRCS (N)

- **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)
 - ⊛ DS12 Land Acquisition (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)
 - ⊛ 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)