



# BLAIR FIELD OFFICE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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## The Legacy of Marlin Petermann



For 47 years, Marlin Petermann, Papio-Missouri River NRD assistant General Manager, devoted his time and energy to all aspects of the NRD mission. Many of the public/private partnerships that exist within the District today are because of him. We, among countless others, mourn the loss of a public servant and mentor.

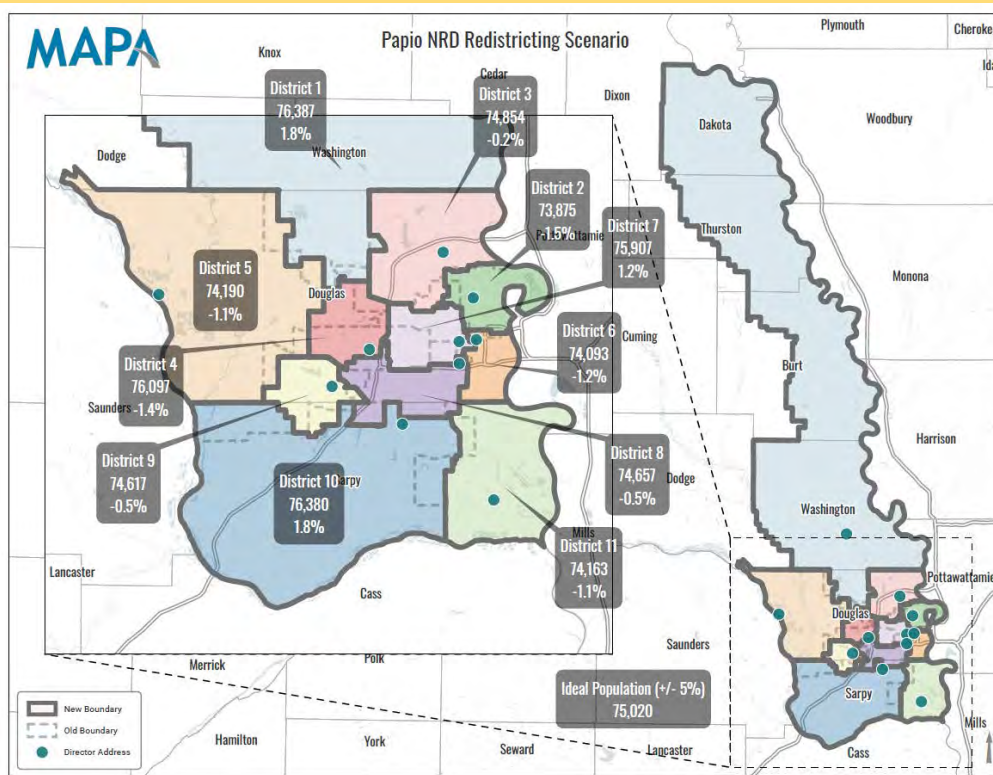
One of Marlin's many responsibilities was public safety and emergency management. He worked tirelessly during the flood of 2019 to minimize destruction and infrastructure damage to the City of Bellevue and Offutt Air Force Base.

This time of year, Marlin would again be monitoring the Platte and Elkhorn rivers for potential ice jams, either by helicopter or on the ground. His dedication to all aspects of his job was unparalleled.

Papio General Manager, John Winkler, worked with Marlin for over a decade and described him as not only a co-worker, but a friend and mentor. "He was a Papio institution. He really was."

As we grieve Marlin's passing, we're also thankful for his years of service and recognize his accomplishments that will pave the future of the NRD's for generations to come.

## BOARD APPROVES REDISTRICTING OF PRECINCT BOUNDARIES



On December 7th, 2021, the Papio-Missouri River NRD (PMRNRD) Board of Directors approved the proposed scenario for alternative subdistricts. This change came as a result of 2020 census numbers.

Following requirements for local government, populations of the largest and smallest subdistricts must be within 5% of each other. The PMRNRD contracted with the Metropolitan Area Planning Agency (MAPA) for development of the new subdistrict map.

Detailed maps and additional information for each subdistrict can be found on our website, [papionrd.org](http://papionrd.org).

## 2022 Conservation Tree Program Order Forms Still Available!

Order forms are still available for the 2022 Conservation Tree Program! Bare-root seedlings are available to order in bundles of 25 per species. Bundles are \$24 each before tax.

This year, we've added River Birch and Freeman Maple to the species list. Orders will be taken until February 25th. Some species sell out quickly!

Call the Blair Office at (402)426-4782 with any questions or to request assistance with tree planting in the Spring!



RIVER BIRCH



FREEMAN  
MAPLE



### Staffing Update:

Kalani Fortina is now the Field Office Program & Administrative Specialist following Darlene Hensley's retirement in December.

If you have any questions, Kalani can be reached at (402)426-4782 ext 101 or [Kalani.Fortina@usda.gov](mailto:Kalani.Fortina@usda.gov)

HAPPY  
New Year



### Tribute - Terry's

A Word from Terry Schumacher,  
Land & Water Programs Coordinator

#### Happy New Year!

Now that the tumultuous year of 2021 is behind us, we can look forward to 2022. Kind of weird to be saying 2022. I remember being back at Arlington High School as a senior in 1984 and I was with a group of classmates when a little toddler walked by with a "Class of 2000" shirt on, we laughed our butts off as that seemed unimaginable.

One of the things that I hope to see in 2022 is the USDA Service Center doors being unlocked and the offices open to our customers. It has been a challenge for everyone; landowners, farmers, and staff, but together we have continued to accomplish the mission of conserving our natural resources. That is a tribute to everyone.

Looking forward to the New Year! Here is to everyone having a happy, healthy, and prosperous 2022!

## 2022 PAPIO-MISSOURI RIVER NRD BOARD MEETINGS

The Board meets on the second Thursday of each month at the Papio headquarters: Chalco Hills Recreation Area, 8901 South 154th Street Omaha NE 68136. Public attendance and input is encouraged!

The schedule for board meetings in 2022 is as follows:

January 13, 2022	April 14, 2022	July 14th, 2022	October 13th, 2022
February 10, 2022	May 12, 2022	August 11th, 2022	November 10th, 2022
March 10, 2022	June 9, 2022	September 8th, 2022	December 8th, 2022