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**MEMORANDUM**

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**TO:** FINANACE, EXPENDITURES AND LEGAL SUBCOMMITTEE

**FROM:** KYLE MADSEN, 319 WATERSHED COORDINATOR

**SUBJECT:** 319 BIG PAPIO CREEK COST SHARE FUNDS EXCEEDING FY22 BUDGET

**DATE:** FEBUARY 24, 2022

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The Nebraska Department of Environment and Energy has awarded 319 Water Quality Grant funds to the Papio-Missouri Natural Resource District for the upper HUC's (East Fork, Northwest Branch, and Butter Flat Creek) of the Big Papio Creek Watershed for the years of 2019-2022. These funds are meant to encourage implementation of E-coli load reducing conservation practices on agricultural and rural lands.

As of currently, the program has experienced its successes in a couple areas, particularly the septic cost share for replacement of outdated systems. With that being noted, the budget for fiscal year 2022 is expected to be exceeded before the end of the fiscal year. The budget for Fiscal Year 2022 is \$150,000, to date \$132,404.21 has been spent. The remaining funds will not adequately cover the approved projects left in the fiscal year based on current projections.

District staff is recommending a transfer of \$50,000.00 of Conservation Assistance Program funds (01-04-4195-507) to the Papio Creek 319 (01-04-4195-503) FY22 budget. Currently CAP funds have \$332,626.76 remaining for FY22 and is not expected to exceed its budget after transferring money over to the Big Papio Creek 319 fund.

**Management recommends that the FEL Subcommittee recommend to the Board of Directors, the transfer of \$50,000 from account 01-04-4195-507 to account 01-04-4195-503 be adopted and is hereby approved.**