

# MEMORANDUM

TO THE BOARD:

SUBJECT: General Manager's Report

DATE: April 14, 2022

FROM: John Winkler, General Manager



**A. INFORMATION/EDUCATION HIGHLIGHTS:**

Earth Day Omaha will be back in person this year at Elmwood Park on April 23 from 11 am to 6 pm. The Papio NRD will have a booth with the I&E team handing out seedlings and other educational materials. Chairperson Thompson will once again represent the District by presenting the Friend of the Environment Awards to individuals and organizations who are improving the Omaha community through their environment-focused practices and achievements.

**B. PERSONNEL/MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS:**

1. The District has been awarded the Nebraska's Safest Company Award from the National Safety Council for the 14th year in a row, as well as the Nebraska Safety Council's 2022 Spirit Award for wellness and safety. Our culture of safety would not be possible without the great work of Nicole Gust, coordinator our Health, Safety and Wellness Committee, members of the committee, staff, and Directors. My deepest thanks to all! The award letters are attached.
2. Curtis Edwards recently resigned from his position as IT Support Technician. His last day with the District was April 1. We are currently advertising for the position.
3. Tyler Roberts has been hired as the District's WCRW Supply Operator. His first day is April 11th. Armando Zarco has been hired as the District's Papillion Creek Watershed Coordinator (319 Grant Funded Position.) His first day is May 16th.

**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 March is attached for your review.

**B. CURRENT AND ON-GOING PROJECTS – PAPIO NRD LEGAL COUNSEL:** A copy of current and on-going projects for District Legal Counsel, Husch Blackwell as of March 14 is attached for your review.

**C. PAPILLION CREEK WATERSHED PARTNERSHIP REPORT:** The PCWP Subcommittee meeting took place on March 24. The minutes are attached. The next meeting is scheduled for April 28.

EARTH DAY  
OMAHA

*I&E REPORT*



APRIL 2022

*Earth Day*  
**4.23** *Omaha*  
**2022** **ELMWOOD PARK**

- *PAPIO NRD WILL HAVE BOOTH*
- *CHAIRPERSON THOMPSON TO PRESENT AWARDS*



March 14, 2022

Papio-Missouri River Natural Resources District  
Nicole S. Gust  
8901 S 154 Street  
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Congratulations! Your company has been chosen as a Nebraska's Safest Company Award winner. You, your safety team, and all of the senior leadership are to be commended for your commitment to safety.

Safest Company Award applications are judged on the submitted safety logs and your company's safety programs and, using a weighted average of the past 3 years, are compared to like organizations based on your NAICS code. Your overall score, including the safety program score, determines the level awarded. Papio-Missouri River Natural Resources District will be honored as a Nebraska's Safest Company 2022.

Safest Company award winners will be honored at the National Safety Council – Nebraska chapter's Celebration of Safety award luncheon on Wednesday, May 11, 2022. Our keynote speaker, Sgt. Keni Thomas of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Ranger Battalion, will share his story reflected in the movie "BlackHawk Down". "Blackhawk Down" is a well-documented and historically significant battle that has inspired Americans for many years. Keni's story will share first-hand what makes soldiers willingly put their lives on the line for each other allowing you to reflect on what it takes to do the same. We highly encourage you to share this award and the luncheon with your entire team - senior management, safety committee members, and key personnel who have shared in and supported this success. Keni's inspirational story will focus on leadership and taking responsibility for one's actions.

Thank you for your dedication and commitment to the safety of your employees. We are looking forward to seeing you at the Celebration of Safety on May 11, 2022. Please register for the luncheon prior to May 2, 2022 at [www.SafeNebraska.org/2022luncheon](http://www.SafeNebraska.org/2022luncheon) or contact Bree at 402.898.7350 or Joe at 402.898.7365.

Again, congratulations on winning the Nebraska's Safest Company award.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Eric Koepp". The signature is stylized and cursive.

Eric Koepp  
President/CEO

As a non-profit organization, a portion of your registration is tax deductible. Thank you for your support.

*Safety without shortcuts.*

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COMPANY: Papio-Missouri River Natural Resources District

NAICS: 234990

2022 Determination:

Overall Average Rate 3.790%  
**Better**

Current Member Yes  
First year applicant No  
Scorecard rate 112

Safest Company Criteria:

Nebraska's Safest Company: Using your Incident, Lost Time, and DART rate data, your NAICS code and BLS Industry averages, a 3 year weighted average is established. Nebraska Safest Companies must be better than industry average. Plus: using your results from your Safety Program Evaluation Scorecard, Nebraska's Safest Companies must score higher than 75 points.

Nebraska's Safest Company with Distinction: Using your Incident, Lost Time, and DART rate data, your NAICS code and BLS Industry averages, a 3 year weighted average is established. Nebraska Safest Companies with Distinction must be 50%+ better than industry average. Plus: using your results from your Safety Program Evaluation Scorecard, Nebraska's Safest Company with Distinction must score higher than 112 points.

### Incidence Rate

#### Total Recordable Cases

Total of OSHA 300 Log Columns G, H, I, J

Formula: Total Recordable Cases X 200,000/Employee Hours Worked

	Number of Employees	Total Cases	Employee Hours Worked	Incidence Rate	NAICS RATE from tables	Percent Better/Worse than Industry Average	
2021	51	1	86,457	2.3	2.5	7.47%	<b>Better</b>
2020	52	3	106,538	5.6	2.5	-125.27%	<b>Worse</b>
2019	52	1	90,452	2.2	2.5	11.55%	<b>Better</b>
3 year average				3.4	2.5	-36.10%	<b>Worse</b>

#### Lost Work Day Cases Involving Days Away From Work

Total of OSHA 300 Log Column H

Formula: Number of Lost Workday Cases X 200,000/Employee Hours Worked

	Number of Employees	Total Cases	Employee Hours Worked	Incidence Rate	NAICS RATE from tables	Percent Better/Worse than Industry Average	
2021	51	0	86,457	0.0	1.1	100.00%	<b>Better</b>
2020	52	1	106,538	1.9	1.1	-70.66%	<b>Worse</b>
2019	52	1	90,452	2.2	1.1	-101.01%	<b>Worse</b>
3 year average				1.4	1.1	9.61%	<b>Better</b>

#### DART (Days Away, Restricted and Transferred)

Total of OSHA 300 Log Column H and I

Formula: DART X 200,000/Employee Hours Worked

	Number of Employees	Total Cases	Employee Hours Worked	Incidence Rate	NAICS RATE from tables	Percent Better/Worse than Industry Average	
2021	51	0	86,457	0.0	1.6	100.00%	<b>Better</b>
2020	52	1	106,538	1.9	1.6	-17.33%	<b>Worse</b>
2019	52	1	90,452	2.2	1.6	-38.20%	<b>Worse</b>
3 year average				1.4	1.6	37.86%	<b>Better</b>



March 16, 2022

Nicole Gust  
Papio-Missouri River NRD  
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Congratulations! It is my pleasure to inform you that the Nebraska Safety Council Awards Committee has selected Papio-Missouri River NRD to receive the 2022 NESC Spirit Award. Review was conducted by respected experts in the field of wellness and safety. A brief summary of their comments has been included to assist with further development of your program. Please note that your award is valid for one year. You are encouraged to apply next year.

The presentation of awards will be at our Awards Luncheon on **April 21, 2022, from 12:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.** at the Graduate Hotel, 141 N 9th St, Lincoln, Nebraska. The Awards Luncheon is held in conjunction with our annual Nebraska Safety Council Conference and Trade Show.

Tickets for the Awards Luncheon can be purchased individually or as a table of eight. Awards Luncheon guests are welcome to visit the Trade Show Hall before and after the Awards Luncheon. You may register on our website [www.nesafetycouncil.org](http://www.nesafetycouncil.org), or call (402) 483-2511 ext. 112.

We are allowing up to three representatives on stage to receive the award during the award ceremony. With so many awards to deliver, we want to ensure a smooth event and keep everything on schedule. Please see the enclosed form regarding the awards ceremony. Complete this document and return to Sherri Dawn Healy ([shealy@nesafetycouncil.org](mailto:shealy@nesafetycouncil.org)) by **4:00 p.m. March 31**. The information you provide will give us the necessary details to ensure you and your organization are recognized properly during the Awards Luncheon ceremony.

A professional photographer will be on hand to take a complimentary photo of your representative(s) being congratulated by dignitaries during the luncheon. Photos will be emailed to you following the event.

Again, congratulations on your award and thank you for working towards a safer, healthier workforce. I look forward to seeing you at the Awards Luncheon on April 21, 2022!

Sincerely,

Lisa Henning, Executive Director  
Nebraska Safety Council

**Report on Purchases**  
**Construction Services, Professional Services, Personal Property**

**March 2022**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Item / Task</b>	<b>Company</b>	<b>Cost</b>
March 1-31, 2022	Project maintenance	Gravel/rip rap	Martin Marietta	\$18,378.07
March 7, 2022	Rural Area Creek & Levees	Spring 2022 Weed Spraying	T&B Enterprises, LLC	\$49,000
March 7, 2022	Urban Area Creed & Levees	Spring 2022 Weed Spraying	T&B Enterprises, LLC	\$49,000
March 7, 2022	Sarpy, Douglas, & Washington County Dams	Spring 2022 Weed Spraying	T&B Enterprises, LLC	\$45,000
March 28, 2022	Sorensen Girard Trail Connection	Conceptual Design	Felsburg Hot & Ullevig	\$17,100
March 21, 2022	Dam Site 12	Property Appraisals	Giff Appraisal Services	\$6,000
March 28, 2022	Dam Site 7	Property Appraisals	Valuation Services	\$12,000



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## Current and On-Going Projects Legal Counsel

A = Active Project  
B = Next Board Meeting  
N = New Assignment

**Little Papio:** (Cleveland)

**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 (A)

**Floodway Purchase Program:** (Laster/Grint)

- Purchase Agreements for Washington/Douglas/Sarpy Acquisition Projects (B)

**Trail Projects:** (Williams)

- Beltline – Amendment to Professional Services w/EGA (B)
- Beltline – Construction bid documents, Phase 2 (N) (Advertise April 4<sup>th</sup>)

**Missouri River Corridor Project:** (Becic)

**USDA PL 566 Projects, Silver Creek and Pigeon/Jones Watershed:** (Schumacher/Cleveland/Grint)

**Papio Watershed Dam Sites:** (Grint/Laster/Williams)

- WP-4 Interlocal Agreements w/Gretna & Sarpy Co. (B)
- Purchase Agreements for WP1 land acquisition (N)
- DS12 Land Acquisition (B)

- WP2 Contract Amendment (N)
- DS7 Land Acquisition - Purchase Agreements (B)
- Public Hearing WP2 (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 (A)
- Offutt AFB Storm Sewer Outlets O&M Agreement (A)
- BNSF and UP Agreements and Easements (A)

**Rural Water Projects:** (Novak)

**Other:**

- Ownership Transfer for West Maple Elkhorn River Access (Grint) (A)
- Review Director's Policy Manual (Tait) (A)
- E-500 Professional Service Agreement (2000 edition) (Project Managers) (A)
- Lower Platte Consortium Interlocal Extension (N)
- Cost Share Programs – Interlocal Agreement for multi-year projects (B)
- Know Your Well Interlocal Agreement (N)





## Meeting Minutes March 25, 2022 – 10:00 AM

### Attendants:

See attached sign-in sheet.

The meeting began at 10:02 am.

#### 1. Introductions

- Lori Laster (P-MRNRD) facilitated introductions.

#### 2. Lateral Migration Analysis

- Lori Laster reviewed the work completed to date by FHU as part of the effort to update the stream setback policy. After stakeholder meetings in April and May 2021, a contract amendment was executed with FHU to address concerns from developers that the proposed policy was too conservative.
- Aaron Hirsh (FHU) presented the results of a lateral migration analysis. This analysis compared stream widths as indicated on 2004, 2010, and 2016 LiDAR sets. The average rate of stream widening is about 0.5-1 foot per year. The analysis shows that the lower range of widening occurs in areas without a lot of development activity between 2004 and 2016. Areas that saw more development activity in that time frame showed a greater rate of widening.
- Based on both the vertical degradation analysis and the lateral migration analysis, the proposed policy of a 3:1+50-foot setback based on a future degraded stream profile seems to still be the best option.
- Lori mentioned that coordination with USACE on permitting of grade control structures has begun. The P-MRNRD currently has a regional general permit for channel maintenance of federal projects. This permit includes grade control structures similar to those FHU and USACE have proposed for standard designs. The Partnership could pursue a regional general permit for this type of work; however it could take several years to complete. Another option would be a programmatic permit where a single agency handles the permitting of all structures. The P-MRNRD will continue to work with USACE to find a solution to make permitting of grade control structures more efficient.
- Jim Theiler (Omaha) mentioned that we should start coordination with Nebraska Department of Environment and Energy (NDEE) as they will be taking over 404 permitting in Nebraska. It's anticipated it could take two years before that is fully effective.

#### 3. USACE Section 22 Stream Degradation Study Update



- Eric Williams (P-MRNRD) presented and update on the stream degradation study sponsored by the Partnership, P-MRNRD, and the City of Omaha.
- A 95% report has been completed and is under review by P-MRNRD and the City of Omaha. The main takeaways from the report are that the Papio watershed is consistently experiencing vertical stream degradation and lateral stream migration/widening. The report will be finalized soon. This will make certain repair projects eligible for federal funding.
- Mark Stursma (Papillion) asked if there was a total cost of repair projects. No economic analysis was completed with this study. Jim Theiler suggested trying to put together a general cost estimate to aid in demonstrating why the stream setback requirements should be updated.

#### 4. Other Items of Interest

- Andy Szatko (Omaha) noted that the state general Construction Stormwater Permit has had some recent changes. He would like to schedule a meeting with all the grading permit reviewers to discuss the changes and if any should be incorporated in the Papillion Creek Watershed permit. Lori will send an email to find a meeting time.

#### 5. Next Meeting Date

- The next meeting is scheduled for April 28, 2022 at 10 am.

#### 6. Adjourn

- The meeting adjourned at 11:27 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.



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