#### **MEMORANDUM**

**To**: Programs, Projects, and Operations Subcommittee

From: Amanda Grint, Assistant General Manager

**Date**: May 4, 2022

**Re**: Papio Watershed PL566 Site S-6 Completion of Federal Interest

Papio Site S-6, see attached map, was built in 1990 as part of the Papillion Creek Watershed Plan, PL-566 Program with NRCS. It is in Sarpy County, near 180<sup>th</sup> and Giles, and is an earthen embankment with a drop inlet and 36-inch corrugated metal principal spillway. The structure has been in place for 32 years of its 50-year life span. Although it has not completed its life span, the District has requested a Completion of Federal Interest for the project due to the location of S-6 in relation to the District's proposed WP2 project. The WP2 project replaces the older S-6 structure with a high hazard dam.

The District has worked with Nebraska NRCS staff on the decommissioning, and they concur with our plan. A report, to be approved by the District Board, needs to be signed and submitted to NRCS Headquarters for review and approval. The Completion of Federal Interest is attached for Board consideration.

Staff recommends that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board that the General Manager be authorized to execute the Papillion Creek Watershed Site S-6 Completion of Federal Interest with NRCS subject to changes deemed necessary by the General Manager and approval as to form by District Legal Counsel.



## **Papillion Creek Watershed Site S-6**

# **Completion of Federal Interest**

### **APRIL 2022**

### **Background Information**

The Papillion Creek Watershed Plan was completed in August 1966 and is still an active watershed today. It was prepared under the authority of the Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Act. (Public Law 566, 83d Congress, 68 Stat. 666) It was prepared by the Soil Conservation Service, Sarpy Soil and Water Conservation District, Douglas Soil and Water Conservation District, Papio Soil and Water Conservation District, Douglas County Commissioners, Sarpy County Commissioners, Washington County Supervisors and Papio Watershed Board.

The sponsors were Douglas, Papio and Sarpy Soil and Water Conservation Districts and the Counties of Douglas, Sarpy and Washington. In 1972 Nebraska Natural Resource Districts were started and soon after, responsibility for many Watershed structures in Nebraska were transferred to the Natural Resources Districts including the Papillion Creek Watershed structures to the Papio NRD. Documentation transferring Operation and Maintenance of Papio S-6 to the Papio NRD was signed November 9, 1989. The Papio NRD and the Middle Missouri Tributaries NRD merged in 1989 to become the Papio-Missouri River NRD. The project sponsor is now the Papio - Missouri River Natural Resources District (PMRNRD).

Planned structural works of improvement consisted of 52 grade stabilization structures. Papio Grade Stabilization Structure S-6 was completed in 1990. Cost of construction was \$77,098. It is in Sarpy County, Nebraska. The structure has been in place for 31 years of its 50-year plan life. The structure is a full-flow earth embankment structure with a drop inlet and 36-inch corrugated principal spillway pipe. Drainage area for the structure is 685 acres. This earth-fill structure is 33.5 feet high and contains 26,534 cubic yards of fill. The structure is in good condition.

The Papio-Missouri River NRD has provided excellent O&M for this site.

The Sponsor proposes to construct a High Hazard Flood Control structure (dam), named Papio WP-2 immediately downstream of the existing Low Hazard Papio S-6 site. Papio WP-2 would be more compatible with the urban development in the area.

Papillion Creek Watershed PLAN economics price base is 1965.

The nearest Census of Agriculture to the price base of 1965 is the 1964 Census of Agriculture. The most current available Census of Agriculture is the 2017 Census of Agriculture.

Table 1
Change in Land Values

	1964	2017	Increase in Value
Sarpy County	\$427	\$7,439	\$7,012
Nebraska (statewide)	\$109	\$2,645	\$2,645
Difference in value incr	ease		\$4,367

The CPI index for the same time period:

Increase in Sarpy County land values:

Agricultural land values in Sarpy County, Nebraska increased by a rate of 17.43 compared to an increase in the CPI rate of 7.78 during the same time period. Sarpy County agricultural land values increased by more than twice the rate than the CPI index.

This structure in place for 31 years has currently provided more than the planned 50-year benefits due to the steep increase in the land values that it has protected. The grade stabilization will continue to be provided by the proposed High Hazard Dam Papio WP-2.

Therefore, both the sponsor, Papio-Missouri River Natural Resources District and the Natural Resources Conservation Service agree to end Federal Interest in the Papillion Creek Watershed Site S-6 structure.

Papio-Missouri River Natural Resources District	Ву				
8901 S. 154th Street					
Omaha, NE 68138-3621	Title				
	Date				
The signing of this agreement was authorized by a resolution of governing body of the Papio-Missouri River Natural Resources District adopted at a meeting held on(Date).					
Secretary	Address	Zip Code			
Natural Resources Conservation Service					
United States Department of Agriculture					
Approved by:	_				

# Appendix A

# **Supporting Data**

# TABLE 4 - ESTIMATED AVERAGE ANNUAL LAND DAMAGE REDUCTION BENEFITS Papillion Creek Watershed, Nebraska (Dollars) 1/

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Total	50,290	2,700 3/	52,990

<sup>1/ 1965</sup> construction costs, amortized at 3 1/8 percent for 50 years.
2/ Long-term projected prices, .34 percent of construction costs.
3/ \$1,100 - Cash cost to sponsoring local organizations.
1,600 - Value of goods and services contributed by owners and operators of land upon whose property the works of improvement are located and the individual directors of the Papio Watershed Board.

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This includes evaluated area only.

# TABLE 6 - COMPARISON OF BENEFITS AND COSTS FOR STRUCTURAL MEASURES Papilition Creek Watershed, Nebraska (Dollars) 1/

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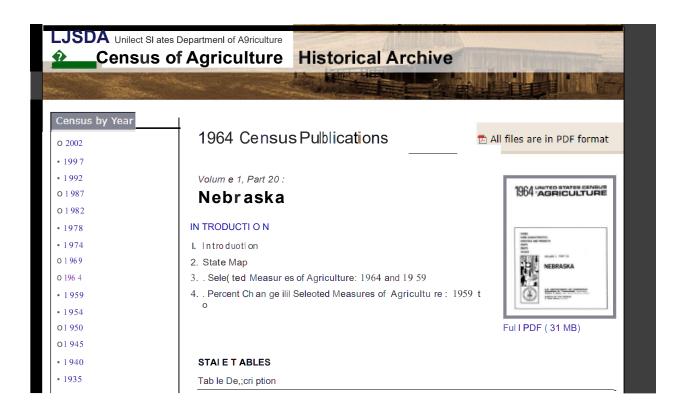
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# Appendix B Request from Sponsor Letter



February 17, 2022

Mr. Robb Lawson State Conservationist USDA - NRCS Federal Building, Room 152 100 Centennial Mall North Lincoln, NE 68508

RE:

Papio Creek Watershed Structure S-6

Completion of Federal Interest

Dear Mr. Lawson:

The District is seeking NRCS approval of Completion of Federal Interest in the referenced grade stabilization structure. Enclosed for your consideration is a Completion of Federal Interest Program Report. The structure site would be significantly modified by the Papio-Missouri River Natural Resources District to provide additional flood control yet continue to provide grade stabilization as planned by the NRCS with the original structure for many years to come.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 402-315-1722or agrint@papionrd.org.

Sincerely,

Amanda Grint, PE, CFM Water Resources Engineer

### **Enclosures:**

- 1. Completion of Federal Interest Program Report
- 2. Grading Plan for WP2 Flood Control Reservoir
- 3. Location Map

Cc: Allen Gehring and Robert Sullivan, NRCS Martin Cleveland, P-MRNRD



# Completion of Federal Interest Program Report

To: Robert Sullivan, Nebraska NRCS

From: Amanda Grint, Water Resources Engineer

Date: February 17, 2022

**Re**: Completion of Federal Interest Report for Papio Site S-6 Grade Control Structure

Papio Creek Watershed Structure S-6 was built in 1990 near 180<sup>th</sup> and Giles Road in Sarpy County, Nebraska. This grade stabilization structure included an earthen embankment with 36" corrugated metal pipe outlet and riser structure, Hazard Class A. The structure has not yet reached its lifespan however, the Papio-Missouri River NRD (P-MRNRD) requests that a Completion of Federal Interest be approved because a new flood control reservoir is proposed in its place.

### Papio Site S-6 Features:

- Drainage Area = 685 acres
- Riser Crest = 1130 ft above MSL
- Emergency (auxiliary) Spillway Crest = 1137 ft above MSL
- Conservation Pool (at riser crest) = 4.4 acres; 6.2 acre-ft
- Flood Pool (at aux. spillway crest) = 15.8 acres; 14.7 acre-ft
- Structure Height = 38.5 ft
- Principle Spillway = 48" diameter corrugated metal riser and 36" diameter corrugated metal outlet pipe

The Papio S-6 structure was built when the area was agricultural cropland and was designed based on an agricultural watershed. The watershed has rapidly changed from an agricultural setting to an urban setting with road improvements and residential housing on nearly all sides.

The P-MRNRD proposes to construct a high hazard flood control reservoir/dam (WP-2) at this location to provide flood control and reduce peak flows on the South and West Papillion Creek branches. The WP-2 structure has been a part of the watershed management plan since 2009 and is slated to begin construction in fall 2022 or spring 2023. The new structure will consist of a principal spillway crest (riser) of 1138 ft and an auxiliary spillway crest of 1147.5. The top of dam elevation is 1152 ft which results in a maximum dam height of 44 ft. The conservation pool (normal pool) will be 17.4 surface acres. The outlet pipe will be 48" reinforced concrete pipe.

The P-MRNRD requests that the NRCS complete federal interest in the Papio S-6 structure, as the new flood control structure will provide grade control as well as flood control with newer materials that will significantly extend the life of the project. The WP-2 project also addresses the urbanization of the watershed and reduces peak flows for the Papio Creek watershed.