Natural Resources Conservation Service Written Report To Papio-Missouri River NRD Board February 9, 2023 Andy Bohnenkamp, District Conservationist

Programs

NRCS Field Office staff are locked into assessing and ranking our 114 EQIP applications now and working through that process. Our deadline to complete rankings is February 24. There isn't much more to report in the way of programs or NRCS activity currently since we are all really focused on EQIP.

Staffing

I got word 2 weeks ago that the Blair Field Office will be receiving a Pathways Student Intern in June of this year. Justin Gantz, from Omaha, accepted the official job offer and will be working in the Blair FO this summer as a Soil Conservation – Student Trainee. He will be getting a firsthand look at the various roles and responsibilities of a Soil Conservationist and some valuable OJT and experience. Looking forward to a new member of the Papio-NRCS Team this June!

NRCS Nebraska is also advertising for one GS-11/12 Urban Conservationist, with potential locations in Omaha, Lincoln or Wahoo. The position advertisement closed on the 8th of February. This position aims to bolster technical support in the field of Urban agriculture and conservation throughout the state of Nebraska in Urban settings. So I'm also looking forward to having a new position on this side of the state that can enhance and improve conservation delivery to a large portion of our NRD area.

That is all I have for now!

Respectfully,

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