



General Manager's Report

MEMORANDUM to the Board
John Winkler, General Manager

August 10, 2023

A. **INFORMATION/EDUCATION HIGHLIGHTS:**

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B. **PERSONNEL/MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS:**

1. With three new hires this month, we are now officially fully staffed. I would like to officially welcome the following new employees to the Papio NRD. Stop by and say hello the next time you get the chance.
 - a. Lance Habell was hired as our new Water Supply Operator/Maintenance Technician for Washington County. Lance's first day was July 31.
 - b. Beau Carpenter has been hired as our new Water Supply Operator/Maintenance Technician for Thurston County. Beau's first day was August 1.
 - c. Tamara Tipton has been hired as our new Field Office Program Specialist at the Walthill Field Office. Tamara's first day was August 2.
2. **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 July is attached for your review.
3. **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 July 18 is attached for your review.
4. **PAPILLION CREEK WATERSHED PARTNERSHIP REPORT:** The PCWP Subcommittee meeting took place Thursday, July 27. The meeting minutes are attached. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 24.

INFORMATION AND EDUCATION REPORT



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AUGUST 2023

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Report on Purchases
Construction Services, Professional Services, Personal Property

July 2023

Date	Project Name	Item / Task	Company	Cost
7/1-31/2023	Project Maintenance	Rip Rap Material	Whetrock & Martin Marietta	\$12,784.80
7/17/2023	Automobiles/Trucks	2023 Jeep Grand Cherokee	H&H Chrysler, Dodge, Jeep, Ram, Fiat	\$26,724 (with trade)
7/21/2023	Big Papio Channel	BP Channel Flume at UP Railroad Bridge Caulking Project	EverLevel Concrete Repair	\$42,600
7/31/2023	Levee and Dam Project	Brush Spraying	T&B Enterprises	\$70,000
7/13/2023	Paths of Discovery Maps	Design and Printing of maps	Iridian	\$15,100
7/19/2023	Applewood Creek Connector	Professional Services Agreement	Snyder & Associates	\$98,896.60
7/19/2023	Girard Trail Connection	Professional Services Agreement	Felsburg, Holt, & Ullevig	\$97,978



Updated: July 18, 2023

Current and On-Going Projects Legal Counsel

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

Little Papio: (Cleveland)

- Houston Engineering Culvert Agreement Amendment #2 (B)
- City of Omaha Culvert Group B Interlocal Agreement (N)

Big Papio: (Cleveland)

West Branch: (Cleveland/Grint)

Western Sarpy Dike, Union Dike and No Name Dike: (Cleveland)

Floodway Purchase Program: (Laster/Grint)

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

Trail Projects: (Williams)

- West Papio Trail, West Maple Underpass Interlocal Agreement (A)
- Applewood Creek Trail Interlocal Agreement (A)
- Elkhorn River Trail Bridge Interlocal Agreement (N)

Missouri River Corridor Project:

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

Papio Watershed Dam Sites: (Grint/Laster/Ghanavati)

- DS7 Land Acquisition - Purchase Agreements (B)
- WP-2 Land Acquisition – Purchase Agreement (B)
- WP1 Interlocal Agreement (A)
- WP2 Interlocal Agreement (B)
- DS19 Land Acquisition (B)
- DS12 Magnolia Trails Construction Easements (N)

Papio Creek Watershed Partnership (Stormwater): (Grint/Laster)

Southern Sarpy Watershed Partnership (Stormwater): (Laster)

Missouri River R-613 and R-616 Levees: (Cleveland/Grint)

- Offutt Ditch O&M Agreement (A)
- Offutt AFB Storm Sewer Outlets O&M Agreement (A)

Rural Water Projects: (Novak)

Other:

- E-500 Professional Service Agreement (2000 edition) (Project Managers) (A)
- Dunker Wet Retention Basin Easement (N)
- Dunker Purchase Agreement (A)
- Cole Creek Interlocal Agreement Amendment (N)
- Summit Carbon Solutions Permanent Easement Dakota County (B)
- District Policy Manual Updates (A)



Meeting Minutes

July 27, 2023

Attendees: See attached sign in sheet

The meeting began at 10:01 am.

1. Introductions
 - a. Lori Laster (Papiio NRD) facilitated introductions.
2. Watershed Management Plan Update
 - a. Stakeholder Outreach
 - i. Molly Hanson (RDG) facilitated an exercise to determine the most important stakeholders to engage with early in the planning process. Stakeholder interviews are being scheduled for August and September. At the next Partnership meeting there will be some discussion of the key themes and concerns of various stakeholder groups.
 - ii. Developers, department directors, and elected officials were determined to be the groups to engage early.
 - b. Other updates: Houston continues to compile data necessary for updating the financial models for the plan. At this time there is nothing to report for the Partnership.
3. Website Updates
 - a. Lori Laster stated that part of the plan update is to overhaul the Partnership website (<https://papiopartnership.org/>) to make it a useful tool for both public outreach and Partner jurisdictions. The current website content hasn't been updated in quite some time.
 - b. The group discussed what the main focus areas should be. Residents of the watershed/general public and developers/contractors were the two groups that could benefit from the website.
 - c. Educational content for the general public could include things like a survey or other engagement tool so that we could know the locations of the people that are accessing the content. Part of the approved stormwater management plan for the PCWP is education and outreach. However, it's unclear if educational efforts are reaching people who live in the areas so it's important to at least know what jurisdictions are being reached.
 - d. Other content could include a guide to applying for a grading permit and what is required to obtain a permit. Many times staff at Partner jurisdictions



are required to walk people through the process step-by-step. A centralized resource would be helpful.

4. World O! Water Outreach Strategy
 - a. During NDEE reviews of the implementation of the approved stormwater management plan, it was noted that it is difficult to know if people attending outreach/education events lived within the jurisdiction of the PCWP communities. These public events draw people from many metro-area communities so it is unclear how much education is done within each jurisdiction.
 - b. The City of Omaha has created a survey that people will be able to take on their smart phone. This survey will then be tied to a map so that the approximate address of people who attend and participate can be shown for annual reporting.
 - c. Heaven Davis brought flyers for the event so that each community can advertise the event that will take place on September 9, 2023.
5. Other Items of Interest
 - a. The small MS4 permit is currently expired. Lori Laster will contact Patrick Ducey at NDEE to determine what the next steps will be in permit renewal.
 - b. The Partnership logo has been updated. These updates will be incorporated into the updates to the website and other outreach materials moving forward.
6. Next Meeting Date
 - a. The next regular meeting is scheduled August 24, 2023.
7. Adjourn
 - a. The meeting adjourned at 10:50 am.