



General Manager's Report

MEMORANDUM to the Board
John Winkler, General Manager

October 12, 2023

A. INFORMATION/EDUCATION HIGHLIGHTS:

The education team took part in Summit Lake Conservation Day in Tekamah on September 19th where they presented on animal adaptations to 200 6th graders. The event is made possible by UNL Extension and partnerships with several organizations.

B. PERSONNEL/MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS:

1. In conjunction with the approval of the FY 2024 budget, I authorized staff to purchase a 2024 Half Ton Extended Cab Truck by informal competitive bidding as outlined in Policy 15.6.B. Five bids were received. Staff purchased a 2024 Chevrolet Silverado 1500 Double Cab on September 20, 2023, for \$42,376.50 with trade-in of the District's 2008 Ford Ranger.
2. Congratulations to Eric Williams for being selected by MAPA as the 2023 Regional Citizenship Award winner. The award is presented by MAPA each year to honor an individual whose efforts have had an extraordinarily positive influence on MAPA's six-county region. The award recognizes Eric for his leadership on the development of the region's trail system, such as the Highway 34/75 Bridge, Neighborhood Enhanced Access to Trails (NEAT), the Beltline Trail and Western Douglas County Trails plan, to name a few. Below is the letter from MAPA outlining Eric's achievements as well as a picture of him at the event.
3. Congratulations to those who have reached a huge milestone in their service to the Papiro NRD. The following were presented with Years of Service awards at the NARD Annual Conference: Director Tim Fowler, 20 years; Lance Olerich, 20 years; Ryan Trapp, 25 years; Jean Tait, 30 years; Marty Nissen, 35 years; John Zaugg, 40 years; Martin Cleveland, 45 years; and Bill Warren, 45 years. Deepest gratitude to each of you for your decades of dedication and commitment to the District.

C. 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 September is attached for your review.

D. 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 September 29 is attached for your review.

E. PAPILLION CREEK WATERSHED PARTNERSHIP REPORT: The PCWP Subcommittee was held Thursday, September 28. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 26.



INFORMATION AND EDUCATION REPORT

SEPTEMBER 2023

SUMMIT LAKE CONSERVATION DAY



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Report on Purchases
Construction Services, Professional Services, Personal Property

September 2023

Date	Project Name	Item / Task	Company	Cost
9/1-30/2023	Project Maintenance	Rip Rap	Martin Marietta & Whetrock	\$63,150.62
9/20/2023	Thurston County Rural Water	2024 Chevrolet Silverado – with trade-in of District’s 2008 Ford Ranger	Sid Dillon	\$42,376.50
9/1/2023	Dam Site 19	Debris Removal	Pruss Excavation	\$26,300.00



Updated: September 29, 2023

**Current and On-Going Projects
Legal Counsel**

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

Little Papio: (Cleveland)

- City of Omaha Culvert Group B Interlocal Agreement (A)
- Cooperation Agreement with OMG Midwest Inc. for Replacement of LP R-14 (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 (A)

Missouri River Corridor Project:

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

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

- WP1 Interlocal Agreement (B)
- DS19 Land Acquisition – Closing (A)
- DS12 Magnolia Trails Public Access Easement (N)
- WP2 Construction Contract Review (A)

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

Southern Sarpy Watershed Partnership (Stormwater): (Ghanavati)

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 (A)
- District Policy Manual Updates (A)
- Contract with Houston Engineering for Platte River Obstruction (B)



Meeting Minutes
September 28, 2023

Attendees: See attached sign in sheet

The meeting began at 10:00 am.

1. Introductions
 - a. Lori Laster (Papio NRD) facilitated introductions.
2. Watershed Management Plan Update
 - a. Listening Session Reports
 - i. Molly Hanson (RDG) joined the meeting via Zoom to present the key themes and messages from the listening sessions held with Community Staff, Developers, SID Attorneys, and Development Consulting Firms.
 - ii. Affordable housing is a concern with updating any zoning regulations, especially those that could limit developable area.
 - iii. Permitting through the US Army Corps of engineers is also a major concern if stream stabilization projects are necessary.
 - iv. There is a lot of interest in finding additional funding sources for stream stabilization projects. There is no stormwater utility in Nebraska and watershed fees currently go to flood control projects.
 - v. Some people also expressed that data has not been made available to show that the current policies aren't working.
 - vi. Amanda Grint (NRD) stated that the NRD has a backlog of projects requesting funding for stream stability projects and we need to make sure that we're not creating new problems with future development. There have been a lot of studies and maps created to show that. The data needs to be compiled and presented in a new way.
 - vii. A consideration brought forward during the listening sessions was the concept of holistic park planning that could incorporate stream setback areas as recreational features. This would require a different approach to park fees and park planning but there is some support for exploring this option.
 - b. Planning Process Update
 - i. Sara Mechtenberg (Houston Engineering) gave a brief update on the progress of the financial forecasting element of the plan. The



previous plans used data provided by MAPA for population and land use projections. MAPA has not updated this since the 2019 plan was completed. Houston is working on updating the starting point with the current land use and Census data. Then the MAPA data will be used to project development in future years for the estimated watershed fees that would be collected. Then the actual project costs and funding sources for projects in progress will be used to update the financial model.

3. Grade Control Permitting Update
 - a. Lori Laster shared that HDR/Embris has completed the first draft of the permitting templates for grade control structures. They have been shared with USACE and NDEE for review and comments. Once we have updated the templates to include their comments, the draft will be shared with the Partnership and with the members of the Technical Advisory Group. Based on this feedback, the templates will then be finalized and made available for use.
4. Website Updates
 - a. Lori Laster stated that a new site map for the Partnership website (<https://papiopartnership.org/>) has been developed. The two main audiences for the website are the general public and developers/designers.
 - b. The NRD and Houston will work to begin making the changes. This new site map will incorporate the existing content on the website but also include work that has been completed in the watershed, updates on projects in progress, and what work is planned in the future.
5. Small MS4 Permit Updates
 - a. Lori Laster reached out to Patrick Ducey with NDEE to discuss the Papio Watershed small MS4 permit. Patrick stated that the permit is currently on administrative extension and that a draft permit is in process. This will likely be available in early 2024. Lori will request that Patrick attend a future meeting to provide a more detailed update.
6. Other Items of Interest
 - a. No other items of interest were noted.
7. Next Meeting Date
 - a. The next regular meeting is scheduled October 26, 2023.
8. Adjourn
 - a. The meeting adjourned at 11:07 am.

September 13, 2022

Eric Williams, Natural Resources Planner
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RE: 2023 MAPA Regional Citizenship Award

Dear Mr. Williams:

Congratulations! You have been selected as the **2023 Regional Citizenship Award** winner by the Metropolitan Area Planning Agency (MAPA). This award is presented by MAPA each year at our Annual Meeting to honor an individual whose efforts have had an extraordinarily positive influence on MAPA's six-county region.

The Citizenship Award is being presented to you for your consistent engagement and leadership on the development of the region's trail system. Your collaboration with MAPA and our members on projects such as the Highway 34/75 Bridge, Neighborhood Enhanced Access to Trails (NEAT) planning project, the Beltline Trail, and the implementation of Western Douglas County Trails Plan have accelerated the development of recreational and active transportation infrastructure across the region. Your proactive approach to partnership through the NRD's Trails Assistance Program has allowed communities to leverage investments from developers and federal funding. Furthermore, your continued commitment to participate in Heartland 2050 Committees, the Western Douglas County Planning Collaborative, and provide thoughtful input into MAPA's transportation planning process have made you an incredibly important partner to our work.

You will be presented with the award on Wednesday, October 4, at MAPA's Annual Meeting to be held at the Bellevue Berry Farm in Papillion, NE. Dinner for two attendees will be complimentary. A MAPA staff member will be in touch in the coming days.

Once again—congratulations! MAPA looks forward to presenting you with this award next month.

Sincerely,



Michael Helgerson
Executive Director



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2023
REGIONAL CITIZENSHIP
AWARD
Presented to
Eric Williams
Metropolitan Area
Planning Agency