



General Manager's Report

MEMORANDUM to the Board

John Winkler, General Manager

May 8, 2025

A. INFORMATION/EDUCATION HIGHLIGHTS:

1. Fourteen teams competed in the Nebraska State Envirothon here at Chalco Hills on April 30th. Students were tested on their knowledge of various natural resources topics such as soils, wildlife, forestry, environmental policy, range management, and more. It was a big event and the first time the NARD has hosted it here at Chalco Hills. Thank you to all the volunteers and to Chairman McCormick for presenting awards to the winning teams. The Dawson County Envirothon Club took home first place.

B. PERSONNEL/MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS:

1. Kalani Fortina was hired as District Secretary and started on April 14th. Kalani came to us from the Blair Field Office where she was the Field Office Programs & Administrative Specialist. She has been with the District for five years. Brad Euans was hired as Medium Equipment Operator. Brad came to us from the Nebraska Department of Transportation and his first day with the District was April 21st.

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 April 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 May 1 is attached for your review.

E. PAPILLION CREEK WATERSHED PARTNERSHIP REPORT: The PCWP met on April 28th. Meeting minutes are attached. The next scheduled meeting is June 26th.

F. SOUTHERN SARPY WATERSHEDS PARTNERSHIP REPORT: The SSWP met on May 1st. The next scheduled meeting is May 29th.

2025 STATE ENVIROTHON



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Report on Purchases

Construction Services, Professional Services, Personal Property

April 2025

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PAPIO

MISSOURI RIVER

NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT

Updated: May 1, 2025

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)

Floodway Purchase Program: (Laster/Grint)

- Purchase Agreements for Washington/Douglas 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)
- Surplus Land Sale Beltline (A)
- Contract Amendment Sorensen to Girard (B)
- Land Acquisition and Hearing for Applewood Trail Connection (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)

- DS12 Magnolia Trails Public Access Easement (N)
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Papio Creek Watershed Partnership (Stormwater): (Laster)

Southern Sarpy Watershed Partnership (Stormwater): (Ghanavati)

- Consultant Contract for Oakleaf Grade Stabilization

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)
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Rural Water Projects: (Novak)

Other:

- E-500 Professional Service Agreement (2000 edition) (Project Managers) (A)
- Cole Creek Interlocal Agreement Amendment (N)
- Summit Carbon Solutions Permanent Easement Dakota County (A)
- 156th Street at Chalco Rec Area (N)
- Private Levee Program Public Hearing (B)



Stormwater Management Discussion Overview April 28, 2025

Attendees: See attached sign in sheet

The meeting began at 10:00 am.

1. Introductions
 - a. Lori Laster (Papio NRD) facilitated introductions.
2. MOBA/Build Omaha Correspondence
 - a. MOBA and Build Omaha began communicating with the City of Omaha in August 2024 regarding stormwater management requirements modifications.
 - b. The Partnership members met on April 2, 2025 to discuss a letter that was sent to the City about specific items with regard to stormwater permitting, construction standards, and inspection requirements. At the April 2 Partnership representatives agreed that a meeting with MOBA/Build Omaha and NDEE would be beneficial in addressing the concerns.
3. Discussion
 - a. Jerry Torczon, representing Build Omaha, provided an overview of the concerns in the correspondence.
 - b. Jim Theiler (Omaha) stated that the Partnership wants to improve the process where we can but are bound to enforce rules delegated by EPA and NDEE.
 - c. The development community has concerns regarding the increasing cost of compliance with rules. Their correspondence suggested several ways to improve the design of sediment and erosion control elements. Mark Westergard, representing MOBA, stated that much of the design elements need to be addressed with the engineering firms.
 - d. Partnership members addressed some of the design alternatives presented. Many of the suggestions are already allowed under current design guidelines. Others, such as the use of plastic pipe for storm sewer lines, would need to be reviewed by each jurisdiction on whether they would accept alternative materials.
 - e. Reuel Anderson (NDEE) stated that the state Construction Stormwater Permit (CSW) expires in 2026. NDEE would like to have input from



developers, engineers, and contractors to clarify language in that permit to reduce the burden of compliance.

- f. Other issues addressed were phasing of subdivision projects. Often the developer has the initial grading permit and is not able to close the permit until the entire development is constructed. Currently, grading permits are not transferred from the developer to the SID and then to the individual contractors who build homes. This leaves the developer responsible for work they aren't doing themselves. Solutions involve addressing stormwater management in lot sale contracts.
 - g. The developer is also often required to provide ongoing inspections and often use engineering firms for that purpose. A solution for that is to have developer site staff trained to do those inspections as they are not required to be performed by an engineer.
4. Next Steps
- a. MOBA/Build Omaha will be working with the engineering firms their members use for design to educate them on alternative designs that would be more cost effective. The Partnership can assist with this effort as requested.
 - b. NDEE will work with the Partnership as the next CSW is drafted to have input from multiple viewpoints on the new permit.
 - c. MOBA/Build Omaha will reach out this summer to discuss progress on work addressing these concerns.
5. Adjourn
- a. The meeting adjourned at 11:45 am.

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