

MEMORANDUM

TO THE BOARD:

SUBJECT: General Manager Report

DATE: May 1, 2008

FROM: John Winkler, General Manager

A. **INFORMATION/EDUCATION REPORT**: A copy of the I&E Report detailing Information and Education activities for the month of April, 2008, is attached for your review.

B. **MISCELLANEOUS/PERSONNEL ITEMS**:

1. **Workers Comp Experience Mod for FY 2009**: The District has received notification from the National Council on Compensation Insurance that the Papio-Missouri River NRD Workers Comp **experience mod for FY 09 has been set at .77**. Last year's experience mod was .78. As a point of reference, the experience mod for the District for FY 2006 was 1.02. A rating of 1.00 means that you are the average for companies in your category and you will pay 100% of the base premium for workers comp. A factor of .77 means that the District has earned a 23% credit on our base premium. **District employees are to be commended for practicing established safety rules and guidelines in our O&M facilities, job sites and offices.**
2. **Staff Training**: As a part of the District's Safety Program, a course on Trench Safety was offered to District employees. Training was held on April 11, 2008 at the NRC with 12 staff members attending. Additional, the training was also provided to 4 staff members from the Walthill and Dakota City Field Offices. Also, First Aid/CPR training was offered to employees at the NRC. Training was held on April 17th with 15 staff members participated in the class.
3. **District Accounting Position**: The District Accounting position was advertised in the Omaha World Herald and Lincoln Journal Star on April 27 and May 4. The close out date for applications is Friday, May 9th. To date we have received 12 applications.

C. **REPORT ON PURCHASES – CONSTRUCTION SERVICES, PROFESSIONAL SERVICES, PERSONAL PROPERTY**: Pursuant to Board direction, attached is a report indicating construction services, professional services and personal property purchases for the month of April, 2008. Please review this report and contact me if you have any questions.

D. **CURRENT AND ON-GOING PROJECTS – P-MRNRD LEGAL COUNSEL**: Attached is a copy of the current and on-going projects for District Legal Counsel, Paul Peters, as of April 14, 2008. I would ask each Director to review this listing. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

- E. **PAPILLION CREEK WATERSHED PARTNERSHIP REPORT:** Attached is the Papillion Creek Watershed Partnership Monthly Update for April, 2008. Please review and if you have any questions, contact me. The next Partnership meeting will be held on May 15, 2008, at 10:00 a.m. at the NRC.
1. **Report on Papillion Creek Watershed Partnership Public Forums:** Attached is a copy of the Public Outreach and Involvement Report, dated March, 2008, that was prepared by Issues Management Solutions. Seven public forums were held throughout the District with a total participation of 162 citizens.
- F. **PAPILLION CREEK RESERVOIRS 1 AND 3C PRELIMINARY STUDY REPORT:** HDR Engineering, Inc. has completed the preparation of the Papillion Creek Watershed Reservoirs 1 and 3C Preliminary Study Report. The report will be provided to the P-MRNRD Board of Directors at the May 10th Board meeting. A copy of the Executive Summary is attached. Copies of the report will also be provided to members of the Project Steering Committee. The report has been posted to the NRD website, www.papioreservoirs1and3c.org/news.htm#Study%20Report and the project website at www.papioreservoirs1and3c.org. P-MRNRD Board members are encouraged to review the report and direct any questions to Management or John Engel with HDR Engineering, Inc.
- G. **CERTIFICATION ANALYSIS OF MISSOURI RIVER LEVEES IN DOUGLAS AND SARPY COUNTIES:** The District, in coordination with the City of Omaha, has contracted with HDR Engineering, Inc. to develop an evaluation strategy for performing a certification analysis of the Missouri River levees in Douglas and Sarpy Counties. These levees include the City of Omaha earthen levee and/or floodwall from the north Omaha OPPD power plant to approximately Q Street and the P-MRNRD's R-613 and R-616 levees south of Bellevue. This type of certification analysis is required if any of these levees are to be shown as providing protection from the 1% chance annual flood (100-year) event when future floodplain maps are prepared and released by FEMA. The City of Omaha has also retained HDR Engineering, Inc. to develop a work plan for the City to use in scheduling and budgeting resources to correct some presently identified levee deficiencies. Together, these two studies are some preliminary steps needed to ultimately complete certification requirements for these levees and address existing deficiencies. Future engineering services or construction needed to meet FEMA and Corps of Engineers standards will likely require more technical and financial cooperation between the City of Omaha and the District.
- H. **LEGISLATIVE ISSUES:** The following NARD Legislative Updates are attached for your information:
1. April 11, 2008
 2. April 17, 2008

I. NEWS CLIPS:

- ✓ April 4, 2008, Omaha World Herald article – Pflug Road exit added to vision for I-80. A state panel endorses a consultant’s concept for preserving scenic views in the corridor between Omaha and Lincoln.
- ✓ April 7, 2008, Omaha World Herald article – Lake rehab in final stage. Cunningham to be refilled in 4 months.
- ✓ April 8, 2008, Omaha World Herald article – Werthman to receive Wiegers award.
- ✓ April 12, 2008, Omaha World Herald article – 2 states still can’t bridge water gap. Nebraska, Kansas at odds over river. Well idea is flashpoint.
- ✓ April 16, 2008, Ralston Recorder article – At water’s edge. Stormwater runoff management key to flood pollution control.
- ✓ April 17, 2008, Omaha World Herald article - Niobrara put on endangered list
- ✓ April 18, 2008, Omaha World Herald editorial – Voters could have choice. In NRD primary race, Jim Jepsen’s, Scott Japp’s ideas differ.
- ✓ April 21, 2008, Lincoln Journal Star article – MoPac Trail users will get trailhead in Eagle
- ✓ April 22, 2008, Lincoln Journal Star article – Babbitt says Nebraska on right water path.
- ✓ April 22, 2008, Douglas County Post Gazette article – Levee re-certification criteria presented to Waterloo trustees
- ✓ April 23, 2008, Omaha World Herald article – Kansas: Water bill is up to \$72 million.
- ✓ April 23, 2008, Lincoln Journal Star article – State of the drought. Committee bears good news: Most of Nebraska has enough moisture in ground for crops.
- ✓ April 24, 2008, Lincoln Journal Star article – So far, Nebraska not countering Kansas river demand.
- ✓ April 30, 2008, Omaha World Herald article – Dispelling doubts on Pflug plan is the goal. Review of project is under way.
- ✓ April 30, 2008, Omaha World Herald article – Nelson, Terry asked to push Pflug plan
- ✓ May 1, 2008, Omaha World Herald article – Platte bill is on its way to president.