



General Manager's Report

MEMORANDUM to the Board

John Winkler, General Manager

June 13, 2024

A. INFORMATION/EDUCATION HIGHLIGHTS:

I&E department Arbor Day trees will find homes in the Ramblewood neighborhood in Elkhorn, one of the hardest hit areas in April's tornadoes. Resident Karen McGuire saw our social media post regarding extra trees for the public. She reached out to see if her neighborhood could take them. Ironically, she had Great Plains Nursery coming the next day to assess the tree damage. We delivered the trees to nursery owner Brian Byers, near Weston, NE, who graciously agreed to take care of the 100 Colorado Blue Spruces until the neighborhood is ready to plant them. Just one of many stories of perfect strangers helping one another during Omaha's recent tragic weather events.

B. PERSONNEL/MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS:

1. In the thick of flood assessment and repair, the District received many thank you messages via social media and email regarding the infrastructure we have built to keep flood waters at bay. An email from Darryl Keeney of Lighthouse Baptist Church said, "I am sure you get plenty of grief for many things but this is a huge thank you for what you do in keeping the Papio Creek in its place. It is really appreciated." Additional messages are attached.
2. Chad Hotlen was hired on May 28th as the District Groundskeeper working out of the Operation and Maintenance Headquarters.
3. The District received a highlights report from Keep Omaha Beautiful and the positive outcomes our partnership had on the community last year. Projects included tree canopy improvement plantings, stream cleanups, water pollution prevention education and trail cleanups. The report is attached.
4. Our condolences go to the family of Barbara Wagner who passed away on May 18th. Barbara was a Papio NRD board member from 1991-1994.

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 May 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 13 is attached for your review.

E. PAPILLION CREEK WATERSHED PARTNERSHIP REPORT: The PCWP meeting scheduled for May 23 was cancelled. The next meeting will take place June 27.

F. SOUTHERN SARPY WATERSHEDS PARTNERSHIP REPORT: The SSWP met on May 2nd. Meeting minutes are attached. The partnership also met on June 6th.



PAPIO
MISSOURI RIVER
NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT

INFORMATION AND EDUCATION REPORT

MAY 2024

ARBOR DAY TORNADO TREES



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From: Colm Breathnach <cbreathnach@sagecapitalinvestments.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 22, 2024 11:51 AM
To: Winkler, John <jwinkler@papionrd.org>
Subject: Recent flooding

John,

Just a quick note to say well done to you and your team. Without all the work you guys do, this town would be in serious trouble today. I really do appreciate all the great work the NRD does.

Colm Breathnach

Vice President, Associate Broker

Sage Capital, LLC

<https://www.sagecapitalinvestments.com/>

Thanks

 Darryl Keeney <pdwkeeney@gmail.com>
To:  Papio website admins

 Reply  Reply All  Forward

 You forwarded this message on 5/22/2024 11:53 AM.

Tue 5/22

You don't often get email from pdwkeeney@gmail.com. [Learn why this is important](#)

I am sure you get plenty of grief for many things but this is a huge thank you for what you do in keeping the Papio Creek in its place. It is really appreciated.

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Darryl Keeney
Lighthouse Baptist Church
3919 Greene Avenue
Bellevue, NE 68147



City of Papillion - Municipal Government

May 21 at 8:50 AM



Flood control at work — Thanks [Papio-Missouri River Natural Resources District](#) for all the flood protection measures you put in place across our area! Levees along the Papio Creek and reservoirs like [Walnut Creek](#), [Prairie Queen](#), [Big Elk Lake](#), and [Portal](#) are all important to protecting our community from floods. While we certainly enjoy the recreational aspects of these amenities, storms like today are a reminder of their primary purpose.



You, Greenstreet Cycles and 279 others

23 comments 163 shares

2023 – 2024

Keep Omaha Beautiful Program Highlights



Thanks to support from the Papio Missouri River Natural Resources District, Keep Omaha Beautiful was able to continue successfully implementing Tree Canopy Improvement plantings, stream cleanups, water pollution prevention education, and trail cleanups.

Report covers 7/1/2023 to 5/1/2024

Tree Canopy Improvement Program

The Papio-Missouri River NRD allocated \$20,000, which was used for multiple tree plantings throughout FY23. These funds played a crucial role in procuring trees and ensuring their care through watering contracts under the *Trees for Omaha* program. Planting sites encompassed eleven parks, one public pool, and one boulevard. In a collaborative effort, 51 volunteers assisted in planting 63 trees during a community event at Fontenelle Park in the Fall of 2023.

Impact Snapshot



Trees Planted



Trees for Omaha
Planting Locations



Native Species
Planted



Stream Cleanup Program

The Papio-Missouri River NRD allocated \$7,000 toward organizing volunteer efforts aimed at conducting cleanups in streams and adjacent areas in order to prevent litter pollution from entering our waterways. Volunteers were also tasked with installing “no dumping” decals and distributing 2,330 educational door hangers to households across the city. The NRD funding was essential in purchasing supplies for stream cleanups, storm drain marking, covering staff time, and acquiring educational materials.

Impact Snapshot

1,705

Volunteers Provided
4,224 Service Hours

67

Cleanups in Streams
or Near Waterways

1,794

Storm Drains Marked
and/or Cleaned

722

Bags of Litter
Collected



Trail Cleanup Program

The Papio-Missouri River NRD provided \$3,000 of funding for trail cleanups. These funds were used to coordinate volunteers to complete cleanups along trails throughout Omaha. This funding also helped to purchase supplies and supported the cost of staff time to scout trails and recruit, coordinate, and train volunteers.

Impact Snapshot

294

Volunteers Provided
1,007 Hours

42

Trail Cleanups
Completed

72

Miles of Trail
Cleaned

302

Bags of Litter
Collected





Thank You!

The support and partnership of the Papio-Missouri River NRD is integral to the success of our programming. We look forward to continuing the partnership into the future.

Report on Purchases
Construction Services, Professional Services, Personal Property

May 2024

Date	Project Name	Item / Task	Company	Cost
5/1-31/2024	Project Maintenance	Rip Rap	Martin Marietta Whetrock	\$31,277.55 \$7,129.31
5/13/2024	Elkhorn Crossing	Installation of Water System	Tom's Well Service	\$69,551.88
5/23/2024	Dakota County Service Center	Roof Replacement	Triumph Roofing	\$36,197
5/24/2024	Lake Cunningham Bike Share Station	Cost Share towards Equipment Installation	Heartland Bike Share	\$20,000



Updated: May 13, 2024

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

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

Little Papio: (Cleveland)

- Cooperation Agreement with OMG Midwest Inc. for Replacement of LP R-14 (A)

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 (B)

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)

- DS12 Magnolia Trails Public Access Easement (N)

Papio Creek Watershed Partnership (Stormwater): (Laster)

- HDR Contract Amendment 5 for WP4 (B)

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 (B)
- Dunker Purchase Agreement (B)
- Dunker Construction Contract Agreement (B)
- Dunker Contract Amendment with HDR (B)
- Cole Creek Interlocal Agreement Amendment (N)
- Summit Carbon Solutions Permanent Easement Dakota County (A)
- Blair Building Contract (A)
- Contract Amendment with HDR for In Lieu Fee Program (B)



Meeting Minutes

May 2, 2024

Attendees: attendance was not taken at this meeting

The meeting began at ~10:00 am and was held virtually.

1. 2024 Interlocal Agreement Adoption Updates

- The status of the 2024 SSWP Interlocal Agreement was reviewed. The Agreement has been accepted by the Papio NRD, Gretna, and Springfield. Papillion, Bellevue, and Sarpy County have it scheduled for their upcoming meetings. Ian Ghanavati (Papio NRD) reminded those in attendance to send him the signature sheet when available.

2. Document Updates

- Ian Ghanavati (Papio NRD) notified the attendees that the Guidance Document is finalized and will be posted to the website and that the full Watershed Plan Report will be completed and sent out for review in June.

The meeting ended at ~10:10 am.