



General Manager's Report

MEMORANDUM to the Board

John Winkler, General Manager

November 14, 2024

A. INFORMATION/EDUCATION HIGHLIGHTS:

Kaylyn Kelley and Ian Ghanavati gave a presentation to 5th graders at Fire Ridge Elementary on Glacier Creek and what role the Papio NRD plays in ecosystem restoration. Ian walked the students through the process of restoring agricultural land to a more natural landscape and Kaylyn explained the numerous benefits the habitat provides wildlife.

B. PERSONNEL/MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS:

1. Steve Oltmans, who served as general manager for the Papio NRD from 1986-2006, passed away October 31. Steve was passionate about the NRD mission and dedicated 40 years in several key roles: Assistant Manager of the Papio Watershed, General Manager of the Maple Creek Watershed, and General Manager of the Lower Elkhorn NRD. He played a pivotal role in drafting the Natural Resources District legislation, which was adopted as law in 1968 and formally implemented on July 1, 1971. We can't thank Steve enough for his commitment and dedication and we extend our condolences to this family. Steve's obituary is attached.
2. The District and NRCS are hosting a public meeting to discuss the Davis Creek Watershed Improvement Project to talk about the planning process, issues facing the watershed, and discuss ideas on projects that will reduce erosion. The open house is Thursday, November 21 from 5:00-7:00 p.m. at the American Legion in Herman. A flyer is attached.
3. The District received several thank you notes from several FFA chapters who participated in the North East Area Land Judging Competition in Blair. The Papio NRD hosted the event, where more than 600 students from area schools competed. The thank you notes are attached.

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 October 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 October 14th is attached for your review.

E. PAPILLION CREEK WATERSHED PARTNERSHIP REPORT: The PCWP did not meet on October 24th. The next scheduled meeting is TBD.

F. SOUTHERN SARPY WATERSHEDS PARTNERSHIP REPORT: The SSWP did not meet on November 7th. The next scheduled meeting is December 5th.



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INFORMATION AND EDUCATION REPORT

OCTOBER 2024

GLACIER CREEK PRESENTATION



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STEVEN "STEVE" OBITUARY

Steven G. Oltmans "Steve"

11/3/1943 - 10/31/2024

Steven (Steve) Glenn Oltmans, 80, of Omaha, Nebraska, passed away on October 31, 2024. He was the oldest of two children born to Glenn and Della Oltmans.

Steve graduated from Nelson High School in 1961, where he met his wife of 60 years, Barbara Johnston. After high school, Steve moved to Lincoln, where he began his college education at the University of Nebraska at the Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources, with an emphasis in Water Resources. Steve and Barb were married in 1963 in Nelson, NE. After completing his degree in 1966, they relocated to Omaha with their two oldest sons, Curt and Brad. After a brief time in Omaha and the addition of their third son Todd, Steve's job took them to Clarkson, NE. Their family was complete when Chris was born in Norfolk, NE, prior to Barb and Steve's final move to Omaha in 1986.

Steve dedicated 40 years to the Natural Resources District, serving in key roles: Assistant Manager of the Papio Watershed (1966-1969), General Manager of the Maple Creek Watershed (1969-1972), General Manager of the Lower Elkhorn NRD (1972-1986), and General Manager of the Papio-Missouri NRD (1986-2006). He played a pivotal role in drafting the Nebraska Natural District Legislation, which was adopted as law in 1968 and formally implemented on July 1, 1972.

After leaving the NRD, Steve worked with Olsson Associates from 2006 to 2009 and again from 2013 to 2016. In between, he served as Chief of Staff for the City of Omaha during Mayor Jim Suttle's administration from 2009 to 2013. He continued to advocate for sustainable practices and community development.

Steve's commitment to civic leadership and community involvement was remarkable. He was a member of the Omaha Suburban Rotary Club from 1986

to 2023, participated in the Omaha World Herald's "Branching Out Program" from 1997 to 2000, served with the Mid America Boy Scout Council from 1976 to 2006, and was a member of the Omaha United Way Board of Directors from 1996 to 2000. Additionally, he was a member of the Norfolk City Council from 1983 to 1986 and served as Chairman of the Norfolk United Way in 1980-1981.

After retiring, Steve became an avid walker, walking miles around Lake Zorinsky. He could often be found either on the golf course or sitting poolside at their winter home in Mesa, AZ. Steve was known for his passion for the environment and his unwavering dedication to making a positive difference. He was a loving husband, father, and friend, cherished for his wisdom and humor.

He is survived by his wife, Barb; his sons, Curt (Lisa), Brad (Stacy), Todd (Colleen), and Chris (Jaclyn); and eight grandchildren: Connor, Sam, Christopher, Cameron, Evelyn, Olivia, Arianna, and Lola. He was preceded in death by his parents, Glenn and Della, and his brother Dudley.

A visitation will be held Wednesday, November 6th at Braman Mortuary, Millard Chapel, 6505 S 144th Street, 4-7PM. A Celebration of Life will follow on Thursday at Divine Shepherd, 15005 Q Street, 10:30AM. Friends and family are invited to celebrate Steve's life and share their memories.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to GraceHill Church, 20275 Honeysuckle Dr. STE 110, Elkhorn, NE 68022.

To plant Memorial Trees in memory of **Steven "Steve" G Oltmans**, please [click here to visit our Sympathy Store](#).

Davis Creek Watershed Improvement Project

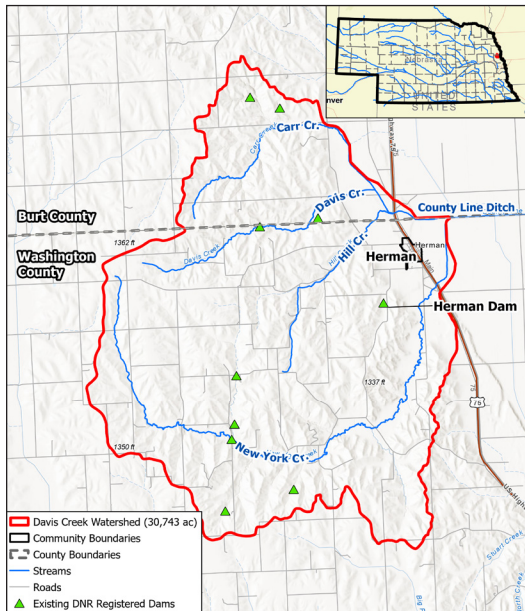
Public Open House



THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2024
5:00-7:00 P.M.

AMERICAN LEGION
700 MAIN ST, HERMAN, NE

The Papio-Missouri River Natural Resources District and the Natural Resources Conservation Service are hosting an in-person public meeting to discuss the Davis Creek Watershed Improvement Project. During the meeting, attendees will learn about the planning process, provide input on the issues facing the watershed, and contribute ideas on projects that will help reduce erosion. All residents, landowners, and farmers of the Davis Creek Watershed and the Village of Herman are encouraged to participate during the meeting.



Members of the planning team will be available to discuss the plan's progress and answer questions. The meeting will be an open house event, no formal presentation will be made, and attendees may drop-in anytime.

WATERSHED LOCATION



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United States Department of Agriculture

Natural Resources Conservation Service



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Project Website

<https://tinyurl.com/DavisCreekWFPO>

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Thank you for organizing and running the
Land Judging Competition. We appreciate
your involvement in our education.

Emma B
Fryden

Walter Wice Bancroft Rosalie FFA Chapter

Tucker S Jilberandt

Lendlan Bunnell

Chloe M Wood

Graysen Briggs

Adiyah
Solt

Diana
Solt

Nehemiah Buchholz

Please forgive the
orientation and the
pencil, we encourage
gratefulness in all
students!

To: Papa's Missouri River NRD

Thank you for organizing
the land judging contest,
I enjoyed the contest
and learned more
about the soil.

Thanks,
Derek Heinemann

Dear Papio NRD,

Thank you for organizing and running the Northeast
land judging competition. Running a 700+ people
competition is not easy and we appreciate
all of the hardwork you put in to it.

Thank you again for running the
competition smoothly and for the support
you show to the small FFA chapters of
Northeast Nebraska.

Sincerely,

Wisner - Pilger FFA



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**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 (B)
- Additional Payments for Sellers (B)

Trail Projects: (Williams)

- West Papio Trail, West Maple Underpass Interlocal Agreement (A)
- Applewood Creek Trail Interlocal Agreement (B)
- Elkhorn River Trail Bridge Interlocal Agreement (A)
- Surplus Land Sale Beltline (A)
- Sorenson Trail Connection Purchase Agreement (B)

Missouri River Corridor Project:

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

- Silver Creek 35A Consultant Agreement (N)

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

- DS12 Magnolia Trails Public Access Easement (N)
- DS19 Purchase Agreement (B)
- WP1 Surplus Land Sale (B)
- WP1 Contract Amendment Olsson (B)

Papio Creek Watershed Partnership (Stormwater): (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)
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Rural Water Projects: (Novak)

- DCRW easements with Nick Storm for meter pit (B)

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)
- Blair Building Contract (B)
- Amendment to Interlocal Agreement with LPSNRD for Platte Camera (B)