



News Release

For Immediate Release January 15, 2016

Contact: John Winkler, General Manager

Office Phone 444-6222

Cell Phone 402-616-2457

The Papio-Missouri River NRD Board of Directors held their monthly meeting January 14, 2016. Board actions included:

Work to Begin on Stabilizing Section of Elkhorn River

The Papio-Missouri River NRD Board voted to move forward with an Elkhorn River 240th Street Bank Stabilization Project in western Sarpy County. Following the 2010 Elkhorn River flood that caused considerable bank erosion, the Papio-Missouri River NRD and Sarpy County agreed to cooperate through an Interlocal Agreement on stream bank stabilization work along the Elkhorn River in order to prevent a portion of 240th Street from being threatened and/or lost to continuing Elkhorn River Bank Erosion. This project is generally located along the Elkhorn River southwest of 240th Street and Harrison Street.

Construction will include excavating a pilot channel near a sharp bend in the river at this location, along with bank stabilization measures to help establish and maintain the new channel.

The Board chose the low bid of \$399,625 from Niewohner Construction from Onawa, Iowa. "This is an excellent bid," said NRD General Manager, John Winkler. "The engineers estimate was over \$626,000. The work is anticipated to begin this month, with construction completed in the spring 2016.

The total cost of the stabilization, including construction, engineering and land rights is approximately \$900,000. The Interlocal Agreement between the NRD and Sarpy County specifies that the total cost be shared equally between the two parties.

New Papillion Creek Bank Stabilization Process to Save Tax Dollars

The NRD Board also approved a contract with Bayshore Contractors for a stream bank stabilization of the Little Papillion Creek near 68th Street and West Center Rd. The project will correct a bank sloughing that occurred due to artesian water pressures at the site. Twenty-four rock-filled trenches will be installed along a 270 foot section of the creek's western bank. The contract with Bayshore totals \$173,780

The trenches will relieve the pressure and stabilize the slope. "This is a new and less expensive technique that will save money as the NRD moves forward to correct many similar sloughing areas throughout the Papillion Creek Watershed", said NRD General Manager, John Winkler.