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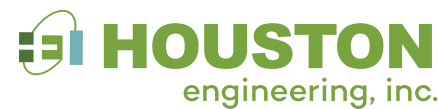
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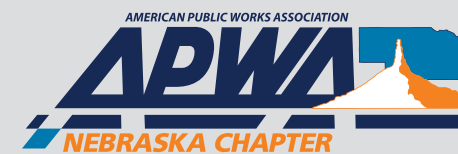
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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1, 2026

7:15 a.m.	REGISTRATION OPENS
TRACK 1	NWEA STORMWATER <i>Location: Windsor I-IV</i>
8:00 a.m.	Case Study - Peterson Drive Storm Sewer Collapse Cameron Troia, Embris Group Brady Geise, Roloff Construction
8:30 a.m.	Seasonal Variation and Co-Occurrence of Microplastics, Antibiotics, and Antibiotic-Resistant Bacteria in Shell Creek Moriah Brown, UNL
9:00 a.m.	Modern Water Quality Tools for Historic River Towns Amy Dietz, Black and Veatch
9:30 a.m.	Don't Break the Bank: Balancing Multiple Streambank Stabilization Objectives Creighton Omer & Josh Jackson, HDR
10:00 a.m.	BREAK - Location: Prefunction
TRACK 2	YOUNG PROFESSIONALS/NEW SPEAKERS <i>Location: Windsor I-IV</i>
10:15 a.m.	When Intent equals Impact, Aligning our Communications to Achieve Positive Impacts Lucas Billesbach, Embris Group Jamie Kelly, Coach Jamie Kelly
10:45 a.m.	Keeping the Flow Going: The Critical Role of Bypass Pumping in Interceptor Rehab Shaival Nehal Shah, Carollo Engineers
11:00 a.m.	Turning Risk into Resilience: Design of an Aerial Sewer Crossing in Mockingbird Heights Fahima Akther, Carollo Engineers Inc.
11:15 a.m.	Track Out Trepidation Aiden Trumble, UNL
11:30 a.m.	Understanding Values in the Water Industry: Aligning Clients, Teams, and Operations Aimee Gibson, Bravejoy Leadership
12:00 p.m.	WOMEN IN WATER LUNCH (Capped at 40): Dapper 1
12:00 p.m.	LUNCH (Not Provided)
TRACK 3	INNOVATIVE APPROACHES <i>Location: Windsor I-IV</i>
1:30 p.m.	MOPOs, Startup, and Cost Management: How Effective Coordination Can Improve Project Outcomes Jon Selby and Zachary Ciurczak, McCarthy Building Companies
2:00 p.m.	Integrated Cybersecurity for Critical Infrastructure Emily Holtzclaw and Edgar Campos, Jacobs
2:30 p.m.	Partnering with Communities to Provide Students with Real-World Design Experience at UNL/UNO Kaycie Lane, UNL
3:00 p.m.	BREAK - Location: Prefunction
TRACK 4	WATER QUALITY <i>Location: Windsor I-IV</i>
3:30 p.m.	A One Health Surveillance System on Antimicrobial Resistance Using ESBL-Production E. Coli Noe Salatiel Hernandez Duran, UNL
4:00 p.m.	Micro- and Nanoplastics Release and Toxicity from Disposable Coffee Cups under Consumer-Relevant Condition Olivier Irumva, UNL
4:30 p.m.	A Systematic Literature Review of Solutions for Shrinking Water Systems Onjoy Mahmood, UNL
5:00 p.m.	BAGS TOURNAMENT - ICE BREAKER SOCIAL (Windsor V)

THURSDAY, APRIL 2, 2026

7:15 a.m.	REGISTRATION OPENS
TRACK 5	NWEA COLLECTION SYSTEMS <i>Location: Windsor I-IV</i>
8:00 a.m.	Wastewater Collection Beyond Gravity: Understanding LPSS Ryan Scott Turnbull, Iowa Pump Works
8:30 a.m.	AI: Help or Hype? Mitch Klein, XP Engineering
9:00 a.m.	"Deliver the Right Flow to the Plant When We Need It" - Successfully Delivering the Monroe Street Lift Station Project Melody Glasscock & Katie Latimer, CDM Smith
9:30 a.m.	AI-Powered Dry and Wet Weather Calibration in Sanitary Sewer Modeling Elango Thevar, NEER
10:00 a.m.	BREAK - Location: Prefunction
TRACK 6	MISCELLANEOUS <i>Location: Windsor I-IV</i>
10:30 a.m.	NDWEE Update Steve Goans, Nebraska DWEE
11:00 a.m.	Electrical Maintenance Safety Kevin Thernes, HDR
11:30 a.m.	Getting Unstuck: The Keys to Gate and Valve Maintenance Brian Gongol, DJ Gongol & Associates
12:00 p.m.	JOINT LUNCHEON (PROVIDED) - Location: Windsor V Keynote - Eppley Airport Development Dan Owens, City of Omaha Airport Authority
TRACK 7	CONSTRUCTION <i>Location: Windsor I-IV</i>
1:30 p.m.	Nebraska Water Projects Panel - From Conception to Commissioned Sarah Espinosa, McCarthy Building Companies
2:30 p.m.	The Critical Path - The Importance of Construction Schedules Garrett Johnson, Brickyard Consulting Inc.
3:00 p.m.	BREAK - Location: Prefunction
TRACK 8	WRRF <i>Location: Windsor I-IV</i>
3:30 p.m.	Assessing the Occurrence of PFAS in Rural Wastewater through Composite Sampling Stephanie Muwaika, UNL
4:00 p.m.	Screenings Capture Rates and their Importance Brandon Leeth, Hydro-Dyne Engineering
4:45 p.m.	ADJOURN

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CONTINUING EDUCATION HOURS (PENDING APPROVAL):
PDHs - 14.5 Hours
Water Operators - 5.5 CEUs
Wastewater Operators - 11.5 CEUs
NE SWANA Tour - 4.5 Hours
NE SWANA Conference - 6 Hours

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1, 2026

TRACK 9	APWA NE CHAPTER SPRING CONFERENCE <i>Location: Dapper II</i>
	MODERATOR: Matt Hubel, Schemmer
1:15 p.m.	Des Moines' Road to Safer Streets Steve Naber, City of Des Moines
2:00 p.m.	City of La Vista Parks Playing Field Modernization Jason Allen and Aaron Johannsen, City of La Vista
2:30 p.m.	Structuring Stormwater Data Systems for Compliance, Transparency, and Collaboration Joe Lewis, Houston Engineering, Inc.
3:00 p.m.	BREAK - Location: Prefunction
3:15 p.m.	Roundtable Discussion: Winter Maintenance Lessons Learned MODERATOR: Clay Engelman, City of Lincoln PANELISTS: Brandon Fiscaro, City of Omaha; Tim Byrne, City of Lincoln; Bill Kinser, NDOT
4:30 p.m.	OPEN MEMBERSHIP MEETING & COCKTAILS

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TRACK 10	APWA NE CHAPTER SPRING CONFERENCE <i>Location: Dapper II</i>
	MODERATOR: Matt Hubel, Schemmer
8:00 a.m.	Capehart Road Rusty Barber, Sarpy County Public Works Paula Dennison, City of Gretna Matt Kruse, Lamp Rynearson Greg Perry, Eagle Engineering Group
8:45 a.m.	USV Advancements in Bathymetric Surveys Doug Burchett, Schemmer
9:15 a.m.	168th Street Improvements Jeff Babcock, City of Omaha Chris Malmberg, HDR
10:00 a.m.	BREAK - Location: Prefunction
10:30 a.m.	UAV & LiDAR Reality Capture for Horizontal Utility Construction Russ Bollig, Hexagon-Multivista
11:30 a.m.	MUD Lead Service Pipe Replacements Adam Gartner, MUD
12:00 p.m.	JOINT LUNCHEON (PROVIDED) - Location: Windsor V MODERATOR: Megan Patent-Nygren, Nebraska LTAP
1:30 p.m.	Media Relations for the Water and Wastewater Industry Brian Gongol, DJ Gongol & Associates, Inc.
2:00 p.m.	Doing More with Less Brian Gongol, DJ Gongol & Associates, Inc.
2:30 p.m.	East LaVista Street & Sewer Pat Dowse, City of La Vista Bill Glismann and Paula Pogge, HGM
3:15 p.m.	BREAK - Location: Prefunction
3:30 p.m.	Flowing and Growing in Sarpy County, Nebraska Jeff Thompson, Sarpy County & Cities Wastewater Agency (SCCWAA) Sean Bell, HDR
4:15 p.m.	Papillion Clearwell and Accessory Building Alex Evans, City of Papillion Joe Roberts and Randy Milbrath, HDR
5:00 p.m.	ADJOURN

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	NEBRASKA CORNHUSKER CHAPTER SWANA TOUR
8:00 a.m.	LOADING UP - DEPART AT 8:20
8:30 a.m.	City of Omaha Mobile Surveillance Camera (3615 N 120th St, Omaha)
9:00 a.m.	Under The Sink (4001 S 120th St, Omaha)
10:15 a.m.	Firstar Fiber (10330 I St, Omaha)
11:15 a.m.	LUNCH
1:00 p.m.	Soil Dynamics Composting Yard (16494 292nd St, Ashland)
3:00 p.m.	RNG at Papillion Creek Wastewater Treatment Facility (15705 Harlan Lewis Rd, Bellevue)
4:30 p.m.	ARRIVE BACK

THURSDAY, APRIL 2, 2026

7:15 a.m.	REGISTRATION OPENS
TRACK 11	NEBRASKA CORNHUSKER CHAPTER SWANA SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE <i>Location: Dapper I</i>
8:00 a.m.	Business Meeting - Cornhusker Chapter SWANA Board
8:30 a.m.	Nebraska Statewide Characterization Study Update Jeff Phillips, SCS Engineers
9:00 a.m.	Regional Approach to Food Waste Diversion: Collaboration Among Governments and Local Stakeholders Allison Majerus, HDR
9:30 a.m.	Data Doesn't Divert Waste. Systems Do Samantha Nieman, Hillside Solutions
10:00 a.m.	BREAK - Location: Prefunction
10:30 a.m.	Proposed Updates to N.A.C. Title 132 - Integrated Solid Waste Management Regulations Brian McMullen, NDWEE
11:15 a.m.	NCIRSWA Landfill Slope Remediation Matthew Kuhlengel, SCS Engineers
12:00 p.m.	JOINT LUNCHEON (PROVIDED) - Location: Windsor V
1:30 p.m.	Implementing the Safe Battery Collection and Recycling Act and Legislative Updates Kent Holm, Douglas County Environmental Services
2:00 p.m.	Recycle Material Sort Lessons Learned 2.0 Paul Dunn, City of Omaha
2:30 p.m.	Evapotranspiration Caps & Grading for Closure Katie Kinley - HDR
3:00 p.m.	BREAK - Location: Prefunction
3:30 p.m.	Mobile Surveillance Paul Dunn, City of Omaha
4:00 p.m.	Goodwill - Bridging Policy and Practice: Using Goodwill Data and Operations to Make Zero Waste Goals Real in Nebraska Mehreen Chowdhury, Goodwill
5:00 p.m.	CASH DRAWING / ADJOURN