

PAPILLION CREEK WATERSHED PARTNERSHIP



MEETING MINUTES

Partnership Meeting August 31, 2006, 10 AM to Noon - Board Room Natural Resources Center, 8901 S. 154th Street, Omaha, NE

Attendants

The following were in attendance: Russ Kramer (Carter Lake), Laurie Carrette Zook (HDR), Kent Holm (Douglas County), Marty Grate (Omaha), Chester Black (Omaha), Joe Soucie (La Vista), Nina Cudahy (Omaha), James Kee (Omaha), Karen Klein (Omaha), Pat Slaven (Omaha), Marty Leming (Papillion), David Goedeken (Bellevue), Steve Tonn (Douglas/Sarpy County Extension), Mary Schroer (NDEQ), Ronald Asch (NDEQ), Lisa Bliss (Bennington), John Callen (JEO), Emmett Egr (P-MRNRD), Paul Woodward (P-MRNRD), and Marlin Petermann (P-MRNRD).

Purpose

A meeting of the Partnership was held on the above date in order to discuss topics stated in the attached agenda. The meeting began at approximately 10:06 AM.

1. Introductions

- Marlin Petermann opened the meeting and an agenda and sign-up sheet were distributed. Everyone introduced themselves.

2. Carter Lake Preservation and Stormwater Management

- Kent Holm explained the Douglas County Commissioners had suggested that Carter Lake be invited to join the Papillion Creek Watershed Partnership in an effort to coordinate stormwater management concerns. He also noted that Mayor Russ Kramer and Jeannie Eibes with the Carter Lake Preservation Society had been invited to attend today in order to discuss some common goals and activities. Mayor Kramer apologized that Jeannie Eibes was unable to attend, but thanked the Partnership for inviting them. He explained that like the Partnership members of the Carter Lake Preservation Society were concerned with water quality and quantity issues which impact Carter Lake. Mr. Kramer also described activities being conducted around Carter Lake including clean-up efforts and even the installation of rain gardens.

3. Stormwater Policy Adoption

- Paul Woodward reported that several of the communities, counties, and the NRD had still not taken action approving the Stormwater Management Policies. In particular, Bennington, Gretna, Ralston, Douglas County and the NRD had delayed their decisions. Marlin Petermann noted that the NRD Subcommittee and Board had been briefed on the

status and outcome of the July 20, 2006 Public Forum, but would not take any formal action until September 14th.

- Paul Woodward distributed an updated fact sheet which addressed what the policies “Do” and “Don’t Do” along with responding to several other concerns raised about the proposed policies, mainly the question of regional vs. local detention. In order to address this questions visually, a set of maps from the proposed WP-RB6 watershed were handed out. These maps showed the land use and flow under existing and future conditions. They also demonstrate that many local basins could only maintain the peak discharge at its current rate while regional detention would reduce it by nearly 90%. Comments concerning these material were discussed and it was suggested that more language be added to address what future studies will need to address.
- A copy of the Draft Technical Memorandum reviewing how the policies were developed was handed out. It was concluded that an updated draft would be provided via email by September 8, 2006 and any comments would be discussed at the following Subcommittee meeting.
- Similarly, an outline of professional services needed to further evaluate the proposed Watershed Drainage Plan was handed out and discussed. It was concluded that any recommendations for needed services or other changes be provided and discussed at the next Subcommittee meeting.

4. NPDES Permit Compliance

- Nina Cudahy invited everyone to attend and participate in the World O! Water educational event coming up on Saturday, September 17, 2006. She noted a lot of interest had been expressed by local Boy and Girl Scouts.
- Chester Black reviewed recent efforts on behalf of Omaha to inspect all existing NPDES Construction Sites in the Watershed and the website was recently updated on www.pcwperosioncontrol.org. He also explained that reports of the site inspections would be available.

5. Watershed Fund Update

- Summaries of the Watershed Fund were distributed.

6. Other Items of Interest

- NA

7. Next Meeting Dates

- The next Partnership subcommittee meeting was scheduled for Friday, September 21, 2006 at 10:00 AM. The next Partnership meeting will be on Thursday, October 5, 2006 at 10:00 AM.

8. Adjourn

- The meeting adjourned at approximately 12:15 AM. An agenda, attendance list, and the handouts passed out at the meeting are available to those members who were not present at the meeting upon request.

Please contact Paul Woodward at 444-6222 regarding any questions or comments concerning these meeting minutes.