

**PAPILLION CREEK
WATERSHED PARTNERSHIP**



MEETING MINUTES

**Partnership Meeting
June 21, 2007 - 10:00 AM to Noon– Board Room
Natural Resources Center, 8901 S. 154th Street, Omaha, NE**

Attendants

The following were in attendance: Lyle Christensen (HDR), Steve Wolf (IMS), Rick Houck (Sarpy County), Mark Wayne (Sarpy County), Joe Soucie (La Vista), Clare Duda (Douglas County), Kent Holm (Douglas County), Robert Hayes (Boys Town), James Kee (Omaha), Marty Grate (Omaha), Nina Cudahy (Omaha), Lucas Billesbach (JEO/Bennington), Verlon Barnes (NRCS), Emmett Egr (P-MRNRD), Paul Woodward (P-MRNRD), Marlin Petermann (P-MRNRD), and John Winkler (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 10:08 AM.

1. Introductions

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

2. Watershed Studies

- Lyle Christensen (HDR) noted that a subconsultant contract had been finalized with Conservation Design Forum (CDF) and that work was proceeding on LID/Conservation Development modeling. He explained that input was needed from the Partnership on example LID developments. He also noted that the baseline conditions hydrology modeling was being wrapped up.
- Steve Wolf (IMS) explained that final input was needed from the Partnership on the Draft Public Involvement Plan in order to move forward with the initial public outreach. He reported that 1-on-1 interviews were nearing completion and that a final summary would be forthcoming. The need to identify an interest and urgency with the public was discussed. In addition to completing more watershed analysis, the upcoming public release of new floodplain maps was also discussed as a catalyst for generating public interest. Steve Wolf explained that if a lot of interest in watershed issues did occur, concise and factual information would be necessary to bring the public up to speed on the Partnership and its efforts. To accomplish this, new fact sheets and website updates have been recommended by IMS. These draft fact sheets along with the latest public involvement plan will be sent out for final review via email. All suggested revisions need to be received by July 5, 2007. Finally, Steve Wolf reported that final preparations were being made for risk communication training on June 28th and 29th.

3. NPDES Permit Compliance

- Nina Cudahy (Omaha) discussed planning for Omaha and Douglas County to work together on projects such as the Pawnee Wetland site upstream of Cunningham Lake, Saddle Brook School, Under the Sink facility LID improvements, etc. Kent Holm (Douglas County) explained that a tentative date was scheduled for a “green roof” training on October 18th or 25th.

4. Legislation

- John Winkler (P-MRNRD) reported that legislative hearings had been scheduled for stormwater interim studies on September 27th for LR 94 and September 28th for LR 113. He explained that it is important for the Partnership to provide supporting information and testimony. Marty Grate (Omaha) explained that next year’s LB 1226 funds would remain at \$2.5 million, but that allocation percentages would be changed based on actual city and county population.

5. Watershed Fund Update

- Paul Woodward handed out summaries of the Partnership’s watershed fund and reported that annual contributions from all Partners were due by June 30, 2007. LB 1226 funds from the State can be used to support these annual contributions.

6. Other Items of Interest

- Kent Holm (Douglas County) reviewed UNO Real Estate research study proposals regarding the 1) economic impact of lakefront homes and 2) the impact of low impact development on home value. Clare Duda (Douglas County) supported the studies stating that additional economic information would be beneficial no matter what the outcome of the technical studies. The Partnership agreed to consider funding the \$30,000 for the studies at its next meeting.
- Clare Duda (Douglas County) reported that there was no new updates concerning the draft Douglas and Washington County Stormwater Management Policies.
- Kent Holm (Douglas County) noted that Douglas County has selected CH2M Hill to perform a stream assessment study.
- Rick Houck (Sarpy County) reported that the county was reviewing new zoning regulations including stormwater management measures and reported that a new Millard Public School near 180th and Harrison Street was still working on incorporating LID practices.

7. Next Meeting Dates

- The next full Partnership meeting was scheduled for Thursday, July 19, 2007 at 10:00 AM at the NRD.

8. Adjourn

- The meeting adjourned at approximately 11:43 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.

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