

PAPILLION CREEK WATERSHED PARTNERSHIP



MEETING MINUTES

Subcommittee Meeting May 3, 2007 - 8:00 to 10:00 AM – Board Room Natural Resources Center, 8901 S. 154th Street, Omaha, NE

Attendants

The following were in attendance: Laurie Carrette Zook (HDR), Lyle Christensen (HDR), Phil Young (IMS), Steve Wolf (IMS), Rick Houck (Sarpy County), Marty Leming (Papillion), Kent Holm (Douglas County), James Kee (Omaha), Marty Grate (Omaha), Nina Cudahy (Omaha), Lucas Billesbach (JEO/Bennington), 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 8:05 AM.

1. Introductions

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

2. Watershed Studies

- Lyle Christensen (HDR) handed out and reviewed a revised scope, schedule and cost estimate for Stage IV services including services to be provided by Conservation Design Forum (CDF) as a sub-consultant. Laurie Carrette Zook (HDR) reviewed the 5 scenarios for hydrologic modeling, screening regional detention sites, determining the extent of Low Impact Development control, and then creating a combined alternative before holding “mid-stage” public forums. Following mid-stage, the draft scope proposed that regional detention and water quality basins would be sized for sediment storage. This proposed set of services was discussed and it was decided that any proposed services for sizing basins should be replaced with scope to refine hydrology and cost estimates for one preferred watershed plan based on public input. The final deliverable would be a watershed plan report documenting the technical analysis and public input used to reach consensus on one overall watershed plan. Provided these revisions are made, all Partnership members in attendance consented that the scope and contract for Stage IV services with HDR Engineering should be brought before the NRD Board for positive consideration.
- Steve Wolf (IMS) provided several handouts and reported on the status of the Public Outreach Plan currently being developed by IMS. He noted that IMS would begin interviewing members of the Partnership as part of this initial planning process and that staff from IMS would be in contact with everyone shortly to set up a time. Steve also

reviewed several revised or proposed revisions to Partnership outreach materials, including a brochure, logo, fact sheets, and website. As part of these materials, Steve Wolf presented key messages that should be common to all public outreach materials and messages. All of these materials will be distributed via email to Partnership members for their review and comment prior to the next meeting. The need for the Partnership to speak with one voice was discussed and as we continue to develop the plan, it may be beneficial for the Partnership to select one spokesperson. Risk-based communication training was briefly discussed and it was noted that an email would be sent out to provide additional information.

3. Other Items of Interest

- Paul Woodward (P-MRNRD) provided a copy of the invite for the upcoming joint session of the Douglas and Washington County Board to receive public input on their proposed stormwater management policies. The meeting will be held at Bennington High School (168th and Bennington Rd) at 7:00 PM. Kent Holm reported that the format of the meeting will likely be an initial presentation of the proposed policies followed by open question and answer. The need for the Partnership to have someone provide comments about continuing to work together toward a common set of policies was discussed. It was decided that draft comments would be prepared by the NRD for review and that Mark Wayne (Sarpy County) would be asked to speak on behalf of the Partnership.
- An upcoming EPA webcast was announced and Kent Holm (Douglas County) said that he had registered and would host the webcast training on May 9, 2007 from 11 AM to 1 PM.

4. Next Meeting Dates

- The next full Partnership meeting was scheduled for Thursday, May 31, 2007 at 10:00 AM at the NRD.

5. Adjourn

- The meeting adjourned at approximately 10:15 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.