

**PAPILLION CREEK
WATERSHED PARTNERSHIP**



MEETING MINUTES

**Partnership Meeting
February 15, 2007, 10:00 AM – Board Room
Natural Resources Center, 8901 S. 154th Street, Omaha, NE**

Attendants

The following were in attendance: Laurie Carrette Zook (HDR), Duane Wilcox (Washington County), Clare Duda (Douglas County), Mark Wayne (Sarpy County), Kent Holm (Douglas County), James Kee (Omaha), Karen Klein (Omaha), Steve Tonn (Douglas/Sarpy Co Extension), Marty Grate (Omaha), Nina Cudahy (Omaha), Paul Woodward (P-MRNRD), Emmett Egr (P-MRNRD), Marlin Petermann (P-MRNRD), and Gerry Bowen (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 10:05 AM.

1. Introductions
 - Paul Woodward opened the meeting and an agenda and sign-up sheet were distributed. Everyone introduced themselves.
2. Stormwater Policy Adoption
 - Paul Woodward (P-MRNRD) provided copies of the Partnership's RFP and reported that 5 public involvement firms had responded. These proposals were reviewed by subcommittee members, NRD staff, and 5 members of the Partnership selected at the previous February 1, 2007 PCWP subcommittee meeting. Although unable to attend the NRD subcommittee selection meeting on February 6, 2007, partnership members submitted written comments to the subcommittee. The public involvement firms of Bailey Lauerman, IMS, and Lovegren, were selected for interview by the NRD's selection subcommittee. Interviews are scheduled to be held on February 20, 2007 and those members representing the Partnership are requested to attend and provide their input to the NRD subcommittee. The process of preparing a scope of services with the selected firm was discussed. It was noted that the selected firm should be consulted as to the services needed by the Partnership.
 - Laurie Carrette Zook reviewed a proposal to amend HDR's existing Stage III scope to include an update of the watershed hydrology, come up with a methodology to analyze Low Impact Development, and finish preparing a scope for Stage IV. A copy of this amendment to utilize the remaining \$35,000 was handed out and discussed.
3. NPDES Permit Compliance

- As previously reported, approximately \$500,000 of LB 1226 funding from Douglas County and the City of Omaha is planned to help construct the Pawnee Wetland upstream of Cunningham Lake. Kent Holm (Douglas County) reported on the Douglas County LID Workshop to take place on February 28th and March 1st. Several other ideas of stormwater management uses for the funding was discussed including LID demonstration projects such as green roofs, porous pavement, grassed swales, wetlands, and infiltration rain gardens.
- Paul Woodward explained that a subcommittee of the NRD had also reviewed engineering proposals for Zorinsky Water Quality Basin #2. The subcommittee selected to interview HDR, Olsson Associates, JEO, and CH2M Hill.

4. Legislation

- Marty Grate (Omaha) explained that the hearing regarding the Stormwater Utility Fee legislation (LB 534) was held on Tuesday. He noted that there was similar testimony in both support and opposition of the bill to that in previous years. Grate did report that it was positive to hear more understanding of the issue from the Natural Resources Committee.
- A copy of the introduced bill (LB 272) was handed out. Marlin Petermann (P-MRNRD) informed everyone that the hearing on the bill was scheduled for February 22, 2007. He urged Partnership members to provide support for the bill by testifying or providing a written letter. He also explained that revisions to the bill may be needed to remove increased tax lid language.

5. Other Items of Interest

- Paul Woodward (P-MRNRD) noted that the NRD had obtained a grant from FEMA and was in the process of scoping floodplain mapping needs in Dakota, Douglas, Sarpy, and Washington Counties. A meeting with all community officials in Douglas and Sarpy County is scheduled for March 16, 2007 at 2:00 PM.
- Clare Duda (Douglas County) provided an update on the recent discussions of the Douglas and Washington County committee formed to review the stormwater management policies. Duane Wilcox (Washington County) explained that the committee's recommended changes to the policies would not include any form of detention, but would rely heavily on LID
- Steve Tonn encouraged everyone to attend the Sediment and Erosion Control seminar scheduled for February 21, 2007 at the Holiday Inn Central starting at 8:30 PM.

6. Next Meeting Dates

- The next full Partnership meeting was scheduled for Thursday, February 15, 2007 at 10:00 AM at the NRD.

7. Adjourn

- The meeting adjourned at approximately 11:45 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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