

PAPILLION CREEK WATERSHED PARTNERSHIP



MEETING MINUTES

Partnership Meeting April 26, 2007 - 10:00 AM to Noon– Board Room Natural Resources Center, 8901 S. 154th Street, Omaha, NE

Attendants

The following were in attendance: Laurie Carrette Zook (HDR), Phil Young (IMS), Sharon Dowell (IMS), David Goedeken (Bellevue), Joe Soucie (La Vista), Mark Wayne (Sarpy County), Rick Houck (Sarpy County), Marty Leming (Papillion), Dan Freshman (Ralston), Clare Duda (Douglas County Commissioner), Kent Holm (Douglas County), Robert Hayes (Boys Town), Karen Klein (Omaha), James Kee (Omaha), Marty Grate (Omaha), Nina Cudahy (Omaha), Lisa Bliss (Bennington), Lucas Billesbach (JEO/Bennington), Steve Tonn (Douglas/Sarpy County Extension), Dorothy Lanphier (P-MNRD Board), Paul Woodward (P-MRNRD), Marlin Petermann (P-MRNRD), Emmett Egr (P-MRNRD), Gerry Bowen (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

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

2. Watershed Studies

- Sharon Dowell (IMS) provided a one page handout and reported on the status of the Public Outreach Plan currently being developed by IMS. She noted that IMS would begin interviewing members of the Partnership shortly. 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. Input into the process from Washington County was discussed and it was noted that representative from Washington County will likely be present on the public advisory group.
- Laurie Carrette Zook (HDR) handed out and reviewed a revised scope for Stage IV services including services to be provided by Conservation Design Forum (CDF) as a sub-consultant and experts in Low Impact Development controls. 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, but it was noted that a detailed schedule and cost estimate would be needed before the Partnership could recommend that the proposed contract be brought before the NRD Board for consideration. Therefore, it was decided that an updated contract along with cost

estimate and schedule would be provide via email prior to review at a PCWP subcommittee meeting sometime the following week.

3. NPDES Permit Compliance

- All Partnership representatives present reported on their internal plans for use of the State LB 1226 cost-share funding. Most entities were still completing their lists, but had begun planning for projects for which the funding is needed. Nina Cudahy (Omaha) updated the Partnership on plans for Omaha and Douglas County to work together on projects such as the Pawnee Wetland site upstream of Cunningham Lake, Saddle Brook School green roof, and other example LID efforts.

4. Legislation

- Marty Grate (Omaha) explained that there has been a lot of recent interest in the legislature on Stormwater Management due to the passage of LB 701, a bill which would give Republic River NRDs bonding authority. He noted that an interim study on the issue and associated funding was likely. He also indicated that \$2.5 million would be kept in the State's budget under the previous LB 1226 funding for Stormwater Management, but that changes would likely be made to the allocation of funding for co-located counties and cities.
- John Winkler (P-MRNRD) reported that the bill had been killed in committee, but that legislators were considering a separate study of just stormwater management and flood control issues in the Papillion Creek Watershed.

5. Other Items of Interest

- Kent Holm (Douglas County) also reviewed information relating to a proposed RFP for a stream assessment study. He noted that additional information would soon be available if other Partners might be interested.
- Kent Holm (Douglas County) noted an upcoming joint session of the Douglas and Washington County Board to receive public input on their proposed stormwater management policies. The meeting is tentatively scheduled for 7:00 PM at Bennington High School (168th and Bennington Rd). A final draft version of these proposed policies is available online at www.dcplanning.org.
- James Kee (Omaha) discussed this year's World O' Water event planned in September at Chalco Hills. He explained that the scope of the festival is expanding and that more Partners should take advantage of the opportunity to get involved by volunteering.

6. Next Meeting Dates

- A Subcommittee meeting with all the Partners was scheduled for next Thursday, May 3, 2007 at 8:00 AM at the NRD. The next full Partnership meeting was scheduled for Thursday, May 31, 2007 at 10:00 AM at the NRD.

7. Adjourn

- The meeting adjourned at approximately 11:50 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.