

PAPILLION CREEK WATERSHED PARTNERSHIP



MEETING MINUTES

Partnership Meeting November 15, 2007 – 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM – Board Room Douglas County Environmental Services, 3015 Menke Circle, Omaha, NE

Attendants:

The following were in attendance: Jim Kee (Omaha), Pam Tusa (Douglas County), Rick Edgerton (JEO/Bennington), Emmett Egr (P-MRNRD), Marlin Petermann (P-MRNRD), Paul Woodward (P-MRNRD), Amanda Grint (P-MRNRD), Marty Leming (Papillion), Clare Duda (Douglas County), Dave Petrocchi (Bellevue), Dorothy Lanphier (P-MRNRD Board), Joe Soucie (LaVista), Steve Tonn (Douglas/Sarpy Extension), Lisa Bliss (Bennington), Gerry Bowen (P-MRNRD), Lyle Christensen (HDR), Paul Dierking (HDR), Phil Young (IMS), John Winkler (P-MRNRD), Steven Perry (Gretna), Robert Hayes (Boys Town), Bob Sink (CH2MHill), Emily Holtzclaw (CH2MHill), Steve Wolf (IMS), Marty Grate (Omaha), Kent Holm (Douglas County), Ginny McGuire (USGS), Rick Wilson (USGS), and Nina Cudahy (Omaha)

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 1:08 PM.

1. Introductions

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

2. Watershed Studies

➤ *IMS Contract Amendment*

Paul Woodward (P-MRNRD) informed the group that IMS had submitted a revised document indicating that the scope of the project would be somewhat altered in order to stay within the original budget. A copy of this document was distributed to those in attendance. The main points discussed were that because of additional work that IMS needed to put in to some of the tasks there was approximately \$10,000 in budget left to utilize. The plan is to direct that fee toward completion of the public forum task and to eliminate the task for the Advisory Group and to also cease work on the one on one contacts with public officials. No objections were noted and all Partnership members in attendance consented to approve the IMS invoice and related scope change.

Steve Wolf (IMS) stressed the importance of continuing the one on one communications. He feels that this is imperative to the success of the project. The PCWP Communications Team will put a plan together and will be in touch with other Partnership members to make these

contacts. Marlin Petermann (P-MRNRD) asked that the Partnership members respond to this and help out to complete this critical task.

➤ *Stage IV Technical Evaluation Update*

Lyle Christensen (HDR) presented an update on the hydrologic and hydraulic analysis and how the LID templates would be integrated into the calculations. A copy of the presentation was handed out. A recent map showed that much of the watershed area has already been platted and would not be available to incorporate template LID developments. Lyle presented the LID templates and the assumptions. There was discussion on whether or not the templates were marketable and would be cost effective to the developer. It was realized that while this template does not address every specific issue it does make an effort to set a realistic template and it is important to establish a baseline for future study. A schedule was discussed to have the first four scenarios ready for review in December. Public meetings would likely be held in late January or early February. Public input would be gathered and the information processed for a finalized report sometime in the first quarter of 2008.

➤ *Public Outreach and Involvement Update*

Steve Wolf (IMS) indicated that they are 90% complete with contacting the local elected official and the PCWP will need to complete this task. The next task for IMS will be support for the Public Forums sometime in January or February, as soon as the information is ready to be presented. Two new boards have been prepared and were distributed to the partners for review. Two other boards have been completed.

The Communications Team will be working to be more proactive about setting up speaking engagements for PCWP partners. The next Communications Team meeting is scheduled for November 29th, at 9:00 AM at the Papio-Missouri River NRD office. Anyone is welcome to join the committee.

3. NPDES Compliance

➤ *LB 1226 Funding and Projects*

Nina Cudahy (Omaha) gave an update on the LB 1226 projects. Hawkins Construction Company has been awarded a contract by OPS for the installation of a green roof and rain garden at the Saddlebrook site. Other projects on the horizon are Cole Creek Stream Restoration and the Pawnee wetland project. In addition, the City of Omaha Sewer Maintenance building was being analyzed to determine if the structure could support a green roof and a rebid will go out in December or January for a rain garden and stormwater collection system for the Douglas County Health Center.

Some opportunities for education were presented at the meeting. Kent Holm (Douglas County) noted that a Smart Growth Conference will be held June 5, 2008 and a 2nd Green Roof for Healthy Cities workshop (for design contractors) will be held November 27th. Paul Woodward (P-MRNRD) will send information on to the partners.

➤ *Website Updates (Omaha)*

Jim Kee (Omaha) indicated that the City websites have been brought up to date for ADA compliance. Jim can add meeting dates on the website for topics that are relevant to the Partnership. Also a link will be added to the website for community groups to request a speaker from the PCWP for their meetings. Jim also explained the possibility of having a virtual open house on the website that would mimic the actual event.

4. Legislation

➤ *Stormwater Legislative Hearings Follow-Up*

Marty Grate (Omaha) stated that the senators questions regarding LR 113 were being compiled and would be sent out to everyone for review. Paul Woodward (P-MRNRD) suggested that the same be done for LR 94.

5. Other Items of Interest

➤ *West Papio Floodplain Maps (P-MRNRD) – Public Open House, Thursday, December 6, 2007*

Paul Woodward (P-MRNRD) indicated that the Preliminary FIRM maps for the West Papio and tributaries were released and are in a process of community review. FEMA will be sending a letter to local communities informing them of the date for the public open house on Thursday, December 6th, from 4:00 – 8:00 PM at the Papio-Missouri River NRD office. Invitations will be sent to all affected property owners and to each community's public officials. Following the open house, the appeal period will be directed by FEMA and notice will be given to the communities.

➤ *Papillion Creek TMDL study*

Pat O'Brien with the Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality will be presenting the results of the Papillion Creek TMDL (Total Maximum Daily Loads) study at the next Partnership meeting. Paul Woodward (P-MRNRD) will send the draft report out to the partners as soon as it is available.

➤ *Steve Tonn (Douglas/Sarpy Extension) updated the group on the City of Omaha Erosion and Sediment Control seminar. It will be held on February 13th and will include Steve Jensen speaking about Regional Planning in the Watershed.*

➤ *Steve Tonn (Douglas/Sarpy Extension) also gave an update on the Carter Lake Technical Advisory Committee. The progress is good but is going a little slower than anticipated. The Carter Lake Watershed Council committees are looking at conceptual plans now. Public meetings are planned for February or March.*

6. Next Meeting Date

➤ The next Communications Team meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 29, 2007 at 9:00 AM at the NRD office.

➤ The next full Partnership meeting is scheduled for Thursday, December 20, 2007 at 10:00 AM at the NRD office.

7. Adjourn

- The meeting adjourned at approximately 2:50 PM. An agenda, attendance list, and the handouts passed out at the meeting are available upon request.

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