

PAPILLION CREEK WATERSHED PARTNERSHIP



MEETING MINUTES

Partnership Meeting January 4, 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), Lucas Billesbach (JEO/Bennington), Mark Wayne (Sarpy County), Rick Houck (Sarpy County), Don Eikmeier (Elkhorn), Dan Freshman (Ralston), Marty Leming (Papillion), Kent Holm (Douglas County), James Kee (Omaha), Robert Hayes (Boys Town), Karen Klein (Omaha), Steven Perry (Gretna), Steve Tonn (Douglas/Sarpy Co Extension), Jeannie Eibes (Carter Lake), Joe Soucie (La Vista), Marty Grate (Omaha), Pat Slaven (Omaha), Chester Black (Omaha), Geoff Goodwin (Omaha), Paul Woodward (P-MRNRD), Emmett Egr (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 10:07 AM.

1. Introductions

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

2. NPDES Permit Compliance

- Jim Kee reviewed an email that had been sent out reviewing the process of permitting an erosion control project through the City of Omaha website. He noted that a project request must first be made by the applicant to the city. Once each project has been setup on the website, an official from the responsible community must initial each project after approving their Erosion Control Plans. Interim guidance on this review and approval process will soon be available on www.PCWPerosioncontrol.org. An update of the website will be available April 1st, but will be unveiled at the Erosion Control Seminar on Feb. 21st. Also, it was noted that today is the last day for public comment on NDEQ's latest permit form.
- Recent action on Ordinance or Stormwater Policy adoption was discussed. Don Eikmeier noted that Elkhorn would not likely consider the policies or ordinance until after the annexation ruling was made. Kent Holm explained that the County may soon consider adoption of the ordinance, but was still in the process of reviewing the policies through a committee of Douglas and Washington County Board members.
- Pat Slaven reviewed recent information concerning the LB 1226 funding for the Pawnee Wetland just N of Highway 36 within the federal property of Cunningham Reservoir.

She noted that 6 alternative designs had been prepared by Olsson Associates for Omaha and NGPC. The preferred alternative was a concrete weir as compared to a conventional dam due to its lower cost of around \$500,000. The total cost of this project would likely be closer to \$1 million after adding the cost of over excavating the pool to allow for additional sediment capacity. In addition to the Pawnee Wetland project, it was suggested that all members come up with suggested demonstration Stormwater BMP projects. Kent Holm noted that the Douglas County LID Workshop may lead to several ideas. Partnership communities receiving LB 1226 funds were asked to put together a brief project list for their own community projects in order to determine what remainder of funds they might be to do some larger projects within the watershed. Each partnership member was also asked to submit any ideas they might have on potential stormwater projects to Paul Woodward by February 1, 2007. Paul Woodward also noted that the NRD was planning to pursue professional services to design Zorinsky Basin #2 in hopes of using future LB 1226 funding.

3. Watershed Studies

- Laurie Carrette Zook reviewed a revised draft of proposed Stage IV services which are geared toward evaluating policy implementation, updating hydrology, and utilizing public involvement strategies to enhance public understanding of the policies and regional detention plan. The positives of hiring an independent Public Relations firm were discussed. Partnership members agreed that utilizing a separate PR firm would be beneficial. It was decided that a Request for Proposals be prepared by the NRD and that the consultant selection process be used to help determine exactly what services are needed. It was recommended that an advisory committee from the Partnership be determined at next subcommittee meeting.

Laurie Carrette Zook also reviewed the basic scope of services needed to begin the hydrologic analysis of the proposed regional detention structures. She explained that these initial services can be approved through a contract amendment utilizing the remaining funds left from the Stage III analysis.

4. Legislation

- The Stormwater Utility Fee bill was introduced this year as LB 534. The potential changes to funding percentages provided in LB 1226 were also discussed.
- A copy of the draft bill prepared by the NRD was handed out and reviewed.

5. Other Items of Interest

- Paul Woodward (P-MRNRD) reviewed the status of several developments which impact proposed regional detention basins was reviewed.

6. Next Meeting Dates

- The next Partnership subcommittee meeting will be on Thursday, February 1, 2007 at 10:00 AM at the NRD. 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 12:10 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.