

PAPILLION CREEK WATERSHED PARTNERSHIP

MEETING MINUTES



Partnership Meeting January 26, 2017 – 10:00 AM – Board Room Natural Resource Center, 8901 S 154th Street, Omaha, NE

Attendants:

See attached sign-in sheet.

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 10:08 am.

1. Introductions

- An agenda and handouts were distributed. Marlin Petermann facilitated introductions.

2. Stormwater Funding

- Nina Cudahy stated that the Unicameral Appropriations Committee is proposing to eliminate or reduce stormwater funding established by Legislative Bill 1226. At this time it is unclear what the exact level of funding will be.
- Amanda Grint will follow up with the District's lobbyist to try to clarify what the committee is proposing.
- PCWP communities have sent letters to request that these funds remain.
- John Kottmann stated that La Vista currently gets about \$10,000 in funding and that it is used to pay PCWP member dues.
- Nina Cudahy stated that Omaha uses the funds for demonstration projects and education/outreach. These projects will have to be eliminated in the future if funding is cut.

3. Vote – USACE Stream Degradation Study

- Marlin Petermann noted that there are a number of eroding channels in the Papillion Creek Watershed and although the 319 Water Quality Plan is working toward identifying those areas, more can be done on this issue. Funding from 319 is decreasing and so other avenues should be pursued to study the stream degradation issues and solutions. Marlin and Jim Theiler with the City of Omaha met with the USACE to see if their Section 22 Program could help study and identify areas of concern and ultimately provide financial assistance in repairs. This program provides 50% of the funding from USACE with the other 50% coming from



the project sponsor. Marlin noted that the study could take about 2 years and initially, the USACE would like a letter of intent from the local partners.

- The plan prepared by USACE would cover the entire Papio watershed in Douglas and Sarpy Counties and the areas draining directly to the Missouri River. The data in the plan could be used by any of the communities to seek further funding opportunities from USACE through programs for streambank protection.
- The total project cost is estimated to be \$200,000. Omaha and the NRD will each provide \$25,000 of the local match. Because this plan will cover all PCWP members, Omaha and the NRD are requesting that the PCWP contribute the remaining \$50,000 over two years.
- Lori Laster reviewed the projected income and expenses of the PCWP through Fiscal Year 2019 which is when the current Interlocal Agreement will expire. With all current projects and an expected \$150,000 to update the implementation plan to prepare for the next interlocal agreement, the PCWP fund would have a remaining balance of \$13,190.
- Roll call vote was taken. 6 votes yea, 0 votes nay, with Gretna, Ralston, and Sarpy County representatives absent.

4. MS4 Permit Update

- Amanda Grint gave a brief overview of the December meeting where NDEQ discussed the progress of the sMS4 permit.
- NDEQ has stated they sent the new draft permit to EPA for review and comment. A draft permit is expected by mid-February.
- Nina Cudahy indicated Omaha has not yet seen their draft permit.
- The goal is to have all PCWP members covered by a similar permit however NDEQ has indicated they would like to have all sMS4 communities covered by one permit. The draft permit previously presented did not take into account the established PCWP programs and policies.
- Amanda will follow up with NDEQ on Omaha's draft permit and getting the other communities on a permit different from the rest of the state's sMS4 communities.

5. Papillion Creek Watershed Regional Detention Sites WP1, WP2, WP4, DS7, DS12, & DS19 RFP

- The NRD has met with several developers who are proposing developments near these 6 regional basin sites. The only data available on these sites are conceptual design plans and they are not sufficient to determine what the potential land acquisition limits will be.
- Because the NRD received funding for WP6 and WP7 through the State Water Sustainability Fund, previously budgeted money is available to develop better plans for these sites.
- The NRD is soliciting proposal for consultants to develop preliminary design plans for each site. Each site will have 60% design plans to identify the land acquisition limits for each project. These design plans will also be ready in the event other grant opportunities present themselves.
- The implementation plan developed through the PCWP will still determine the order of construction of the sites.

6. Other Items

- The annual Sediment and Erosion Control Seminar will be on February 2, 2017 at the Ralston Arena.

- The Spring Stormwater Symposium hosted by UNL Extension, IECA Great Rivers Chapter, and NeFSMA will be March 8, 2017 at the Scott Conference Center.

5. Next Meeting Date

- The next meeting will be held February 23, 2017 at 10am at the NRC building.

6. Adjourn

- An agenda and the handouts passed out at the meeting are available upon request.

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**Record of Vote
January 26, 2017 - 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM – Board Room
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**Vote to Contribute \$50,000 from Partnership Fund to USACE Stream
Degradation Study**

Community	Voting Representative	Vote
Bellevue	Chris Shewchuk	Yes
Boys Town	Scott Kardell	Yes
Gretna		
La Vista	John Kottmann	Yes
Omaha	Nina Cudahy	Yes
Papillion	Mark Stursma	Yes
Ralston		
Sarpy County		
P-MRNRD	Marlin Petermann	Yes



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Partnership Meeting August 24, 2017 – 10:00 AM – Board Room Natural Resource Center, 8901 S 154th Street, Omaha, NE

Attendants:

See attached sign-in sheet.

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 10:05 am.

1. Introductions

- An agenda and handouts were distributed. Marlin Petermann facilitated introductions.

2. MS4 Permit Update

- Amanda Grint stated that NDEQ has issued the small MS4 permit for the Papillion Creek Watershed communities on July 1, 2017. A new Notice of Intent must be submitted by each community. The NOI can be submitted at any time, but the new Stormwater Management Plan must be submitted by the end of the year. A copy of Omaha's draft SWMP is included in the packet. We will discuss the draft SWMP at the September and October meetings to finalize.
- Jim Kee stated that Omaha has submitted their SWMP and NOI to NDEQ, but have not yet received any comments. They are on the same timeline for approval of the permit. Reporting periods will be the same for both Omaha and the other communities.
- John Kottmann asked if all the supporting documents should be submitted with the NOI. Should they be digital or hard copies? Amanda will follow up with NDEQ to determine how these should be submitted. Amanda will get an executed copy of the current interlocal agreement.
- Lori Laster and Amanda will work on a draft of the SWMP for the sMS4 communities prior to the next meeting.



3. New Grading Permits

- Jim Kee stated that changes are being proposed to the general terms in the grading permit issued through Permix to be consistent with State requirements. The draft language has been emailed to each community for their review and comment. The major change would be to relax dry weather construction site inspections from weekly to every 14 days. Effluent limitations guidelines have been included in the State permit. There are no numeric limits but there are BMP suggestions to achieve the goals. Please provide any comments to Jim within the next 30 days. A stakeholder meeting will be scheduled with consultants and developers to discuss the changes.

4. Sediment and Erosion Control Enforcement

- Marlin Petermann showed photographs of current sites where sediment has been released in to reservoirs due to inadequate BMPs during construction. Sites including Prairie Queen, Dam Site 15A, and Zorinsky Basin 2. The regulations may not be sufficient to keep sediment from being deposited in streams and reservoirs. Do we need to look at additional requirements for treatment train BMPs to make sure that we are preventing sedimentation?
- Jim Theiler asked if there is a way to define sensitive areas that would require a higher level of BMPs and inspections.
- Jim Kee stated that Cunningham, Standing Bear, and Zorinsky were identified as priority watersheds in the past. Any construction project within a mile of these reservoirs had a priority review, but he is not aware of any additional rules or regulations. It would be possible to add these areas to the Omaha Regional Stormwater Design Manual.
- Any priority sites identified by the City of Omaha are inspected more frequently, but there are no other requirements.
- Andy Szatko stated that it's difficult for people to gain access to other people's property when sediment leaves a construction site.
- Amanda Grint stated that enforcement of cleanup is difficult. It takes a lot of follow up to get contractors to remove sediment and repair damage. And how do we deal with habitual offenders?
- Jim Kee stated that the maximum fine is \$500 per day per violation. When considering a fine, habitual offenders will get a larger fine than those who haven't had previous violations.
- Chris Shewchuk stated that stopping work could also be an option for unresponsiveness.
- Jim Theiler stated that there had been collaboration with Metro Omaha Builders Association (MOBA) when grading permits and regulations were first implemented. We need to start that coordination again.
- Dan Gittinger stated that Gretna stops inspections (footing, electrical, etc.) until issues have been addressed.
- The City of Bellevue collects a cut/fill fee with grading permit fees. We could consider raising permit fees to offset increased costs.
- Omaha will reach out to MOBA and Build Omaha to start a discussion to determine how we can address these issues with contractors and builders.
- Andy Szatko stated that we should set up a meeting with all permit reviewers in each jurisdiction to discuss processes and gather input from everyone. He will also gather feedback from inspectors.

- A Doodle poll will be sent out for a subcommittee meeting to include permit reviewers from each community. We will try to schedule the meeting before the next Partnership meeting.

5. Other Items of Interest

- World O! Water is on September 9, 2017 from noon to 4 pm at Chaco Hills. Hy Vee is supplying hotdogs and chips. Volunteers are needed to help with canoe rides.
- September 21, 2017 (9 am - 3:30 pm) is the Omaha Green Infrastructure Tour. Registration is capped at 94 so registrations should be submitted soon. UNL Extension will send an email and information is posted on the Omaha Stormwater Facebook page.

6. Next Meeting Date

- The next meeting will be held September 28, 2017 at 10 am at the NRC building.

7. Adjourn

- The meeting adjourned at 11:46. An agenda and the handouts passed out at the meeting are available upon request.

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2. Draft Stormwater Management Plan

- Jim Kee stated that Omaha has received some preliminary comments on their draft stormwater management plan. However, the comments addressed previous annual reports and they will be seeking clarification on them. Copies of the comments were provided to those in attendance.
- Amanda Grint stated that Douglas County has modified the SWMP from FHU for the other SMS4s in the state. That draft is more prescriptive than the format Omaha is proposing. Omaha's draft will allow more flexibility in meeting the permit goals and objectives.
- Public Education and Outreach
 - Lori Laster explained that the draft SWMP calls for development of a plan to define the goals, objectives, target audience, and distribution process of materials. In years 2-5, the permittees will report on how the plan is implemented.
 - Andy Szatko is trying to develop some new methods for tracking audiences to categorize who is seeing the messages.
- Public Participation and Involvement
 - Jim Kee explained that it is difficult to have projects for public participated that directly implement stormwater controls. Keep Omaha Beautiful does help with storm inlet marking projects and litter clean up days that can be counted as public participation.
 - Lori Laster stated that the PCWP website is currently being updated and a section on public involvement describing ways can be included to meet this permit requirement. The SWMP and all annual reports will need to be included as well. Proposed rule, ordinance, or regulation changes will need to be handled by each individual community.



- Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination (IDDE)
 - Jim Kee stated that the IDDE portion of the SWMP hasn't changed much from the current SWMP.
 - Omaha received a comment on field screening for IDDE sampling methodology and requirements for sampling every discharge, regardless of appearance. Omaha will be working with NDEQ due to guidance from the Center for Watershed Protection on low-risk discharge.
 - Field staff training is also part of this element. Year 1 call for developing a plan to identify staff that may need to be trained and how they will be trained.
 - Andy Sztako stated that Omaha has purchased several training videos and they would be willing to lend them to communities to satisfy this requirement.

3. Other Items of Interest

- John Kottmann asked if any clarification had been provided from NDEQ on whether or not supporting documentation can be submitted electronically or if hard copies need to be mailed.

6. Next Meeting Date

- The next meeting will be held October 26, 2017 at 10 am at the NRC building.

7. Adjourn

- The meeting adjourned at 11:02 am. An agenda and the handouts passed out at the meeting are available upon request.

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2. Draft Stormwater Management Plan

- Lori Laster explained that the stormwater management plan (SWMP) and supporting documentation for the small MS4 communities is due to NDEQ before the end of the year. The first three elements of the SWMP were discussed at the September meeting. After discussion at this meeting, the draft SWMP will be finalized. Then drafts will be prepared for the supporting documentation required.
- Construction Site Runoff Control
 - Lori Laster explained that the draft SWMP calls for development of a plan to define the strategy for construction site inspections. The draft SWMP will not substantially change the processes already in place, but will formalize the procedures for inspections and compliance assistance.
 - Andy Szatko stated that the proposed changes to the grading permit will not change the process either, but will make sure that grading permits issued through Permixon are consistent with NDEQ requirements
 - Andy also showed the print materials the City of Omaha has developed to assist with staff training and outreach to the regulated community. These materials are available to PCWP members electronically if they wish to use them with their own logos.
- Post Construction Runoff Control
 - Lori Laster reviewed the draft SWMP elements. The PCSMP regulations will not change with the draft permit, however the processes for inspections, compliance assistance, and responding to public complaints will need to be formalized in the first year of the permit.
 - Andy Szatko stated that a mechanism may need to be developed for property owners to submit annual inspection reports to the communities. Currently the inspections are



required and property owners are responsible for maintaining compliance documentation.

- Pollution Prevention and Good Housekeeping
 - Lori Laster stated that communities will be required to submit a map of municipal facilities with the SWMP. In year 1 of the permit, a strategy will need to be developed to assess and prioritize municipal facilities as well as a maintenance plan for storm sewer systems and training plan for municipal staff and contractors.
 - Andy Szatko stated that the biggest change is that communities will now need to address open channel maintenance in the annual report. Each community will need to determine how they will be able to track any maintenance activities. Omaha has developed several templates for their municipal facilities for training and can share those documents.

3. Other Items of Interest

- Doug Dreessen inquired if efficacy of post-construction stormwater BMPs has been evaluated. Andy Szatko stated that Omaha has done quite a bit of monitoring of bioretention and believes it is a sound practice.
- John Coolidge asked if any thought had been given to regional post-construction stormwater BMPs. Amanda Grint stated that nothing has been formalized and there would need to be a plan presented involving all landowners before it could be considered.
- The Annual Sediment and Erosion Control Seminar will be held February 1, 2018 at the Hilton downtown. Information will be sent out in December.

6. Next Meeting Date

- Lori Laster will send a Doodle poll for a subcommittee meeting in early December.

7. Adjourn

- The meeting adjourned at 11:03 am. An agenda and the handouts passed out at the meeting are available upon request.

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