



## Meeting Minutes March 25, 2022 – 10:00 AM

### Attendants:

See attached sign-in sheet.

The meeting began at 10:02 am.

#### 1. Introductions

- Lori Laster (P-MRNRD) facilitated introductions.

#### 2. Lateral Migration Analysis

- Lori Laster reviewed the work completed to date by FHU as part of the effort to update the stream setback policy. After stakeholder meetings in April and May 2021, a contract amendment was executed with FHU to address concerns from developers that the proposed policy was too conservative.
- Aaron Hirsh (FHU) presented the results of a lateral migration analysis. This analysis compared stream widths as indicated on 2004, 2010, and 2016 LiDAR sets. The average rate of stream widening is about 0.5-1 foot per year. The analysis shows that the lower range of widening occurs in areas without a lot of development activity between 2004 and 2016. Areas that saw more development activity in that time frame showed a greater rate of widening.
- Based on both the vertical degradation analysis and the lateral migration analysis, the proposed policy of a 3:1+50-foot setback based on a future degraded stream profile seems to still be the best option.
- Lori mentioned that coordination with USACE on permitting of grade control structures has begun. The P-MRNRD currently has a regional general permit for channel maintenance of federal projects. This permit includes grade control structures similar to those FHU and USACE have proposed for standard designs. The Partnership could pursue a regional general permit for this type of work; however it could take several years to complete. Another option would be a programmatic permit where a single agency handles the permitting of all structures. The P-MRNRD will continue to work with USACE to find a solution to make permitting of grade control structures more efficient.
- Jim Theiler (Omaha) mentioned that we should start coordination with Nebraska Department of Environment and Energy (NDEE) as they will be taking over 404 permitting in Nebraska. It's anticipated it could take two years before that is fully effective.

#### 3. USACE Section 22 Stream Degradation Study Update



- Eric Williams (P-MRNRD) presented and update on the stream degradation study sponsored by the Partnership, P-MRNRD, and the City of Omaha.
- A 95% report has been completed and is under review by P-MRNRD and the City of Omaha. The main takeaways from the report are that the Papio watershed is consistently experiencing vertical stream degradation and lateral stream migration/widening. The report will be finalized soon. This will make certain repair projects eligible for federal funding.
- Mark Stursma (Papillion) asked if there was a total cost of repair projects. No economic analysis was completed with this study. Jim Theiler suggested trying to put together a general cost estimate to aid in demonstrating why the stream setback requirements should be updated.

#### 4. Other Items of Interest

- Andy Szatko (Omaha) noted that the state general Construction Stormwater Permit has had some recent changes. He would like to schedule a meeting with all the grading permit reviewers to discuss the changes and if any should be incorporated in the Papillion Creek Watershed permit. Lori will send an email to find a meeting time.

#### 5. Next Meeting Date

- The next meeting is scheduled for April 28, 2022 at 10 am.

#### 6. Adjourn

- The meeting adjourned at 11:27 am. An agenda and the emailed handouts are available upon request.

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



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**MINUTES**

**PCWP Grading Permit Discussion**

**April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022 | 2 pm – 3 pm**

**P-MRNRD Board Room**

1. Attendees – Andy Szatko, Jim Kee, Lori Laster, Dean Dunn, Matt Knight, Pat Dowse, Derek Goff, Zach Hergenrader, Greg Perry, Jason Kubicek, Julie Ogden
2. Reviewed & discussed main differences of the new NDEE Construction Stormwater (CSW) Permit NER210000
  - a. Inspection frequency, submission of SWPPP and CERT to NDEE, and final stabilization definition.
  - b. Derek, Pat, Jim, Andy, Dean, and Matt stated that their preference is for keeping weekly inspections, not giving option for 14-days as NDEE does, and ok with removing the 0.5” rain event inspection requirement.
  - c. Rest of the group acknowledged support behind weekly inspections and removing the 0.5” rain event requirement.
  - d. Jim and Andy noted that a consultant has expressed a desire for change to update the inspection frequency to remove the rain event requirement.
3. Discussed current PCWP Grading Permit Terms & Conditions & processes to review and update in conjunction with the update due to the new NDEE CSW Permit
  - a. Derek stated he’d like to see only CMP risers for temporary sediment basins and no permanent risers due to issues with sites not properly implementing them. This is something that can be added to a future stakeholder meeting with the development community.
  - b. Desired Permix modifications that were shared, including ability to manage the numerous files on the documents page and a “modification” button for Post-Construction module
  - c. Discussed situation where an inspection firm stops filing inspections because they are not being paid. Omaha currently informs them to submit a Change of Responsibility form to remove themselves, note the situation, and leave the new inspector blank to indicate the applicant needs to be contacted for the new inspector.
4. Next steps discussed
  - a. Grading permit terms & conditions to be updated to be consistent with the NDEE CSW and update inspection frequency to weekly inspections
  - b. Share updates with PCWP Partners for review
  - c. Receive feedback & discuss as needed prior to stakeholder meeting
  - d. Set a meeting with stakeholders, i.e. consultants, development community
  - e. Update Grading Permit guidance documents once permit is finalized



## Meeting Minutes August 25, 2022 – 10:00 AM

### Attendants:

See attached sign-in sheet.

The meeting began at 10:00 am.

#### 1. Introductions

- Lori Laster (P-MRNRD) facilitated introductions.

#### 2. Grading Permit Terms and Conditions

- Andy Szatko (Omaha) reviewed proposed changes to the grading permit as a result of changes to the State Construction Stormwater Permit.
- The new State permit allows 14 days between inspections and does not require an inspection after a rainfall event. A working group of permit reviewers and inspectors determined that the Papio permit would keep the inspection frequency at 7 days and eliminate the requirement for an inspection after every half-inch rain event. The group determined having weekly inspections could capture any issues after rain events.
- A meeting will be coordinated with developers and designers to discuss the changes before they are finalized.

#### 3. MS4 Audits

- Several communities have been selected to be audited by Nebraska Department of Environment and Energy for compliance with the Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) requirements.
- Douglas County, Papillion, La Vista, Boys Town, and Gretna are all in the process. No final reports have been issued. Key findings have been tracking demographics during outreach events. In a metropolitan area it is difficult to tell where people live at events such as World O! Water so it's unclear if messages are reaching each community. Employee training is also an issue as many communities have had staff turnover in the last couple of years.
- Communities who have been audited will share the final reports with the Partnership so that as a group the issues can be addressed.

#### 4. Proposed Stream Setback Policy – Steps Forward

- Lori Laster informed the group that Papio NRD is still working with the USACE on permitting issues for grade control. The goal is that by the end of the year we will be able to meet with



development stakeholders again to discuss changes to the stream setback policy that would encourage installation of grade control at the time of development.

5. Other Items of Interest

- Jim Kee noted that World O! Water would be held at Chalco Hills Recreation Area on September 10, 2022

6. Next Meeting Date

- The next meeting is scheduled for September 23, 2022.

7. Adjourn

- The meeting adjourned at 10:36 am. An agenda and the emailed handouts are available upon request.

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**Partnership Meeting  
February 27, 2020– 10:00 AM– Board Room  
Natural Resources Center, 8901 S 154<sup>th</sup> Street, Omaha, NE**

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