

PAPILLION CREEK WATERSHED PARTNERSHIP



MEETING MINUTES

PCWP Meeting

September 24, 2009 – 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM – Board Room
Natural Resource Center, 8901 S 154th Street, Omaha, NE

Attendants:

The following were in attendance: Lori Laster (PMRNRD), Amanda Grint (PMRNRD), Mark Stursma (Papillion), Marty Leming (Papillion), James Kee (Omaha), Marty Grate (Omaha), Marlin Petermann (PMRNRD), Dorothy Lanphier (PMRNRD Director), Scott Japp (PMRNRD Director), Joe Soucie (La Vista), Dan Freshman (Ralston), Chris Shewchuck (Bellevue), Robert Hayes (Boys Town), Steve Perry (Gretna), Bob Sink (CH2MHill), Paul Woodward (Olsson Associates), Barb Frohlich (Douglas County), Lucas Billesbach (JEO), Jeff Sinnett (La Vista), John Schwope (PMRNRD Director), Rebecca Horner (Sarpy County), and Morgan Sykes (E&A Consulting)

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 10:05 AM.

1. Introductions

- An agenda, sign-up sheet, and handouts were distributed. Marlin Petermann (PMRNRD) opened the meeting and led the introductions.

2. Update on Phase II NPDES Permit

Amanda Grint (PMRNRD) gave the group an update on the Phase II NPDES permits and noted that the permits had been placed on public notice and to date is unaware of any comments provided to Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality (NDEQ). The public notice period is 30 days and NDEQ would like to have the new permit issued by October 1st, 2009. Scott Japp (PMRNRD Director) asked why Washington County was included on the permit title since they are not involved with the Partnership and do not need a permit. Marty Grate (Omaha) noted that according to information he had received from NDEQ, Washington County would qualify for an NPDES permit but did not know if that had been relayed to Washington County. It was also noted that each community individually submits for a permit and does not submit a title. The permit title is something that NDEQ provides. Amanda Grint (PMRNRD) noted that she could follow up with Blayne Renner, NDEQ, and try to find an answer to that question.

A Semi-Annual Report is due for the Phase 2 NPDES permits on October 1st even though the permits are on administrative extension. Each community that is a permit



holder must send in their own annual permit. A template was distributed via email on September 10th to the Partnership members and it will be emailed out again after today's meeting.

3. Stormwater Management Plan Program Grant Application

Grant applications for State Stormwater Management or LB1226 are due on October 2nd. Each community should have received an application noting the amount they are eligible for. Amanda Grint (PMRNRD) noted that each community will need to fill in the grant application and attach a table which refers to those items from the NPDES Stormwater Management Plan and indicates how the grant funds could be distributed among those activities. It was noted that the grant money could be used to pay a community's Partnership dues. Marty Grate (Omaha) noted that this grant money could be used for items in your NPDES Stormwater Management Plan but not for and normal O&M activities or any flood control projects. He also noted that if your community has additional money to provide a match that you should include that in the application. This area receives \$1.9 million in funding and if there is any leftover funding because some communities did not apply then it could be distributed to those communities who can document a match. This is the last year for the LB1226 Stormwater funding, it will take legislative action to continue this grant program. Lori Laster (PMRNRD) noted that a template table to attach to each community's grant application would be emailed out by the end of the day.

4. Update on new PCWP Interlocal Agreement

Amanda Grint (PMRNRD) noted that a revised version of the PCWP Interlocal had been distributed. Bellevue is the only community who has yet to adopt the interlocal. Bellevue's City Attorney pointed out that the interlocal needed some legal tweaking because it was an amendment that included two parties (Douglas County and Bennington) who would not sign. To rectify the situation the interlocal was amended to remove those two parties. It was noted that each community should take this to their legal counsel to determine what action, if any, needs to take place. Marlin Petermann (PMRNRD) noted that after consultation with NRD legal counsel that it was not a change that needed to go to the Board for action. Dorothy Lanphier (PMRNRD Director) asked if the effective date of the agreement should be changed to reflect the current date and not the date that the last interlocal expired. It was noted that the agreement is only valid on the date that it was signed and that it was appropriate because Omaha and the NRD had continued Partnership services from the effective date as if the agreement was in place. Dorothy asked that legal counsel be consulted.

➤ Model Ordinance

It was noted that now that the interlocal was in place that ordinances were the next step for the communities to implement the interlocal. Omaha has provided a copy of their draft ordinance for the Partnership to use or amend to fit their process. Marty Grate (Omaha) noted that Omaha has included the collection of Watershed fees in their subdivision agreements. Mark Stursma (Papillion) noted that Papillion has a schedule of fees that would need to be updated. Each community was asked to review the model ordinances and we would continue to discuss. The goal is for communities to have ordinances in place by the end of the year. An electronic version of the ordinances will be distributed.

5. Model Floodplain Ordinance.

Amanda Grint (PMRNRD) gave a quick update on the new flood maps being completed for the watershed. The new West Papio maps will be effective in May 2010 and all affected communities will need to have an updated floodplain ordinance by then. A draft ordinance was distributed for

review. The proposed ordinance is the State of Nebraska model ordinance with a few additions. Mainly those additions are that communities would be regulating to the future 100 year flood elevations and that best available data would be used by the communities. This will be discussed at further meetings but with a goal of adopting a new floodplain ordinance by the end of the year.

A discussion was had on whether individuals within a dam breach area should be notified by their community. Joe Soucie (La Vista) noted that La Vista does do this with the one dam in their community.

6. Community Rating System Discussion

Amanda Grint (PMRNRD) distributed some information on the Community Rating System (CRS) and noted that Omaha, Papillion and Sarpy County are all in the process of entering this program. All communities are eligible that are in the National Flood Insurance Program (which is all communities in the Partnership besides Gretna) and through this CRS program can reduce flood insurance premiums for individuals in their jurisdiction. Mark Stursma (Papillion) gave the group and update on the extensive application process that they recently completed. Preliminary information looks like Papillion will achieve a Class 7, which is a 15% reduction in flood insurance premiums for its residents. It was noted that much of the information needed for the application is provided by the Partnership and perhaps a packet of information could be assembled to make it easier for communities to apply.

7. Other Items of Interest

- The meeting adjourned at approximately 11:20 AM. An agenda, attendance list, and the handouts passed out at the meeting are available upon request.

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