

PAPILLION CREEK WATERSHED PARTNERSHIP



MEETING MINUTES

Partnership Meeting

**October 22, 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: Dorothy Lanphier (P-MRNRD Director), Bobbi Holm (UNL Extension), Doug Dreessen (TDD), Gabe Robertson (NDOR), Mike Mattison (NDOR), Blayne Renner (NDEQ), Holly O'Dell (Bennington), Barb Frohlich (Douglas County), Dan Freshman (Ralston), Dave Shively (Ralston), Joe Soucie (La Vista), Nina Cudahy (Omaha), Marty Grate (Omaha), Selma Kessler (Omaha), Jim Kee (Omaha), Mark Stursma (Papillion), Steve Perry (Gretna), Emmett Egr (PMRNRD), Marlin Petermann (PMRNRD), Amanda Grint (PMRNRD) and Lori Laster (PMRNRD)

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.

2. Update on Phase II NPDES Permit

- Blayne Renner (NDEQ) reported that the Phase II permit was issued September 30, 2009. During the September meeting, the question was raised as to why Washington County was listed on the draft permit. Blayne reported that Washington County has been designated by the NDEQ Director as needing a Phase II permit. He was not sure when the permit would be issued.

3. Stormwater Management Plan Program Grant – Community Update

- Communities reported on various activities performed utilizing LB 1226 grant funding.
 - The City of Omaha used their funds on the Cole Creek stream restoration project, a rain garden/outdoor classroom at Benson High School, and to develop runoff control plans for municipal facilities. They have also initiated the Green Gardens project. This project will develop a design manual and hold workshops on bio-retention cells and rain gardens.
 - The City of Ralston is GPS locating their inlets, outlets, and pipes in their storm sewer network.



- The City of La Vista is GPS locating their storm sewer network. They are also using a portion of their funding to install a StormCeptor at a city golf course.

4. Discussion on Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination - NDOR

- NDOR has been designated as an MS4 and is required to have an NPDES permit. Gabe Robertson and Mike Mattison discussed some of the programs NDOR has implemented. They have instituted an inspector certification course for all of their personnel and consultants who perform inspection activities on their projects. They hold periodic certification courses and encourage inspectors from other MS4 communities to attend. They also wish to execute Memorandums of Understanding with other MS4 communities where the jurisdictions overlap. This MOU will clarify who is responsible for the monitoring and reporting of the facilities.

5. CBI Systems Software Demonstration

- An online demonstration of the software for MS4 communities was played. The demonstration can be viewed at <http://www.ms4web.com/cbisystems/>.

6. Status of Ordinance Adoption

- The City of Gretna reported that the ordinance is being reviewed by legal counsel. The City of Papillion will adopt the policies as part of their comprehensive plan. An ordinance is needed to adopt the watershed fees. The City of Omaha has finalized all of the new ordinances. The City of La Vista will present the ordinance to the planning commission in November and to city council in December.

7. Floodplain Ordinances

- The state model ordinance has been changed to reflect the newly-adopted policies of the PCWP. These changes will allow communities to manage to future conditions, to help alleviate future flooding problems. The new ordinance will also include language to allow communities to regulate to "Best Available Data." This will allow them to use newer studies as they become available, even if they are not shown on a current FEMA map. An issue that still needs to be resolved is how each community will regulate the policy of only allowing fill to be placed in 25% of the floodway fringe. The 25% will be restricted to each permit application. Lots cannot be subdivided and new application submitted to place more fill.

8. Budget

- A summary of the PCWP tasks and their costs was given to the group.

9. Other Items of Interest

- The Post Construction Stormwater Management Workshop was attended by 183 people. The feedback from the workshop was positive.
- The PCWP Website has been re-designed and updated. The address is www.papiopartnership.org. All the current plans and policies, as well as a copy of the current interlocal agreement can be found on the website. The content of pages will be updated soon.

10. Next Meeting Date

- The next meeting is scheduled for November 19, 2009 at 10 am at the Natural Resources Center.

11. Adjourn

- The meeting adjourned at approximately 12:05 pm. An agenda, attendance list, and the handouts passed out at the meeting are available upon request.

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