

PAPILLION CREEK WATERSHED PARTNERSHIP



MEETING MINUTES

Partnership Meeting

February 25, 2010 – 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), Scott Japp (P-MRNRD Director), Robert Hayes (Boys Town), Scott Kardell (Boys Town), George Parizek (JEO for Bennington), Bobbi Holm (UNL Extension), Nina Cudahy (Omaha), Selma Kessler (Omaha), Marty Grate (Omaha), Jim Kee (Omaha), Rebecca Horner (Sarpy County), Jay Fallick (Kirkham Michael), Waldo Margheim (GBA), Zachary Jilek (E&A Consulting), Jeff Thompson (TD2), Eliodora Chamberlain (EPA), Pete Davis (EPA), Mandy Whitsett (EPA), Paul Woodward (Olsson Associates), Ted Hartsig (Olsson Associates), Bob Sink (CH2M Hill), Jesse Poore (FHU Engineering), Joe Soucie (La Vista), Dan Freshman (Ralston), Marty Leming (Papillion), Marlin Petermann (P-MRNRD), Amanda Grint (P-MRNRD) and Lori Laster (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 10:05 am.

1. Introductions

- An agenda, sign-up sheet, and handouts were distributed.

2. EPA Grant Programs

- Mandy Whitsett, Eliodora Chamberlain, and Pete Davis from EPA Region 7 gave a short presentation on EPA grant programs. The Wetland Program Development Grants (WPDG) can be used for research, investigations, experiments, training, demonstrations, surveys or studies to reduce, prevent, or eliminate water pollution. Region 7 receives approximately \$1.1 million annually to award within the region. Typical project awards are between \$100,000 and \$500,000 and a 25% non-federal match is required. The presentation is posted on the PCWP website at www.papiopartnership.org.

3. Natural Resources Inventory

- Ted Hartsig and Paul Woodward from Olsson Associates presented a project completed in Kansas City utilizing EPA grant funds. The Kansas City project is a Natural Resources Inventory (NRI). An NRI takes existing data from different agencies and organizations and compiles the data into one database that can then be used by entities to determine how best to



layout new development in order to protect natural resources. Data collected would include land use, soil type, topography, vegetation, and water resources. The NRI would also help to identify areas that would be sensitive to new development. The NRI would also identify areas that are in need of stabilization, therefore creating priority projects throughout the watershed. Planning departments would be able to incorporate the results from the NRI into master plans. The presentation is posted on the PCWP website at www.papiopartnership.org.

4. Ordinances

- Partnership members are in the process of updating their community's floodplain and stormwater ordinances. All communities affected by the new West Papillion Creek flood maps must update their floodplain ordinance by May 3, 2010 which is the effective date of the new maps. To date, Boys Town and Papillion have adopted the revised floodplain ordinances. All other communities have started the process with their planning commissions. Boys Town, Gretna, La Vista, Omaha, and Papillion have all adopted the new Post Construction Stormwater ordinances. Bellevue and Ralston are in the process of presenting to planning commission and city council. Sarpy County has been enforcing the changes. They will present administrative changes to zoning regulations to the planning commission on March 17, 2010.

5. CBI Systems, Inc. Software Vote

- The Executive Committee voted to purchase the MS4Web Software Program. Seven of nine communities were represented for the vote. The item passed. See attached vote sheet.

6. Douglas County Request to Share Data

- Kent Holm from Douglas County Environmental Services had requested that the Partnership consider an agreement to be reimbursed for sharing monitoring data that is done collectively by the City of Omaha for the Partnership. Holm took the draft agreement to the Douglas County Board where they voted against the agreement.

8. Other Items of Interest

- Nina Cudahy asked if it would be possible for the NRD to go out to bid for the creation of a web-based application to track post construction stormwater management plan activity similar to the current sediment and erosion control web application.
- NPDES annual reports are due April 1. Jim Kee will be compiling the data and forwarding it on the first week in March.
- Comments on EPA proposed stormwater rules are due by February 26th.
- The Green Gardens project will be holding its first homeowner's workshop on March 20.
- There will be an LID workshop in Council Bluffs at the Iowa Western Campus on March 4.

9. Next Meeting Date

- Due to several scheduling conflicts, the March meeting will be scheduled for March 18, 2010 at 10 am.

10. Adjourn

- The meeting adjourned at approximately 11:35 am. 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.

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