

PAPILLION CREEK WATERSHED PARTNERSHIP



MEETING MINUTES

Partnership Meeting May 27, 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), Jeff Thompson (Papillion), Zach Jilek (E&A Consulting Group), Emily Holtzclaw (CH2M Hill), John Kottmann (La Vista), Scott Kardell (Boys Town), Bobbi Holm (UNL Extension), Lucas Billesbach (Bennington/JEO), Marty Grate (Omaha), Jim Kee (Omaha), Nina Cudahy (Omaha), Rebecca Horner (Sarpy County), Jesse Poore (FHU Engineering), Paul Woodward (Olsson Associates), Pat O'Brien (NARD), Scott Japp (P-MRNRD Director), Mark Stursma (Papillion), Bradley Huyck (TD2), Gabe Robertson (NDOR), Selma Kessler (Omaha), Shawn Melotz, Lori Laster (P-MRNRD), and Marlin Petermann (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. Stream Restoration Projects in the Metro Area

- Whitted Creek - Martin Cleveland, P-MRNRD, talked about the design and construction of the Whitted Creek restoration project. The project was taken on by P-MRNRD in order to protect a levee that was threatened by an eroding stream. Partial funding was provided by Nebraska Environmental Trust and Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality 319 Program.
- Cole Creek - Nina Cudahy, City of Omaha, discussed the Cole Creek restoration project. The Cole Creek project was initiated to help protect sports facilities at Roncalli High School. The project was funded in part by P-MRNRD and LB 1226 Stormwater funds.
- Both presentations will be available on the PCWP website.

3. Update on Ordinances

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4. Nebraska Department of Roads Memorandum of Understanding

- NDOR has shared that they have been designated as an MS4 and are required to have an NPDES permit. They would like to execute a Memorandum 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. Omaha and La Vista have executed the agreement. Other communities should take the agreement to their council for approval prior to July 1, 2010. P-MRNRD will collect all agreements and forward to NDOR.

5. 2010-2011 Meeting Dates

- Proposed meeting dates for 2010-2011 were distributed. Most meetings will be held on the fourth Thursday of each month, with the exception of November and December. The November and December meeting will be held on the third Thursday. If anyone knows of conflicts with these dates for conferences, workshops, etc. please let Lori Laster know so that the meeting date can be changed.

5. Other Items of Interest

- EPA Wetland Program Development Grant - A grant application was submitted to EPA Region VII on May 20, 2010. If the application is approved, the Partnership will use the funds to develop a Natural Resources Inventory. The inventory will help to identify environmentally sensitive areas and prioritize areas for restoration. The grant program requires a 25 percent match. The WPD grants will be awarded in the fall. If the Partnership application is approved, the Executive Committee will need to vote to approve the matching funds.
- The budget for Fiscal Year 2011 was distributed at the meeting. The budget was prepared to reflect the income and contract amounts assuming the award of the EPA grant for a Natural Resources Inventory.
- All PCWP members should forward Watershed Fees collected to P-MRNRD before July 1, as stated in the Interlocal Agreement. Invoices were mailed to each member.

9. Next Meeting Date

- The June meeting is scheduled for June 24, 2010 at 10 am.

10. Adjourn

- The meeting adjourned at approximately 11:30 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.