

PAPILLION CREEK WATERSHED PARTNERSHIP



MEETING MINUTES

Partnership Meeting January 27, 2011 – 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM – Board Room Natural Resource Center, 8901 S 154th Street, Omaha, NE

Attendants:

The following were in attendance: Emily Holtzclaw (CH2M Hill), Gerry Bowen (P-MRNRD), Tammi Palm (Bellevue), Rick Kolowski (P-MRNRD Director), Jesse Poore (Felsburg, Holt, & Ullevig), Doug Dreesen (Thompson, Dreesen & Dorner), Brad Huyck (Thompson, Dreesen & Dorner), Nina Cudahy (Omaha), Marty Grate (Omaha), Selma Kessler (Omaha), Robert Hayes (Boys Town), Jim Kee (Omaha), Nina Cudahy (Omaha), Todd Swirczek (Sarpy County), Mark Westergard (E&A Consulting), Gus Erickson (P-MRNRD Director), Mark Stursma (Papillion), Christopher Solberg (La Vista), Joe Soucie (La Vista), Amanda Grint (P-MRNRD), 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. New P-MRNRD Urban Drainageway Program Guidelines

- Marlin Petermann noted that the P-MRNRD Board of Directors approved changes to the Urban Drainageway cost-share program at their January meeting. P-MRNRD worked with Emily Holtzclaw of CH2M Hill to develop a guidance document for the new program guidelines.
- Emily Holtzclaw gave a presentation outlining the new policies. P-MRNRD wants to encourage more natural channel design projects that will enhance water quality and improve habitat. In order to promote these projects, changes to the current guidelines were necessary. There are now three levels of design with three cost share levels in the program guidelines. Level 1, Restoration, is the highest level and will receive a cost share of 75%. A Level 1 project would be similar to Cole Creek. These projects will use as many of the natural channel design elements as possible and involves enhancing stream meanders and floodplain reconnection. Level 2, Rehabilitation, is the mid-level project and will receive a cost share of 60% (the previous cost share amount for all projects). These projects, similar to Whitted Creek, will use as many natural channel design elements as possible, but does not involve altering the existing stream alignment. Level 3, Stabilization, will be a project where



repairs/treatment are done in critical areas using predominately traditional bank stabilization methods such as riprap, along with some bioengineering techniques. Level 3 projects will receive 40% cost share. In order to qualify for Level 1 or Level 2 funding, applicants must also apply for Nebraska Environmental Trust funds and NDEQ 319 grants. Because applications for those programs are due in September, projects applying for Fiscal Year 2012 funds will not have to apply. But projects applying for Fiscal Year 2013 must apply in September 2012.

- Gerry Bowen noted that the application notices would be sent out next week and that applications would be due in March.

3. Update to Omaha Regional Stormwater Design Manual

- Nina Cudahy noted that a contract with CDM will be on the Omaha City Council agenda sometime in February. The contract is to update chapter 8 (Post Construction Stormwater BMPs) to reflect practices required by the current ordinance. A subsequent contract will be necessary to update Chapter 9 (Sediment and Erosion Control BMPs) at a later date. Nina stated that Omaha will work with the PCWP and ACEC throughout the update process.
- Jesse Poore noted that other Phase II MS4 communities in Western Nebraska may be interested in using Omaha's design manual. The Nebraska H2O group may be able to contribute funds for additional stakeholder meetings.

4. MS4 Annual Report (due April 1)

- Jim Kee noted that there have been issues with the CBI software that was purchased for compliance monitoring and reporting. The software does not run with the most current version of the GIS software used by Omaha. CBI is attempting to provide a solution. If they can't provide a solution, CBI will host the software. Once the software is up and running, communities will need to provide any shape files of outfalls and/or monitoring locations for use by the program.
- Because of the issues from the software, the annual report will be done the same way it has in previous years. Jim Kee will pull the data together. Amanda Grint will provide the communities with templates by the beginning of March.

4. Other Items

- The annual Sediment and Erosion Control Seminar is being held on February 2, 2011 at the Holiday Inn. Douglas County and UNL Douglas/Sarpy Extension are sponsoring an afternoon session as well at the Extension office. The morning is free, however a certificate of attendance for PDHs will cost \$25. The afternoon session is \$25 and lunch will be provided. Contact Bobbi Holm for more information.
- Half Moon, LLC is holding a Low Impact Development seminar in Lincoln on Wednesday February 23, 2011. The cost to attend is \$259. For more information go to www.halfmoonseminars.com.
- Jesse Poore stated that the new Post Construction Stormwater Management Plan website is up and running. Work is ongoing on adding the grading permits to the new website. Jesse and Jim Kee will be giving a presentation on the new sites at the Sediment and Erosion Control Seminar.

- Nebraska Floodplain and Stormwater Managers Association (NeFSMA) will be having their first quarter meeting on February 10 at the Auld Pavilion in Lincoln. There will be speakers from EPA, NDEQ, City of Lincoln, and City of Omaha focusing on construction site compliance. There is no cost to attend the meeting and lunch will be provided. Contact Jesse Poore or Lori Laster for more information.
- Jesse Poore addressed the group on behalf of NeFSMA. NeFSMA will be holding a stormwater roundtable discussion in April. Because of the benefit to MS4 communities, NeFSMA would like to procure sponsorships (\$100-\$200) from MS4 communities in order to bring in guest speakers.
 - Nina Cudahy and Marlin Petermann suggested that the PCWP could provide a donation on behalf of all partners. The PCWP will vote at the February meeting to provide a \$1,000 sponsorship to NeFSMA for the Stormwater Roundtable.
- Several current legislative bills were discussed that may have impact on PCWP communities. Marlin Petermann noted that there are two bills that would alter P-MRNRD bonding authority. Marty Grate noted that LB 683 would establish a state stormwater commission to study Nebraska regulations regarding stormwater and utility fees. Marty also noted that LB 682 would turn back the State's portion of sales taxes on utilities to offset increased costs of replacement programs.

5. Next Meeting Date

- The next meeting will be held February 24, 2011 at 10am at the NRC building.

6. 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.