PAPILLION CREEK
WATERSHED PARTNERSHIP

MEETING MINUTES

Partnership Meeting
July 31, 2008 – 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM – Vistor's Center
Natural Resource Center, 8901 S 154th Street, Omaha, NE

Attendants:

The following were in attendance: Mike and Linda Ryan, Steve Perry (Gretna), Chris Shewchuk (Bellevue), Shawn Melotz, Dorothy Lanphier (PMRNRD Director), Karen Klein (Omaha), Brian Doyle (Fullenkamp, Doyle & Jobeun), Emily Holtzclaw (CH2M Hill), Doug Dreessen (TD2), John Winkler (PMRNRD), Jeff Elliott (E&A), Mark Westergard (E&A), Ken Tex (Sarpy County), Paul Woodward (PMRNRD), Emmett Egr (PMRNRD), Lucas Billesbach (Bennington), Nina Cudahy (Omaha), Marty Grate (Omaha), Kent Holm (Douglas County), Gerry Bowen (PMRNRD), Amanda Grint (PMRNRD), Jim Kee (Omaha), Clare Duda (Douglas County), Lyle Christensen (HDR), Marlin Petermann (PMRNRD), Mark Wayne (Sarpy County), and Joe Soucie (La Vista)

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

- Marlin Petermann (PMRNRD) opened the meeting and an agenda, sign-up sheet, and handouts were distributed. Everyone introduced themselves.

2. NPDES Permit Compliance

- *Stormwater Ordinance Amendment Update (Omaha)*
  Marty Grate (Omaha) updated the group on the status of the City of Omaha's proposed stormwater ordinance amendment. This amendment includes the control of the first one half inch of stormwater runoff for water quality improvement. The first reading of the amendment is scheduled for August 12th. Nina Cudahy (Omaha) noted that the Post Construction Stormwater Management Plan guidance document will be distributed to the Partners for review. Jim Kee (Omaha) will post to the Partnership website. Nina also noted that the September 25th workshop has been reduced to a half day event. The workshop will be from 8:00AM – 12:00 PM at the Douglas County Extension office. There will be an email notification and the City will work through MOBA to advertise the event. Paul Woodward (PMRNRD) noted that communities may want to bring the ordinance amendment as an introductory item to their planning commissions prior to the September workshop. It would also be a good opportunity to invite elected officials to the workshop. It was noted to the communities that along with the ordinance amendment there would also need to be amendments to the subdivision agreement and regulations, so be sure to review. The goal for

the next Partnership meeting is for each community to update the group on their intent and schedule to get this ordinance in front of their planning boards and councils.

- *Ongoing State Stormwater Grant Projects (All)*
  Nina Cudahy (Omaha) informed the group that she and Kent Holm (Douglas County) have compiled and submitted an annual report to NDEQ for the use of the 1226 Water Quality grant funds.

  Nina updated the group on the status of the Omaha projects. The Cole Creek project will be bid later this month and includes rain gardens, bio retention areas and some pervious paving. Pawnee wetland will be wrapping up in the next couple of months. The green roof at Saddlebrook has been delayed and will be installed next spring.

  Kent Holm (Douglas County) reported on the status of the Douglas County Health Center. The project is mostly complete with a small curb cut modification that will take place in the next few weeks. The rainwater collection system has not been used as of yet due to all the rain we have been getting. A rain garden was installed at the Heath Center to deal with the overflow from the irrigation collection system.

  These projects and several workshops were funded by the 1226 Water Quality grant money. Annual reports are due from each community that received funds. These reports are due today.

- *Upcoming Educational Events*
  World O' Water is scheduled for September 14th at Chalco Recreation Area. Jim Kee (Omaha) distributed handouts for the event which listed all the activities. There will be a Partnership booth at the event. There is a need for the partners to volunteer for the booth and to help with other activities that day. Please contact Jim Kee if you are able to help out.

  Keep Omaha Beautiful will have a booth at the Fall Home and Garden Show. The Partnership is able to present information at that booth. Volunteers may be needed. The event is scheduled for October. More details will be provided as the event approaches.

3. Stormwater Management Policy Update (All)

- Paul Woodward (PMRNRD) noted to the group that the focus of the Partnership for the next month will be the water quality stormwater ordinance amendment. However, the PMRNRD is going to pursue a contract to have a consultant establish a 3:1 plus 50 ft creek setback for the Big and Little Papio Creeks. This information is necessary for the Corps of Engineers as they complete the flood study for those areas. The Partnership can benefit from this information and possibly add to it if there is interest. A map could be produced which defines the creek setback limits and the slope of the creek channel will be available so areas of steep slopes could be easily identified. Another consideration is that with this data the Partnership would be able to compare any future study to determine rates of degradation, change in stream condition, etc.

  The group discussed the floodplain policy and Paul Woodward (PMRNRD) noted that if the PCWP representative is not that community's floodplain administrator then please pass this information along and get them involved in the policy revision. Lucas Billesbach

(Bennington) pointed out that the way the policy is worded today, that individuals could fill 25% of the property and then sell/split the lot which would allow another 25% of the divided lot to be filled. Lucas suggested that the group address this issue in the revisions.

Paul Woodward (PMRNRD) asked that the communities talk internally about the proposed policy revisions and get opinions from necessary staff so that policy talks can resume in the fall.

4. Watershed Management Plan Update (HDR)

- Lyle Christensen (HDR) presented information to the Partnership about the water quality and pollutant removal rates that could be expected if the watershed management plan was operating at full build out. Marlin Petermann (PMRNRD) noted that the charts show the pollutant removal rates for Max LID and it would be important to see the performance of the water quality LID. Lyle noted that charts would be provided however you could expect a range of 40% to 60% less efficiency for water quality LID only. In smaller storm events, the water quality LID is as effective as Max LID because there less stormwater discharge from the site.

5. Watershed Fund Update

- Amanda Grint (PMRNRD) updated the group on the status of the watershed fund. Spreadsheets were distributed showing the expenses and contributions for the four year period. Projections show that there will be approximately $116,000 available for engineering studies in the last year of this interlocal agreement. The HDR contract will be completed with the draft Stage IV report. However, several elements including an implementation plan, still need to be considered. HDR will prepare a document outlining additional tasks that should be accomplished to finalize the Stage IV report as well as any tasks that are necessary to help the communities submit for new NPDES permits. At the next Partnership meeting these items will be discussed and the Partnership will determine how to allocate the funds for the next year. Another item to consider is the renewal of the interlocal agreement for the Partnership. Members should be thinking of this as a new agreement will need to be drafted by the end of the year.

6. Other Items of Interest

- Paul Woodward (PMRNRD) updated the group on the West Papio Flood Map status. The City of Papillion has been granted an extension to review the study. The appeal period ends August 19th which means the earliest map adoption would be August 2009.

- Nina Cudahy (Omaha) noted that the EPA would be in Omaha performing an audit of the NPDES permit process on August 5th and 6th.

7. Next Meeting Date

- The next Subcommittee meeting is scheduled for <u>Thursday, August 14 at 10:00 AM at the NRD office</u>.
- The next Partnership meeting is scheduled for <u>Thursday, August 28 at 10:00 AM at the NRD office</u>.

7. Adjourn

- The meeting adjourned at approximately 11:55 PM. An agenda, attendance list, and the handouts passed out at the meeting are available upon request.

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

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