

PAPILLION CREEK WATERSHED PARTNERSHIP



MEETING MINUTES

PCWP Meeting

**August 27, 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: Lori Laster (PMRNRD), Amanda Grint (PMRNRD), Scott Bovick (Sarpy County), Selma Kessler (Omaha), James Kee (Omaha), Nina Cudahy (Omaha), Marlin Petermann (PMRNRD), Dorothy Lanphier (PMRNRD Director), Scott Japp (PMRNRD Director), Mike and Linda Ryan, Robert Hayes (Boys Town), Emmett Egr (PMRNRD), Lucas Billesbach (JEO), and Blayne Renner (NDEQ)

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. Marlin Petermann (PMRNRD) opened the meeting and led the introductions. The members present indicated which representative would be the voting member and the alternate member.
 - Sarpy County - Rebecca Horner, Voting Member
Scott Bovick, Alternate
 - Boys Town - Robert Hayes, Voting Member
No Alternate
 - Omaha - Marty Grate, Voting Member
Nina Cudahy, Alternate
 - Papio NRD - Marlin Petermann, Voting Member
Amanda Grint, Alternate

It was noted that a quorum was not present.

2. Update on Phase II NPDES Permit

Blayne Renner (NDEQ) addressed the group and discussed the NPDES permit with the group. The Phase II NPDES permit is on Administrative Extension until the permit can be finalized. He noted that there have been significant format changes but no substantial changes in regulation for this permit cycle. Blayne noted that the guidance information is provided in the draft permit as an attachment. A fact sheet was also provided to the authorized representative of each Phase II community with the draft permit. Blayne indicated that no comments were received by EPA during their two week review and any comments they may wish to submit now must be sent during the public notice period.



The permit will be placed on public notice as of August 28th or 31st after that date only written comments will be received by NDEQ. The public notice is 30 days and NDEQ would like to have the new permit issued by October 1st, 2009.

Several questions were asked of Blayne regarding the incorporation of flood control in the NPDES permit. He noted that the Clean Water Act does not mandate any structure and that flood control is left to the responsibility of the community. NDEQ does not support or oppose flood control structures. It was noted by NDEQ that structures that are intended for treatment are not considered waters of the state. This differentiates between reservoirs and water quality basins.

The group then discussed several items from the Stormwater Management Plan for clarification from NDEQ. Amanda Grint (PMRNRD) reviewed the changes that had already been made to address NDEQ comments and then noted that the group had some reservations regarding the additional wording to the street sweeping activity. The current permit has removed the action item to evaluate current street sweeping operations for the potential to increase their effectiveness as they relate to pollutant removal. It was noted that most communities have some means to evaluate the effectiveness but would prefer that the commitment be more detailed so that everyone has the same understanding of the activity. Blayne noted that the permit currently does not include that commitment but perhaps the group could amend the permit to add in and take some time at the beginning of the permit to determine what each community has available to them for resources to monitor this activity.

The group also discussed the addition of field operations to the Pollution Prevention for Municipal Operations element. Blayne clarified for the group his written comments on this task. He noted that field activities make up a large portion of the work in municipal operations and that stormwater management should be carried over in to those tasks. For an example he noted that in an emergency municipal operation there comes a point at which the emergency has been handled and the project should be installing BMPs until completion.

Nina Cudahy (Omaha) noted that Omaha is currently producing a template for their Runoff Control Plans for maintenance facilities and that they will share that information with the Partnership.

3. Update on New PCWP Interlocal Agreement

A summary of the status of the Interlocal Agreement was distributed. Omaha City Council approved the interlocal on Tuesday August 25th and Sarpy County approved the interlocal on August 18th. Bellevue has postponed the discussion until the September 14th Council meeting. Omaha, La Vista, and Papillion need to send signature pages to the NRD for the records.

4. New Meeting Procedures

The Partnership members ask that members of the public and those from agencies who are not Partnership members to please sit in the chairs provided and reserve the tables for Partnership members.

5. Other Items of Interest

September 12th is the Keep Omaha Beautiful stream clean up day. Check out their website for locations and to volunteer.

September 13th is World O! Water at Chalco Recreation Area. The Partnership will have a table and if you are interested in helping please contact Jim Kee.

October 8th is the Post Construction Stormwater Management Workshop from 8am-noon at the Scott Conference Center.

February 3rd is the Erosion and Sediment Control Seminar from 8am –noon at the Holiday Inn Central.

Sarpy County is considering entering in to the Community Rating System (CRS) with FEMA to provide a discount on flood insurance for individuals within their jurisdiction. Papillion and Omaha are currently going through this process and the group discussed the possibility of gathering information from the Partnership's work to utilize for the CRS application. This will be discussed at a future meeting, potentially a subcommittee meeting, and we will try to get planning and floodplain administrators to attend.

6. Next Meeting Date

- The next Partnership meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 24th at 10:00 AM at the NRD office.

7. Adjourn

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

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