

# PAPILLION CREEK WATERSHED PARTNERSHIP



## MEETING MINUTES

### PCWP Meeting

**February 26, 2009 – 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM – Board Room  
Natural Resource Center, 8901 S 154<sup>th</sup> Street, Omaha, NE**

#### Attendants:

The following were in attendance: Emmett Egr (PMRNRD), Dorothy Lanphier (PMRNRD Director), Clare Duda (Douglas County), Shawn Melotz, Marian Maas, Duane Wilcox (Washington County), Kent Clausen (Washington County), Bobbi Holm (Douglas/Sarpy Extension), Mike Sotak (Tetra Tech), Lucas Billesbach (JEO/Bennington), Rebecca Horner (Sarpy County), Greg Goldman (La Vista), Steven Perry (Gretna), Jim Kee (Omaha), Nina Cudahy (Omaha), Marty Grate (Omaha), Kent Holm (Douglas County), Marlin Petermann (PMRNRD), Mark Stursma (Papillion), Robert Hayes (Boys Town), Amanda Grint (PMRNRD), and Lori Laster (PMRNRD)

#### 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. Discussion on Watershed Management Plan and Stage IV report

##### ➤ *Update on Public Official's Workshop*

Amanda Grint (PMRNRD) gave a brief update on the Public Official's Workshop that was held on February 14<sup>th</sup> at the Scott Center. Approximately 50 people attended the workshop, 17 of which were elected officials. Extra handouts from the workshop were available at the meeting for anyone who missed the event. It was noted that the presentation is posted on the website and an audio tape of the presentation is available. Amanda also noted that the boards that were used to display the recommended Watershed Management Plan, Implementation Plan and the Change in Floodplains are available to any of the communities if they would like to use them for presentations to their councils or commissions.

##### ➤ *Letter from Washington County*

A letter requesting that references to Washington County, specifically references to fees, be removed from the Watershed Management Plan was read into the record at the Public Official's Workshop by Duane Wilcox, Washington County Supervisor. This letter was distributed to the group for review. Several options for accommodating this request were discussed. As the document is large and almost finished, it was suggested a cover letter or addendum be drafted by HDR to attach to the final report. Marty Grate (Omaha) noted that his understanding of the financing was such that the money coming in from Washington



County (as shown in the cash flow analysis) was on the same magnitude of the money going out in cost share so it is not a big stretch to remove the reference to Washington County as it relates to fees. Shawn Melotz suggested that 10% of the dollars in the cash flow come from Washington County and therefore it is not necessarily an equivalent amount. She noted that the removal of Washington County from the fee structure could also affect timing of funds. The group discussed that HDR could prepare a draft of a letter which would address the impacts of cost and timing by removing Washington County from the cash flow analysis. Washington County expressed a desire to meet with the PCWP executive committee to discuss the draft letter and how to appropriately address the request. Amanda Grint (PMRNRD) will coordinate schedules and set up an appointment.

➤ *Letter from MOBA*

A letter from MOBA was received that suggested some changes to the Watershed Management Plan and the Stormwater Management Policies. The letter reiterates the group's position on Maximum LID and provided supporting data on the amount of land that would be used if Maximum LID is applied to developments. The Partnership discussed the points that the group felt should be included in the stormwater management policies and it was decided that some of the clarifications could be handled in the Stormwater Manual and the other policies should not be revised. No changes have been made to the policies. A letter will be drafted to MOBA to thank them for their input and work that went in to the calculations and to explain the decision of the Partnership.

### 3. Discussion on new PCWP Interlocal Agreement and Schedule on Recommendations

➤ *Watershed Management Plan, Revised Policies and Interlocal Agreement*

The Partnership discussed the new interlocal agreement and the process for adoption. Kent Holm (Douglas County) and Clare Duda (Douglas County) noted that Douglas County have some issues with the interlocal agreement, one item is that there is no mechanism to hold a community accountable for their position such as a vote. Also, the group looked at subsection #6 which addresses the role of the administering agent. There was discussion on whether any elected Board should or could be acting at the direction of a non-elected group such as the PCWP Executive Committee. Marty Grate (Omaha) and Kent Holm (Douglas County) offered to have their respective attorneys review the agreement. The PMRNRD legal counsel will also review. Kent Holm (Douglas County) stated that he could work on a template of questions to pose to the attorneys. The new interlocal agreement will also be presented to Washington County to give them the opportunity to participate if desired. The new interlocal agreement will be presented to legal counsel for the NRD, City of Omaha, and Douglas County to determine if the procedures currently in place are adequate or if they should be revised in the new interlocal agreement. The new interlocal agreement will be for 5 years, with a possible amendment in 3 years after the Watershed Management Plan has been updated. The new interlocal agreement needs to be sent to governing boards/councils no later than May. The group will continue discussions and receive input from Douglas County and Omaha attorneys on the agreement.

### 4. NPDES Permit Compliance

➤ *Update on Stormwater Ordinance Amendment*

The City of Omaha is currently working on a web-based stormwater application process for the Post Construction Stormwater Management Plan much like the Erosion Control program. Lamp Rynearson is finalizing the application forms and manual and will be able to provide training to communities and engineers. The NRD will also be able to provide technical assistance with review of applications. La Vista and Gretna have adopted the new ordinances.

The annual report for the Phase 2 communities NPDES permits is due on April 1<sup>st</sup>. Kent Holm (Douglas County) is drafting a report which can be used by other communities as a template. The template will be distributed when complete.

#### 5. Other Items of Interest

- *Watershed fund update and invoices*  
Invoices for the fifth payment will be sent out. HDR is at the end of their contract and will no longer be attending the meetings. The Watershed Fund Summary shows a projected deficit of \$15,072.52 as of July 1, 2009. This is due to overestimation of interest income.
- *NeFSMA Meeting*  
Other Phase II communities in Nebraska have formed a coalition called Nebraska H<sub>2</sub>O. They are willing to share their public outreach materials with other communities. Their website is [www.nebraskah20.org](http://www.nebraskah20.org).
- *TMDL Presentation*  
Pat O'Brien will talk with the group at the March meeting regarding the proposed TMDLs for the Papio Watershed.
- *Tetra Tech Sustainable Cities Presentation*  
Tetra Tech has offered to give a presentation on the Kansas City Sustainable Cities program. This will be set up for the April or May meeting.

#### 7. Next Meeting Date

- The next Partnership meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 26 at 10:00 AM at the NRD office.

#### 8. Adjourn

- The meeting adjourned at approximately 12:00 PM. 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.