

PAPILLION CREEK WATERSHED PARTNERSHIP



MEETING MINUTES

Subcommittee Meeting January 7, 2009 – 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM – Board Room Natural Resource Center, 8901 S 154th Street, Omaha, NE

Attendants:

The following were in attendance: Lyle Christensen (HDR), Amanda Grint (PMRNRD), Jim Kee (Omaha), Nina Cudahy (Omaha), Kent Holm (Douglas County), Mark Stursma (Papillion), Marlin Petermann (PMRNRD), Steve Perry (Gretna), Courtney Harter (Sarpy County) and Rebecca Horner (Sarpy County)

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 9:10 AM.

1. Introductions

- An agenda, sign-up sheet, and handouts were distributed. Marlin Petermann (PMRNRD) started the meeting and asked for everyone to introduce themselves.

2. Discussion on Stormwater Management Policies and Watershed Management Plan (All)

Lyle Christensen (HDR) reviewed the draft Executive Summary for the group. Marlin Petermann (PMRNRD) noted that the water quality section should be expanded to add in water quality basins, the water quality ordinance and the 2 year no net increase. Those items all make up the water quality element of the watershed plan. Kent Holm (Douglas County) asked to describe the transition from Plan C to Plan D. The group then discussed the points on page E12 of the summary which outline the decisions to remove Maximum LID from Douglas and Sarpy County. The key points involve additional land consumption costs, O&M concerns by communities, lack of confidence in permeable paving, and concern by planning departments on maintaining desired development densities with maximum LID. It was noted that Sarpy County has a flashier system and that reservoirs may be necessary as a solution but potentially some maximum LID should be considered in Douglas County. Kent Holm noted that some element could be added to the plan as a backup in case a reservoir site is encroached on with development, perhaps adding a note about implementing maximum LID if a reservoir site becomes unpractical.

Kent Holm also noted that the County is looking to retain Conservation Design Forum to look at all their zoning and stormwater regulations as a whole.



The group then discussed the Watershed Management Plan and Implementation Plan maps. It was noted that the maps do not include creek setback segment in Washington County. This appears to have been an oversight and the map will be corrected to show creek setback segments on all major (or named) systems. Also, the implementation plan shows a subbasin of Washington County being built out in the next three years. It was decided that since this area is only representative of some build out and not attempting to show a growth pattern that it should be removed from the map and a note added that any development in Washington County would be subject to maximum LID.

3. Discussion on Upcoming Elected Officials Meeting

The group discussed the format of the upcoming elected officials meeting on February 14th from 9am to 12 pm. The meeting will be held at the Scott Conference Center. The Partnership plans to present the Watershed Management Plan (Plan D), Revised Stormwater Policies and an Implementation Plan to outline the first three years of the Watershed Management Plan. It was noted that the Interlocal Agreement for the Partnership should stay as a five year agreement on line with the permit cycle however, a provision added that the implementation plan for the Watershed Management Plan be reviewed every three years.

A workshop format was agreed upon for the best suited format for the elected officials meeting. The PMRNRD would possibly provide a welcome and introduction as the administrators of the Partnership and then there would be a short presentation on the Watershed Management Plan, Policies and Implementation. A specified time would be set aside for elected official's questions. Before and after the presentation, stations will be set up for one on one discussions. The group decided that focusing what has transpired since the last elected officials meeting will be key. The main change and thus the focus of the presentation will be water quality. Also, the compromise in policies between the PCWP and Douglas/Washington Counties should be noted.

The PMRNRD will handle the room reservations and invitations. Possibly a fact sheet will need to be created for distribution and boards made of the Plan and the Implementation maps.

4. NPDES Permit Compliance

➤ *Stormwater Ordinance Amendment Update (All)*

Steve Perry (Gretna) noted that Gretna will have the first reading of the stormwater ordinance amendment on January 16th. Papillion has approved the ordinance amendment as of January 6, 2009. Douglas County reported that they have delayed the amendment due to the plan for CDF to do a complete review of their stormwater and zoning regulations. Sarpy County has approved the ordinance amendment.

➤ *NPDES Storm Water Management Plan for permit renewal*

The City of Omaha Storm Water Management Plan (approved by NDEQ) will be emailed to the PCWP subcommittee members and their input requested by Monday, January 12th. That information will be compiled and brought to the Partnership on January 14th. A consensus needs to be reached in order to submit the permit renewal in January. The City of Omaha plan can be modified to remove Element #7 Industrial permitting. Other minor modifications will be necessary and are anticipated. A letter should suffice as a notice of intent to renew

the permit. Nina Cudahy (Omaha) will email Amanda Grint a draft letter that Omaha has used.

5. Other Items of Interest

It was noted that a draft of an interlocal agreement had been circulated approximately one year ago. That draft needs to be revisited and distributed to the Partnership for review.

6. Next Meeting Date

- The next Partnership meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 14 at 9:00 AM at the NRD office. Please note the time and date change.

7. Adjourn

- The meeting adjourned at approximately 12:05 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.