

PAPILLION CREEK WATERSHED PARTNERSHIP



MEETING MINUTES

Subcommittee Meeting

March 31, 2009 – 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM – County Courthouse
1555 Colfax Street, Blair, NE 68008

Attendants:

The following were in attendance: Duane Wilcox (Washington County Supervisor), Kent Clausen (Washington County Supervisor), Jeff Quist (Washington County Supervisor), Merry Truhlsen (Washington County Clerk), Nina Cudahy (Omaha), Marty Grate (Omaha), Joe Soucie (La Vista), Marlin Petermann (PMRNRD), Mark Stursma (Papillion), Jim Thompson (PMRNRD Director), and Lori Laster (PMRNRD)

Purpose

A meeting of the Partnership subcommittee with Washington County Supervisors was held on the above date in order to discuss topics stated in the attached agenda. The meeting began at approximately 1:05 PM.

1. Introductions

- An agenda, sign-up sheet, and handouts were distributed.

2. Update on Stage IV Study report and Washington County Letter

- The changes to the report proposed by PCWP to address the February letter from Washington County in which they requested to be removed from any discussion on the financial framework of the Watershed Management Plan were explained to the Washington County Supervisors. The PCWP members also pointed out that there are smaller water quality basins that are planned in Washington County upstream of Cunningham Lake. These basins are planned approximately 40 years into the future.

Washington County asked why terraces and farm ponds are not encouraged more for flood control. Marlin Petermann stated that some cost-share funding is available through the NRCS and the NRD. However, there is no technical data available to support the use of terraces and small ponds to control a 100-year storm event.

Washington County will discuss the proposed changes to the report.



3. Discussion on Watershed Plan, Implementation Plan, and Interlocal Agreement

- An invitation to join PCWP was issued to Washington County. The new interlocal agreement adopts the new stormwater policies, the Watershed Management Plan, and the Implementation Plan. The floodplain management policies are beyond the minimum state and federal requirements. The membership dues are calculated based on jurisdictional area in the watershed and population.

Washington County stated that they are concerned about the lack of regulating development in the floodplain in Douglas and Sarpy Counties. Current policies limit development in the floodplain, but most development in the floodplain occurred more than 30 years ago. Also, much of the increase in runoff is caused by development in areas upstream of the floodplain. The policies proposed in the new stormwater policies to be adopted with the new interlocal agreement are beyond what is required by federal and state regulations.

Jim Thompson (PMRNRD Director) explained that the NRD is seeking legislation to allow the NRD to have bonding authority. LB 160 will allow the NRD to build the proposed flood control structures, but allow the local government to veto the project if they oppose it.

4. Adjourn

- The meeting adjourned at approximately 2:55 PM. 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.