

**Platte Basin Coalition Committee
Meeting Minutes**

April 1, 2014, 10:30 a.m. Central Daylight Time
Twin Platte NRD Office, North Platte, NE

Call to order and attendance: Miller called the meeting to order at 10:39 a.m. Central Daylight Time. Sponsors and partners in attendance were (Attachment A):

Mark Czaplewski	CPNRD	Rod Horn	SPNRD
Duane Woodward	CPNRD	Ryan Reisdorff	SPNRD
Melissa Mosier	DNR	Travis Glanz	SPNRD
Jennifer Schellpeper	DNR	John Thorburn	TBNRD
John Berge	NPNRD	Ann Dimmitt	TPNRD
		Kent Miller	TPNRD

Guests in attendance:

Kevin Boyd	CNPPID	Jeff Shafer	NPPD
Jerry Kenny	PRRIP		

1. **Welcome and Open Meetings Act:** Miller noted that a copy of the Open Meetings Act was posted in the back of the meeting room.
2. **Publication of Meeting Notices – Procedure:** The DNR published a public notice of the PBC meeting in the Scottsbluff Star Herald on March 23, 2014, the Grand Island Independent on March 22, 2014, and the North Platte Telegraph on March 27, 2014.
3. **Agenda Modifications:** No revisions were made to the agenda (Attachment B)
4. **Approval of February 3rd, 2014, PBC meeting minutes:**

Motion: To approve the February 3, 2014, PBC meeting minutes (Attachment C).

Woodward motioned to approve. Thorburn seconded. Motion passed with all ayes.

5. **Budget Update**

- A. **Operations:** Schellpeper discussed the updated PBC budget sheet (Attachment D). The only changes to the budget since the February 3rd, 2014, meeting have been to project status column, e.g., the fall groundwater recharge projects. The operations budget sheet for Budget Year 2 still needs to be updated to reflect the 2014 liability insurance costs (\$535.85/party). Diversion of excess flows in the South Platte may be a possibility in the spring. DNR will keep in contact with all of the NRDs along the South Platte, and if such conditions arise, discussions on how the budget could accommodate potential diversions will begin.

B. Studies: All invoices have been paid out. Nothing new to report.

6. Project Updates

- A. N-CORPE:** Miller reported that on the Platte River side of the project, TPNRD has selected a route that goes straight north to the NPPD canals. There is a verbal agreement in place with NPPD and a written agreement is in progress. Twin Platte has financing in place and is finalizing these agreements. The first meeting with landowners in regard to easements was held. Agreements with Merryman Contractors have been made which include a lower than expected cost for pipeline material. These financing agreements have allowed the actual construction costs to fall below what was estimated by the engineers before the project began. The pipeline running north will allow for a flow of 33 cfs, which will get them well above the 7,700 acre-feet/year needed to meet the first increment goal. Project sponsors are finalizing an agreement that documents the already agreed upon proportioning of 75 percent of the water from the wellfield to the Republican side of the project and 25 percent to the Platte side. Sponsors are also working with HDR and COHYST on a regional model that will assist in determining how much water will be available for the project on an annual basis without mining the aquifer. Essentially, the aquifer will be operated like a surface water reservoir. This project is very beneficial because it will allow offsets to be delivered to the Platte River as needed, rather than based on an artificial average number; and when additional water is not needed, it will remain in storage. Water has run through to the southern, Republican River side of the project already.
- B. Orchard Alfalfa:** Czaplewski discussed a document on Orchard Alfalfa that was handed out at the meeting (Attachment E). There are four major contractors at work on the project. The relatively mild and dry winter has allowed a lot of progress to have been made and final walkthroughs on the many of the major structures are taking place. Despite the amount of work that is being done to the headgates, they will be ready for this year's irrigation season. Miller noted that the irrigation districts in the TPNRD have noticed the good work that has been done on these projects. At the June 2nd, 2014, meeting, the sponsors and guests will tour Orchard Alfalfa, Thirty Mile, and Cozad canals to take a look at the work that has been completed.
- C. J-2 Regulating Reservoir:** Schellpeper discussed a memo (Attachment F) that came from the CNPPID that summarizes what has been going on with the J-2 project recently. This memo includes a list of tasks that are anticipated for the next quarter.

- D. North Platte NRD Lease:** Berge reported that NPNRD has submitted draft applications for the permits and a draft analysis report to the DNR, and will meet with DNR staff in the next couple of weeks. The permitting process should be completed by the next PBC meeting and construction should be able to begin shortly thereafter.
- E. Tri-Basin Phase II Augmentation:** Thorburn discussed a draft report from HDR on the well augmentation project (<http://dnr.nebraska.gov/iwm/tri-basin-nrd-augmentation-well-evaluation-report>). The report shows that there is benefit to pumping in regard to augmentation of streamflows and that a second augmentation well would be beneficial to the project. The TBNRD board has determined that this is the best course of action on the project. The project was scoped at about \$96,000 with a DNR share of \$58,500, but it appears that the final total will be less than \$60,000, dropping DNR's share to about \$36,000.

Motion: The TBNRD recommends that the DNR share of the North Dry Creek augmentation well project be reduced from \$58,500 to \$36,000, with the TBNRD share reduced proportionally.

Thorburn motioned to approve. Berge seconded. Motion passed with all ayes.

The PBC sponsors discussed the upcoming circumstances related to PBC funding in the second three-year period. The application for funding for the next three-year period is due on September 1, 2014, and a report to the legislature is due on July 1, 2014. DNR is working on putting the documents together for the report and will then send it out to the other sponsors for review.

- 7. Public Comments:** Kevin Boyd, Jerry Kenny, and Jeff Shafer will be included in correspondence on the June 2nd, 2014, canal tour so that they and their colleagues have the opportunity to see the recent work that has been done on these projects.
- 8. Adjourn:** The PBC meeting adjourned at 11:42 a.m. Central Daylight Time.

The next PBC meeting dates have been set for June 2, 2014^{*}, August 5, 2014, October 6, 2014, and December 1, 2014, at 11:00 a.m. Central Daylight Time.

*** The June 2nd meeting will be at the CNPPID office in Gothenburg, NE, and a tour of the Orchard Alfalfa, Thirty Mile, and Cozad canals will follow.**

PLATTE BASIN COALITION COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Meeting Date:

Place/Room: TPNRD, Conference Room

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Agenda

Platte Basin Coalition Committee Meeting

April 1st, 2014, 10:30 a.m. Central Daylight Time
Twin Platte Natural Resources District Offices, North Platte, NE

1. Welcome and Open Meetings Act
2. Publication of Meeting Notices
3. Agenda Modifications
4. Approval of February 3, 2014, PBC Meeting Minutes
5. Budget Update
 - A. Operations
 - B. Studies
6. Project Updates
 - A. N-CORPE
 - B. Orchard Alfalfa
 - C. J-2 Regulating Reservoir
 - D. North Platte NRD Lease
 - E. Tri-Basin Phase II Augmentation
7. Public Comments
8. Adjourn

**Platte Basin Coalition Committee
Meeting Minutes**

February 3, 2014, 10:30 a.m. Central Standard Time
Twin Platte NRD Office, North Platte, NE

Call to order and attendance: Miller called the meeting to order at 10:35 a.m. Central Standard Time. Sponsors and partners in attendance were:

Mark Czaplewski	CPNRD	John Berge	NPNRD
Jesse Mintkin	CPNRD	Tina Kurtz	NPNRD
Duane Woodward	CPNRD	Rod Horn	SPNRD
Melissa Mosier	DNR	Ryan Reisdorff	SPNRD
Jennifer Schellpeper	DNR	John Thorburn	TBNRD
Jessie Winter	DNR	Ann Dimmitt	TPNRD
		Kent Miller	TPNRD

Guests in attendance:

Tyler Thulin	CNPPID	Jeff Shafer	NPPD
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- 1. Welcome and Open Meetings Act:** Miller noted that a copy of the Open Meetings Act was posted in the back of the meeting room.
- 2. Publication of Meeting Notices – Procedure:** The DNR published a public notice of the PBC meeting in the Scottsbluff Star Herald on January 25, 2014, the Grand Island Independent on January 28, 2014, and the North Platte Telegraph on January 30, 2014.
- 3. Agenda Modifications:** None
- 4. Approval of Minutes from the December 2, 2013, PBC meeting:**

Motion: To approve the December 2, 2013, PBC meeting minutes.

Woodward motioned to approve. Horn seconded. Motion passed with all ayes.

5. Budget Update

- A. Operations:** Schellpeper discussed the updated PBC budget sheet. The updated budget summary includes an amendment total reflecting the fall groundwater recharge project and the Grandview permanent retirement project, which were approved at the December 2, 2013, PBC meeting. All of the budgeted project dollars for the first three-year phase have been committed. Czaplewski mentioned that the current PBHEP canal projects are going well, but if work is delayed to the point that the expiration date is passed on NET funds, the group may want to consider a PBC/PBHEP trade of funds.

- (1) **Liability:** The liability and linebacker renewal policy has been received by SPNRD, along with the invoice. The coverage will be the same as last year's with a premium increase of \$195.00, bringing this year's total to \$3,215.00. Last year it was decided to split the cost six-ways and have SPNRD bill each entity; Horn proposes that this year's liability is handled in the same manner.

Motion: To equally divide between the PBC entities, the 2014 PBC General Liability and Public Officials Liability Insurance Coverage premium and have SPNRD administer the billing procedure.

Woodward motioned to approve. Thorburn seconded. Motion passed with all ayes.

- B. **Studies:** The final invoice for Phase I of the Platte Basin Conservation Study has been received and the PBC studies budget is now closed.

6. Project Updates

- A. **N-CORPE:** Construction of the south-flowing pipeline should be completed at this time. At least 10 wells in the wellfield are completed and the remaining wells are done or very close to being done. Water is currently flowing through the south pipeline (or will be in the very near future). On the north side of the project, it has been determined that the alignment of the pipeline from the wellfield will be straight north. There is a draft agreement in development to utilize a NPPD supply canal from a point approximately four miles west of Lake Maloney, on to the South Platte River, which will likely save the project \$4 - 5 million. The plan is to begin construction on the north-flowing portion of the project this summer. A contract for the purchase of the pipe is expected to be executed within the next 30 to 60 days. TC Engineering Inc, sub-contracted under Miller and Associates, have been asked to start obtaining the easements for the north-flowing portion of the project. Reversing the water flow is no longer being considered for the project at this time, but could be added later on. The big push for the occupation tax will occur on the first of May, but TPNRD has been able to work through the majority of the financing process with the help of MIPS, ditch company records, and county assessor records. Levying an occupation tax does not require a public hearing, but TPNRD sent out letters to landowners, held informational public meetings, and visited with county boards of commissioners in order to ensure that everyone was aware that it would be on the next tax statement.
- B. **Orchard Alfalfa:** Mintkin reported that there are three contractors currently working on the canal and all are currently running ahead of schedule, or right on schedule. Woodward mentioned that Orchard Alfalfa is going through the process of transitioning from an irrigation company to an irrigation district.
- C. **J-2 Regulating Reservoir:** Nothing new to report.

- D. North Platte NRD Lease:** Berge reported that NPNRD is still going through the permitting process for the project with DNR. NPNRD has recently finished its portion of the change of appropriation analysis. This project has proven to be very popular with district landowners who have approached NPNRD with offers to participate in similar projects.
- E. Tri-Basin Phase II Augmentation:** Thorburn reported that HDR's analyses of augmentation wells on an existing site and a potential site on North Dry Creek have been completed and the results will be reported to the TBNRD Board at their next meeting.

7. Study Updates

- A. Platte Basin Conservation Study:** Thorburn reported that a conference call was held on January 31, 2014, in order to discuss potential actions on the Conservation Study. Phase I of the study was helpful in that it assists managers in the prioritization of conservation practices that deserve additional study. The Western Water Use Model and the COHYST Model account directly for some of the irrigation conservation practices, but indirectly for non-irrigation practices. It has been proposed that the models are run with the goal of isolating the impact of both irrigation and non-irrigation conservation practices. At this point, it is not possible to identify the portion of the difference between current and fully appropriated levels of development that are due to conservation practices. The recommendation is that the models are run to estimate the impacts of conservation practices, but that additional research on the estimate of the impact of conservation practices on streamflows is postponed until the difference in impacts on streamflows between current and fully appropriated levels of development is determined. Action on this item was deferred to the POAC meeting.

8. Public Comments: None

9. Adjourn: The PBC meeting adjourned at 11:28 a.m. Central Standard Time.

The next PBC meeting dates have been set for April 1, 2014, June 2, 2014, August 5, 2014, October 6, 2014, and December 1, 2014, at 10:30 a.m. Central Time.

PBC Funding Summary Updated 3/31/2014

PBHEP Budget Summary	CPNRD	NPNRD	SPNRD	TBNRD	TPNRD	NDNR	Total by Year
Budget Year 1	\$ 503.33	\$ 503.33	\$ 503.33	\$ 503.33	\$ 503.34	\$ 503.34	\$ 3,020.00
Budget Year 2							
Budget Year 3							
Total 3 Year Budget	\$ 503.33	\$ 503.33	\$ 503.33	\$ 503.33	\$ 503.34	\$ 503.34	\$ 3,020.00

Insurance Policy will need to be paid again prior to February 6, 2014

PBC Funding Summary Updated 3/31/2014

PBHEP Budget Summary	CPNRD	NPNRD	SPNRD	TBNRD	TPNRD	NDNR	Total by Year
Invoice 13-1511 (Phase I ConPracStudy)						\$ 24,556.00	
Invoice 13-1537 (Phase I ConPracStudy)						\$ 42,096.00	
Invoice 13-1560 (Phase I ConPracStudy)						\$ 3,508.00	
Conservation Practices Study (Phase II)							
Total 3 Year Budget	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 70,160.00	\$ 70,160.00

Remaining \$ 3,508.00

PBC Funding Summary Updated 3/31/2014

PBHEP Budget Summary	CPNRD	NPNRD	SPNRD	TBNRD	TPNRD	Total NRD	DNR (NET Transfer)	DNR General Fund	Total by Year	
Budget Year 1	\$ 301,400.00	\$ 708,400.00	\$ 61,600.00	\$ 444,400.00	\$ 684,200.00	\$ 2,200,000.00	\$ 3,300,000.00	\$ 2,200,000.00	\$ 7,700,000.00	
Budget Year 2	\$ 301,400.00	\$ 708,400.00	\$ 61,600.00	\$ 444,400.00	\$ 684,200.00	\$ 2,200,000.00	\$ 3,300,000.00	\$ 2,200,000.00	\$ 7,700,000.00	
Budget Year 3	\$ 301,400.00	\$ 708,400.00	\$ 61,600.00	\$ 444,400.00	\$ 684,200.00	\$ 2,200,000.00	\$ 3,300,000.00	\$ 2,200,000.00	\$ 7,700,000.00	
Amendment Total						\$ 253,887.00	\$ -	\$ 207,581.00	\$ 461,468.00	
Total 3 Year Budget	\$ 904,200.00	\$ 2,125,200.00	\$ 184,800.00	\$ 1,333,200.00	\$ 2,052,600.00	\$ 6,853,887.00	\$ 9,900,000.00	\$ 6,807,581.00	\$ 23,561,468.00	
PBHEP Project	CPNRD	NPNRD	SPNRD	TBNRD	TPNRD	Total NRD	DNR (NET Transfer)	DNR General Fund	Total by Project	Project Status
J-2 Reregulating Reservoir	\$1,168,500			\$1,168,500	\$934,800	\$3,271,800	\$4,907,700	\$6,426,750	\$14,606,250	Under Contract
Orchard-Alfalfa Canal Rehabilitation and Water Rights	\$1,665,578					\$1,665,578	\$2,498,368	\$0	\$4,163,946	Under Contract
CPNRD conservation easement package	\$742,364					\$742,364	\$1,113,545		\$1,855,909	Partial Payment/Inreview by NDNR
N-CORPE					\$600,000	\$600,000	\$900,000		\$1,500,000	In review by NDNR/working on contract with TP
Phase II North Dry Creek				\$39,000		\$39,000	\$58,500		\$97,500	to be submitted by TBNRD
North Platte NRD Lease/Recharge		\$196,758				\$196,758	\$121,887	\$173,250	\$491,895	to be submitted by NPNRD
Fall 2013 GW recharge	\$6,000	\$0	\$2,970	\$112,199	\$10,930	\$132,099		\$198,149	\$330,248	Paid
Grandview Permanent Retirement		\$6,288				\$6,288		\$9,432	\$15,720	to be submitted by NPNRD
PBHEP Overruns						\$200,000	\$300,000		\$500,000	to be submitted by PBHEP project sponsors
Totals by Contributor	\$ 3,582,442.00	\$ 203,046.00	\$ 2,970.00	\$ 1,319,699.34	\$ 1,545,730.00	\$ 6,853,887.34	\$ 9,900,000.00	\$ 6,807,581.00	\$23,561,468	
								\$ 16,707,581.00		
Remaining Financial Commitments by Contributor	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	N/A	
						\$ 6,853,887.00	\$ 9,900,000.00	\$ 6,807,581.00		

Thirty Mile Irrigation District

The Thirty Mile Irrigation District had their monthly board meeting on the 11th of March and on the 24th of March a progress meeting was held at the Thirty Mile shop with Miller and Associates, Thirty Mile Irrigation District, CPNRD, and Midland Construction to go over current progress.

Construction

February 23rd – March 22nd

Midland Construction

Of the 30+ structure that were left to complete on the project, two remain: the river return structure and the Stanley Spillway crossing. There is some minor work on 96 Spillway and they are 75% complete with the last remaining siphon structure. They are on schedule to be completed by the 15th of April.

Cozad Canal

On the 5th of March a progress meeting was held at the Cozad Public Library with Olsson and Associates, Cozad Canal, CPNRD, Simon Contractors and BSB Construction to go over current progress on the project.

Construction

February 23rd – March 22nd

Simons Contractors (Sub Contractors: BSB Construction, VanKirk Bros., Rupert Construction)

Made good headway with installing and grouting gates, installing handrails, planks, and backfilling. Several of the structures left to be poured are now poured and awaiting backfill. They are on schedule to be completed by the 2nd of May.

Orchard Alfalfa

On the 12th of March a progress meeting was held at the Cozad Public Library with Olsson and Associates, Southside Canal, CPNRD, VanKirk Bros., BSB Construction, Perrett, and Simon Contractors to go over current progress on the project.

Construction

February 23rd – March 22nd

VanKirk Bros.

The Final walkthrough was done on the seven structures for Phase I of this contract on the 26th of March and a punch list will be made of anything not done to specs and the contract will then be closed out.

BSB Construction

They started on the bottom end of the canal for the clearing, grubbing, and shaping for Phase II of this contract. At this point they would like make it to Hwy. 21 South of Cozad before irrigation season begins.

Perrett

A final walkthrough will be scheduled for Phase II of this contract, which included 11 interior structures, either the last week of March or the first week of April and a punch list will be made of anything not done to specs and the contract will then be closed out.

Simon Contractors

They have a contract on Phase III for the headgate structures and the overflow structure, both of which are at this time on schedule for final completion of May 15th.



Orchard Alfalfa Headgates and Clearing and Shaping



**CENTRAL NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER AND IRRIGATION DISTRICT
MEMORANDUM**

To: Jerry Kenny, PH.D., Executive Director - PRRIP
Brian Dunnigan, Director - Nebraska Department of Natural Resources
Diane Wilson, COO/CFO - Nebraska Community Foundation
From: Don Kraus, PE, General Manager - CNPPID
Subject: Quarterly J-2 Regulating Reservoir Report – March 2014
Date: February 27, 2014

Progress Report

The RJH J-2 Project quarterly progress report is attached.

Financial Report

- Funds received to date \$20,475,000.00

- J-2 Operating Fund \$15,079,702.25
- Construction Phase Decommissioning Fund \$2,253,431.12
- Construction Phase Reserve Fund \$2,654,321.53
- Construction Phase Project Fee \$474,498.18
- Total \$20,461,953.08

- J-2 Project expenses paid 4th quarter 2013 \$70,965.53

- Total J-2 Project expenses paid through Jan 2014: \$102,498.11



**J-2 REGULATING RESERVOIR PROJECT
QUARTERLY REPORT NO. 01
REPORT PERIOD: THROUGH FEBRUARY 2014**

The purpose of this Quarterly Report is to document a general summary of work performed for the J-2 Regulating Reservoir Project between October 2013 and February 2014. This does not include details of all the subtasks performed. The summary of work is organized into the following general categories of work:

- General Project Management and Implementation Activities
- Permitting Activities
- Land Purchase Activities
- Water Rights Petition Filing
- Engineering Activities

General Project Management and Project Implementation

- Presented information regarding the J-2 Project to the Nebraska Roundwater Table in Lincoln, NE.
- Central Nebraska Public Power and Irrigation District (Central) retained the following firms (with their roles) to advance the project from its current concept to a construction-ready design (i.e., implement the Project):
 - RJH Consultants Inc. (RJH) - Overall project management, engineering, and design.
 - Klienschmidt and Associates (Klienschmidt) - FERC filings, and environmental and cultural permitting.
 - Midwestern Right-of-Way (MROW) - Land purchasing.
 - Rembolt/Ludtke (R/L) - Support preparation and filing of the water rights petition.
- All team members prepared for and attended a 2-day site visit and meeting in Kearney, NE (held at the Platte River Recovery and Implementation Program's (PRRIP) office). The meetings were held on November 20 and 21, 2013.
- Prepared a planning-level schedule with durations and relationships between the various tasks anticipated to be needed to implement this Project.
- RJH, MROW, Kleinschmidt, and R/L developed planning-level budgets to accomplish the tasks noted in the schedule.

- The team prepared and delivered a General Implementation Plan that included the general tasks needed, durations and relationships between the general tasks, and planning level budgets anticipated to be needed to implement the Project.
- Met with Central's Board and presented an overview of the current Project concepts, the implementation plan, and the land purchase process.

Permitting Activities

- Held meetings in early January with Southern Power District (Phelps County), and with Dawson PPD (Gosper County) to identify the likely impacts to electrical utilities.
- Reviewed background information for the Project provided by Central.
- Held a meeting in early January with the Gosper and Phelps County roads departments to discuss the likely impacts and potential modifications to traffic routes and roads around the Project site.
- Prepared a letter requesting that FERC designate Central as the non-federal representative for the J-2 Regulating Reservoir Project. FERC accepted the request and designated Central as the non-federal representative on February 24, 2014.
- The Team began and continues to develop a Purpose and Need Statement for the FERC License Amendment Application.
- Began preparation of the initial consultation package to be submitted to FERC in mid to late spring of 2014.
- Began collecting and reviewing existing cultural resource information.

Land Purchase Activities

- Collected parcel and ownership information from County records for the lands within proposed reservoirs.
- Began obtaining title commitments for the lands within the proposed reservoirs.
- Began identification of lands required for the Project.
- Invited landowners to an informational meeting about the Project and Central's intended land purchase process.
- Retained appraisers and an appraisal reviewer.
- Began contacting land owners to schedule property visits for appraisals.

Water Rights Petition Filing

- Began preparation of an initial draft of the water rights petition.

Engineering Tasks

- Began installation of 22 groundwater monitoring wells along Phelps Canal and around the proposed reservoir areas. These wells will provide data needed for engineering and design of the reservoirs.
- Began developing various alternative concepts for relocation of County roads.
- Began a hydraulic evaluation to support a Conditional Letter of Map Revision (CLOMR) because this Project will be within the currently-mapped 100-year floodplain.
- Began evaluation of the feasibility for adding hydropower to the Area 1 and Area 2 outlets.

Tasks Anticipated for the Next Quarter

- Establish a public website to disseminate information to the public.
- Complete the Initial Consultation Documents and submit to FERC.
- Begin initial consultations with selected regulatory agencies.
- Schedule and advertise for the Public Meeting and Joint Agency Meeting (JAM).
- Request and collect letters of support from various entities for the DNR petition.
- Finalize petition for changing the length of the Supply Canal and the return flow point to the River. File petition with DNR.
- Begin preparation of draft FERC License Application.
- Continue appraisals and appraisal reviews.
- Begin negotiations with landowners for purchasing property and for obtaining access for studies and investigations.
- Continue hydraulic evaluations of canal and floodplains.
- Obtain survey of the canal and evaluation of the canal hydraulics.