

Platte Basin Habitat Enhancement Project

Meeting Minutes

North Platte, NE – Offices of Twin Platte NRD

August 5, 2014

Call to Order and Attendance – With a quorum present, Chairman Miller called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. Sponsors in attendance were: Kent Miller and Landon Shaw (Twin Platte NRD), Lyndon Vogt, Duane Woodward, Jesse Mintken and Mark Czaplewski (Central Platte NRD), Rod Horn and Ryan Reisdorff (South Platte NRD), John Thorburn (Tri-Basin NRD), John Berge and Tina Kurtz (North Platte NRD), and Jennifer Schellpeper and Melissa Mosier (Nebraska Department of Natural Resources). Guests present were: Jerry Kenny (Platte River Recovery Implementation Program), and Jeff Shafer (NPPD). Miller noted that the PBHEP abides by the Nebraska Open Meetings Act in conducting business and that a copy of the Act was provided in the meeting room.

Meeting Notices – Miller reported that public notice of the meeting has been published in the Grand Island, North Platte and Scottsbluff newspapers as required by law.

Agenda Modifications – No changes were made to the agenda.

Approval of Minutes – Motion by Thorburn, second by Vogt to approve the minutes of the June 2, 2014, meeting as distributed in advance of the meeting. Motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.

Financial Report – Czaplewski provided the financial report noting that all PBHEP funds have been spent or committed and therefore no updated Funding Summary spreadsheet was distributed in advance of the meeting. All NET funds have been exhausted and with the submission of Central Platte NRD's May invoices for the Cozad and Thirty-Mile Canal rehab projects, and reimbursement on the N-CORPE project, all available DNR PBHEP funds will also be exhausted.

Cozad and Thirty-Mile Canal Rehabilitation Project Updates – Mintken provided a status report covering both canal rehab projects. Contracted work on the two canals has been completed and they both have been running water since the start of the irrigation season. A rededication and tour of the rehabilitated Thirty-Mile Canal is scheduled for August 19th and all PBHEP sponsors and Partners were invited to attend.

Nebraska Cooperative Republican Platte Enhancement (N-CORPE) Project Update – Miller reported on the status of the N-CORPE Project. The Project pipeline south to the Republican River has been supplying water since the end of January. The pipeline north to the Platte is currently scheduled for construction during the summer of 2015. Twin Platte NRD continues to work with the State of Nebraska to acquire State Revolving Funds. They believe they are nearing an agreement with NPPD to discharge water flowing north into the NPPD supply canal for transport to the Platte River. Meetings with affected landowners are ongoing and pipeline easement acquisitions have commenced.

Final PBHEP Report to NET – Czaplewski reported that the final PBHEP report to the NET was sent on July 25th with copies distributed to all PBHEP Sponsors.

Other – Miller noted that the next PBHEP meeting could be our last and requested that all Sponsors review the PBHEP Interlocal Cooperation Agreement for consideration of formal termination of the agreement at

the next meeting.

Next Meeting – The next meetings of the PBHEP Administrators are currently scheduled for October 6, and December 1, starting at 1:30 p.m. Central time either via teleconference or at the offices of Twin Platte NRD in North Platte.

Public Comments – None

Adjourn – The meeting was adjourned at 1:41 p.m.