

Platte Basin Coalition Committee

Minutes

December 19th, 2014, 9:00 a.m. Central Time
Conference Call

Call to order and attendance: Miller called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Central Time. Sponsors and partners in attendance (Attachment A) were:

Rod Horn	SPNRD	John Thorburn	TBNRD
Travis Glanz	SPNRD	Thad Kuntz	ARI
Lyndon Vogt	CPNRD	Kent Miller	TPNRD
Duane Woodward	CPNRD	Ann Dimmitt	TPNRD
Jesse Mintken	CPNRD	Landon Shaw	TPNRD
Jesse Bradley	NDNR	Marc Groff	TFG
Jennifer Schellpeper	NDNR	John Berge	NPNRD
Jessie Wietjes	NDNR	Tina Kurtz	NPNRD
Kathy Benson	NDNR		

- 1. Welcome and Open Meetings Act:** Miller noted that a copy of the Open Meetings Act was available in the meeting room.
- 2. Publication of Meeting Notices:** Schellpeper reported that public notice (Attachment B) of the PBC meeting was published in the Grand Island Independent, the North Platte Telegraph, and Scottsbluff Star Herald newspapers.
- 3. Agenda Modifications:** No revisions were made to the agenda (Attachment C).
- 4. Conservation Measures Study:**
 - a. Scope of Work:** Schellpeper discussed the cost summary that had previously been forwarded to everyone which showed four tiers of work from four consultants and the cost of each tier. She noted a more specific scope of work and its costs was needed.

Action: Kuntz and Woodward will revise the scopes of work to reflect the decisions made at this meeting and send them to the technical committee and Marc Groff by January 6th, 2015.
 - b. Cost:** The consensus among members was that the \$377,000 price was higher than the original price. Bradley stated NDNR would put \$100,000 and staff labor to run groundwater models toward the project. Miller asked if PBC money would be put in to help with funding and Schellpeper stated it would not. Miller questioned where the rest of the \$377,000 would be coming from. Miller was reminded that in previous discussions it was decided that the NRDs would budget \$10,000 annually for two years to put toward the project. Thorburn stated that Tier 4 was future work and would require different funding. Bradley stated that

Tiers 3 & 4 seemed irrelevant at this time and could be “cut” from the project to reduce work and expense. Schellpeper also reminded the group that Tiers 3 & 4 were not required by LB 962 and Tiers 1 & 2 covered the statutory obligations. Groff stated cutting Tiers 3 & 4 would cut documentation costs by about a third. Schellpeper reminded the committee that the Robust Review work needed to be completed yet and to make sure to budget for this. More discussion was had about the details of the expense summary as their NRD boards would be asking these same questions. Bradley stated now that they will be running Tier 1 and 2 only, there should be a more detailed account of where the money is being spent. The Administrators agreed to send the cost analysis back to the technical committee to generate a new cost estimate based upon these changes and that more detail regarding project coordination and project documentation was needed to understand those charges.

Action: Once he receives the new scopes of work from Kuntz and Woodward, Groff will generate a new cost estimate by January 8th, 2015, that reflects the decisions made at this meeting.

- c. **Contract:** Miller stated that on the table at this time was to run Tiers 1 & 2, not to exceed \$212,000. NDNR is to pay \$106,000 and the five NRDs are to pay \$106,000 over a two-year time span. Schellpeper stated the contract deadline is set for October 1st, 2015, so it would be beneficial to vote on this as soon as possible so as not to push the deadline back. To keep things moving the administrators agreed to hold another conference call on January 12th with the expectation that the technical committee would have updated costs, more details on project coordination and documentation tasks, and a revised contract for review.

5. Public Comments: There were no public comments.

6. Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 9:40 a.m.

*A public noticed conference call to finalize the contract was scheduled for:

January 12th, 2015, at 11:00 a.m. (Central Time)

PUBLIC NOTICE MEETING OF THE PLATTE BASIN COALITION

The Central Platte Natural Resources District, North Platte Natural Resources District, South Platte Natural Resources District, Tri-Basin Natural Resources District, Twin Platte Natural Resources District (collectively, the Platte Basin NRDs), and the Nebraska Department of Natural Resources (Department) hereby provide notice that a public meeting of the Platte Basin Coalition will be held on Friday, December 19th, 2014, at 9:00 a.m. Central Time, via conference call. Listening locations will be held at the offices of the Platte Basin NRDs and the Department. Addresses for the Platte Basin NRD and Department offices are listed below.

The Platte Basin Coalition purpose is to create a cooperative body to assist the Platte Basin NRDs and the Department with resource management and efficient implementation of the basin-wide management plan and the individual integrated management plans for the overappropriated area of the Platte River Basin.

An agenda of the meeting is available for public inspection during normal business hours at the offices of the Platte Basin NRDs and the Department and at the following website: www.dnr.nebraska.gov. Please refer to the websites and phone numbers listed below for further information.

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