

**Platte Basin Coalition Committee  
Meeting Minutes**

June 2, 2014, 11:00 a.m. Central Daylight Time  
Central Nebraska Public Power & Irrigation office, Gothenburg, NE

**Call to order and attendance:** Vogt called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m., Central Daylight Time. Sponsors and partners in attendance were (Attachment A):

Mark Czaplewski	CPNRD	John Berge	NPNRD
Marcia Lee	CPNRD	Tina Kurtz	NPNRD
Jesse Mintken	CPNRD	Ryan Reisdorff	SPNRD
Lyndon Vogt	CPNRD	Travis Glanz	SPNRD
Duane Woodward	CPNRD	John Thorburn	TBNRD
Melissa Mosier	DNR	Ann Dimmitt	TPNRD
Jennifer Schellpeper	DNR	Landon Shaw	TPNRD
Jessie Wietjes	DNR		

Guests in attendance:

Jeff Shafer	NPPD	Jerry Kenny	PRRIP
Randy Zach	NPPD		

1. **Welcome and Open Meetings Act:** Vogt noted that a copy of the Open Meetings Act was available in the meeting room.
2. **Publication of Meeting Notices – Procedure:** The DNR published a public notice of the PBC meeting in the Grand Island Independent on May 24, 2014, the North Platte Telegraph on May 31, 2014, and the Scottsbluff Star Herald on May 25, 2014.
3. **Agenda Modifications:** No revisions were made to the agenda (Attachment B)
4. **Approval of April 1, 2014, PBC meeting minutes:**

**Motion:** To approve the April 1, 2014, PBC meeting minutes (Attachment C).  
**Thorburn motioned to approve. Schellpeper seconded. Motion passed with all ayes.**
5. **Budget Update**
  - A. **Operations:** Schellpeper discussed the updated PBC budget sheet (Attachment D). The Operations budget sheet has been updated to include the liability insurance for 2014. There were no changes to the Studies budget, the budget for years 1-3 Projects, or the projected budget for years 4-6 Projects.
  - B. **Studies:** Nothing new to report.

- C. **Second three-year increment funding:** The report to the legislature, report to NET, and the NET application for next year are being drafted by DNR staff and will be sent out to the PBC members for review. The application to NET will include specific projects that have already been identified, as well as a category of new projects that meet the funding requirements and may be identified in the future.

## 6. Project Updates

- A. **N-CORPE:** TPNRD is working with NDEQ to get SRF funding, traps have been set for the burying beetle, and work with landowners on the conservation easements is moving forward.
- B. **Orchard Alfalfa:** Mintken reported that the headwork structures should be finished in the next few weeks. The lower half of the canal has been cleared and graded and the upper half of the canal should be cleared and graded by fall 2014.
- C. **J-2 Regulating Reservoir:** Schellpeper noted that the quarterly report on J-2 is due this month and there is nothing else to report at this time.
- D. **North Platte NRD Lease:** Berge reported that NPNRD received comments from the DNR on their draft report and they will meet with the consultant in the next few days to respond to those comments. It is anticipated that the permitting process should be completed by August 2014.
- E. **Tri-Basin Phase II Augmentation:** The observation well for the Phase II site will be drilled this week and the production well will be drilled before the end of the month. The number one well was operated for one week in May.
- F. **Spring 2014 Excess Flows:** Schellpeper reported that flows at the stateline have not come up quite as fast as predicted, but there is still a large amount of water in Colorado and additional flows are expected. The DNR has begun working on contracts with TPNRD for those who have pits to store excess flows and also with CNPPID and TBNRD on storing some of the water in Elwood Reservoir. Managers are still waiting to see how much water comes down and how far into the critical habitat area it goes in order to determine how much “excess flow” will be available.

7. **Public Comments:** There were no public comments.

8. **Adjourn:** The PBC meeting adjourned at 11:14 a.m. Central Daylight Time.

The next PBC meeting dates have been set for August 5, 2014, October 6, 2014, and December 1, 2014, at 2:00 p.m., Central Daylight Time at the TPNRD offices.

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# **Agenda**

## **Platte Basin Coalition Committee Meeting**

June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2014, 11:00 a.m. Central Daylight Time  
Central Nebraska Public Power and Irrigation District Office  
4<sup>th</sup> and D streets, Gothenburg, NE

1. Welcome and Open Meetings Act
2. Publication of Meeting Notices
3. Agenda Modifications
4. Approval of April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2014, PBC Meeting Minutes
5. Budget Update
  - A. Operations
  - B. Studies
  - C. Second three-year increment funding
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
  - F. Spring 2014 Excess Flows
7. Public Comments
8. Adjourn

**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 3<sup>rd</sup>, 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 3<sup>rd</sup>, 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 2<sup>nd</sup>, 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 2<sup>nd</sup>, 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<sup>\*</sup>, August 5, 2014, October 6, 2014, and December 1, 2014, at 11:00 a.m. Central Daylight Time.

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

**PBC Funding Summary Updated 5/5/2014**

<b>PBHEP Budget Summary</b>	<b>CPNRD</b>	<b>NPNRD</b>	<b>SPNRD</b>	<b>TBNRD</b>	<b>TPNRD</b>	<b>NDNR</b>	<b>Total by Year</b>
Budget Year 1	\$ 503.33	\$ 503.33	\$ 503.33	\$ 503.33	\$ 503.34	\$ 503.34	\$ 3,020.00
Budget Year 2	\$ 535.85	\$ 535.85	\$ 535.85	\$ 535.85	\$ 535.85	\$ 535.85	\$ 3,215.10
Budget Year 3							
<b>Total 3 Year Budget</b>	<b>\$ 1,039.18</b>	<b>\$ 1,039.18</b>	<b>\$ 1,039.18</b>	<b>\$ 1,039.18</b>	<b>\$ 1,039.19</b>	<b>\$ 1,039.19</b>	<b>\$ 6,235.10</b>

**Insurance Policy - Paid March 2014**

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<b>PBHEP Budget Summary</b>	<b>CPNRD</b>	<b>NPNRD</b>	<b>SPNRD</b>	<b>TBNRD</b>	<b>TPNRD</b>	<b>NDNR</b>	<b>Total by Year</b>
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)							
<b>Total 3 Year Budget</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 70,160.00</b>	<b>\$ 70,160.00</b>				

Remaining \$ 3,508.00

PBC Funding Summary Updated 5/5/2014

PBC 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	
<b>Total 3 Year Budget</b>	<b>\$ 904,200.00</b>	<b>\$ 2,125,200.00</b>	<b>\$ 184,800.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,333,200.00</b>	<b>\$ 2,052,600.00</b>	<b>\$ 6,853,887.00</b>	<b>\$ 9,900,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 6,807,581.00</b>	<b>\$ 23,561,468.00</b>	
PBC 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
<b>Totals by Contributor</b>	<b>\$ 3,582,442.00</b>	<b>\$ 203,046.00</b>	<b>\$ 2,970.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,319,699.34</b>	<b>\$ 1,545,730.00</b>	<b>\$ 6,853,887.34</b>	<b>\$ 9,900,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 6,807,581.00</b>	<b>\$23,561,468</b>	
								\$ 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		

**PBC Funding Summary Updated 5/5/2014**

<b>PBC Budget Summary</b>	<b>CPNRD</b>	<b>NPNRD</b>	<b>SPNRD</b>	<b>TBNRD</b>	<b>TPNRD</b>	<b>Total NRD</b>	<b>DNR (NET Transfer)</b>	<b>DNR General Fund</b>	<b>Total by Year</b>
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	\$1,693,277	\$ 9,393,276.70
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		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		7,700,000.00
<b>Total 3 Year Budget</b>	<b>\$ 904,200.00</b>	<b>\$ 2,125,200.00</b>	<b>\$ 184,800.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,333,200.00</b>	<b>\$ 2,052,600.00</b>	<b>\$ 6,600,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 9,900,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,693,276.70</b>	<b>\$ 18,193,276.70</b>

  

<b>PBC Project</b>	<b>CPNRD</b>	<b>NPNRD</b>	<b>SPNRD</b>	<b>TBNRD</b>	<b>TPNRD</b>	<b>Total NRD</b>	<b>DNR (NET Transfer)</b>	<b>DNR General Fund</b>	<b>Total by Project</b>	<b>Project Status</b>
North Platte NRD Lease/Recharge		\$221,197				\$221,197	\$331,796	\$0	\$552,993	Approved pending funding
Orchard-Alfalfa Canal Rehabilitation	\$208,314					\$208,314	\$312,472	\$0	\$520,786	Approved pending funding
N-CORPE					\$1,730,071	\$1,730,071	\$2,595,107	\$0	\$4,325,178	Approved pending funding
J-2 Reregulating Reservoir	\$403,161			\$403,161	\$322,529	\$1,128,851	\$2,217,386.16	\$1,693,277	\$5,039,514	Approved pending funding
<b>Totals by Contributor</b>	<b>\$611,476</b>	<b>\$221,197</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$403,161</b>	<b>\$2,052,600</b>	<b>\$3,288,434</b>	<b>\$5,456,760</b>	<b>\$1,693,277</b>	<b>\$10,438,470</b>	

  

Remaining Financial Commitments by Contributor	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$3,311,566	\$4,443,240	\$0	N/A	
						\$6,600,000	\$ 9,900,000.00	\$ 1,693,276.70		