

PLATTE BASIN COALITION

MEETING MINUTES

April 6, 2021, 1 p.m.

Meeting conducted via Zoom conference

CALL TO ORDER AND ATTENDANCE (*ATTACHMENT A*)

Shelly Meyer	NeDNR	Dan Sternkopf	NeDNR
Lyndon Vogt	CPNRD	John Thorburn	TBNRD
Thad Kuntz	ARI	Ann Dimmitt	TPNRD
Rod Horn	SPNRD	Jennifer Schellpeper	NeDNR
John Berge	NPNRD	Ryan Reisdorff	SPNRD
Travis Glanz	SPNRD	Barb Cross	NPNRD
Brandi Flyr	CPNRD	Jesse Mintken	CPNRD
Ryan Kelly	NeDNR		

The meeting agenda is ATTACHMENT B.

1. **WELCOME:** The meeting was opened by chair Kent Miller, at 1 p.m. who noted there was a copy of the Open Meetings Act present at the TPNRD office. Ryan Kelly called everyone to roll. All members of the PBC were present.
2. **PUBLICATION OF MEETING NOTICES (*ATTACHMENT C*)**
 - A. North Platte Telegraph: 3/27/2021
 - B. Sidney Sun Telegraph: 3/24/2021
 - C. Grand Island Independent: 3/27/2021
 - D. Kearney Hub: 3/27/2021
 - E. Scottsbluff Star Herald: 3/26/2021
3. **APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA (*Attachment B*):**

There were no suggested changes to the April 6, 2021 PBC meeting agenda.

MOTION: To approve the April 6, 2021, PBC meeting agenda.

 - Schellpeper motioned. Vogt seconded.
 - Agenda approved with all ayes.
4. **APPROVAL OF JANUARY 29, 2021 PBC MEETING MINUTES (*ATTACHMENT D*):**

MOTION: To approve the January 29, 2021, PBC meeting minutes.

 - Berge motioned. Schellpeper seconded.
 - Minutes approved with all ayes.
5. **BUDGET UPDATE (NeDNR)**
 - A. **GENERAL UPDATES (*Attachment E*)**
 - i. *YEARS 7-9*

Meyer reported there were no changes.

ii. YEARS 10-12

The budget for the anticipated NET funds for years 10 -12 with current budget percentages as of year 9 was approved during the 4/6/2021 PBC meeting.

iii. STUDIES

a. HDR

i. Invoice #1200334430

	CPNRD	NPNRD	SPNRD	TBNRD	TPNRD	NRD Total	NeDNR	Total
Invoice #1200334430	\$ 155.63	\$ 155.63	\$ 155.63	\$ 155.63	\$ 155.63	\$ 778.17	\$ 778.17	\$ 1,556.34

Meyer reported the need to approve Invoice #1200334430 for the total amount of \$1,556.34, with NeDNR’s portion being \$778.17 and the NRD portion being \$778.17 total with each NRD responsible for \$155.63 (ATTACHMENT F).

ii. Invoice #1200328621

HDR Watersmart #1021	\$ 1,480.00	\$ 1,480.00	\$ 1,480.00	\$ 1,480.00	\$ 1,480.00	\$ 7,400.00	\$ 7,400.00	\$ 14,800.00
	CPNRD	NPNRD	SPNRD	TBNRD	TPNRD	NRD Total	NeDNR	Total
Invoice # 1200328621	\$ 1,018.19	\$ 1,018.19	\$ 1,018.19	\$ 1,018.19	\$ 1,018.19	\$ 5,090.94	\$ 5,090.94	\$ 10,181.88

Meyer reported the need to approve Invoice #1200328621 for the total amount of \$10,181.88, with NeDNR’s portion being \$5,090.94 and the NRD portion being \$5,090.94 total with each NRD responsible for \$1,018.19 (ATTACHMENT G).

Meyer reported that these invoices fall under Contract #571. These are the last expected invoices under this contract and there is still about \$4,000 remaining, which HDR could use for finalizing the WaterSMART grant agreement.

MOTION: To approve Invoices #1200334430 and #1200328621 from HDR.

- Horn motioned. Thorburn seconded.
- Invoices approved with all ayes.

B. NEW OBLIGATIONS/ FUNDING REQUESTS

i. WRCF REQUEST FOR MYERS/MILLER/STRAUCH TEMPORARY LEASE (NPNRD)

Berge discussed a memo describing a contract with a landowner who has already been reimbursed by the PBC over the past five years. The lease with the landowner was recently renewed and NPNRD is planning to continue the reimbursements for the next five years. Schellpeper clarified that the project type was previously reviewed and approved by the PBC and that now NPNRD is simply looking to extend the agreement. (ATTACHMENT H).

MOTION: To approve the extension of the Myers/Miller/Strauch Temporary Lease.

- Thorburn motioned. Schellpeper seconded.
- The extension of the Myers/Miller/Strauch Temporary Lease approved with all ayes.

C. INVOICES

i. INSURANCE BILL

PBC Budget Summary	CPNRD	NPNRD	SPNRD	TBNRD	TPNRD	NDNR	Total by Year
Budget Year 7 (July 2018- June2019)	\$ 604.33	\$ 604.33	\$ 604.33	\$ 604.33	\$ 604.33	\$ 604.35	\$ 3,626.00
Budget Year 8 (July 2019 - June 2020)	\$ 618.33	\$ 618.33	\$ 618.33	\$ 618.33	\$ 618.33	\$ 618.33	\$ 3,710.00
Budget Year 9(July 2020 - June 2021)	\$ 670.83	\$ 670.83	\$ 670.83	\$ 670.83	\$ 670.83	\$ 670.86	\$ 4,025.00
Total 3 Year Budget	\$1,893.49	\$1,893.49	\$1,893.49	\$1,893.49	\$1,893.49	\$1,893.55	\$11,361.00

Meyer reported on a memo describing the annual PBC insurance bill for Year 9 that's currently running from July 2020 to June 2021 (*ATTACHMENT I*). The total bill is \$4,025, and is split between NeDNR and the NRDs, with each NRD's portion being \$670.83 and NeDNR's portion being \$670.86. Horn reported that SPNRD has already paid that bill and will submit reimbursement billing to NeDNR and the other NRDs.

MOTION: To approve the annual PBC insurance bill.

- Berge motioned. Schellpeper seconded.
- The annual PBC insurance was approved with all ayes.

D. ANNUAL BUDGET OVERVIEW

i. ADOPTION OF ANNUAL BUDGET

Schellpeper reported on a memo covering the PBC's ILCA requirements, which note the need to approve a budget every April (*ATTACHMENT J*). The memo also described the status of years 7-9 and the anticipated status of years 10-12. Berge clarified that once approved, there would still be opportunities to reallocate funds between NRDs.

MOTION: To approve the final year 9 budget and the budget for the anticipated NET funds for years 10 -12 with current budget percentages as of year 9.

- Horn motioned. Schellpeper seconded.
- The annual PBC budget approved with all ayes.

6. ILCA RENEWAL DISCUSSION

Schellpeper reported that the current ILCA ends on 7/1/2021. NeDNR is drafting an amendment to extend the ILCA to 7/1/2023. Miller clarified that the extension would keep the current ILCA language intact other than updating dates and the budget statement.

¹ *NeDNR will share the ILCA amendment with the PBC group.*

7. ONGOING PROJECT ACTIVITIES/OPERATIONS

A. CPNRD

i. CPNRD RECHARGE PITS/DETENTION PONDS (CONTRACT IN PROGRESS)

These projects are moving along as intended.

ii. CPNRD GEIKERN-ROWE/ COZAD DEV CORP-CONSERVATION EASEMENTS (1235)

CPNRD currently has no offers for permanent easements.

iii. CPNRD SCHROEDER PROPERTY PROJECT

CPNRD is currently completing a study on the Schroeder Property and a study on B-1 to divert water back to the river.

B. TPNRD

i. TPNRD SIGNED AND COMPLETED CANAL MOAs (1010 - 1014)

No updates.

ii. TPNRD STREAMFLOW AUGMENTATION PIPELINE (N-CORPE)(778)

The project is in place and operating but has not had to operate yet in 2021.

C. NPNRD

i. EPIC PROGRAM (NPNRD) (1226)

The sign up is complete. The numbers are down slightly. 9,000 inches have been signed up in 2021, accounting for roughly \$140,000 in leases.

ii. NPNRD SCHANEMAN RECHARGE PROJECT (1160)

NPNRD has all permit applications submitted to NeDNR and are waiting for approval.

iii. NPNRD CERTIFIED ACRE REIMBURSEMENTS (1156) PERMANENT AND (1157) TEMPORARY

The Myers/Miller/Strauch property was approved by the PBC for extension.

D. TBNRD

i. RAINWATER BASIN JOINT VENTURE (TBNRD) (1021)

TBNRD has been working with CNPPID and USFWS to set up pipelines from CNPPID's canal to USFWS wetlands. This project took in excess flows in early March 2021 to Elwood Reservoir and Victor Lakes.

ii. TBNRD PHASE II AUGMENTATION - NORTH DRY CREEK (597)

TBNRD renewed their easement for the original well that was drilled in 2011. The well has not yet been operated in 2021.

iii. TBNRD WATER CONSERVATION INCENTIVE PROGRAM (CONTRACT IN PROGRESS)

The comingled option has gotten good attention so far. Roughly 1,500 acres are anticipated to be added this year.

E. NEDNR

i. J-2 REGULATING RESERVOIR (NEDNR) (574)

There are no updates.

ii. EXCESS FLOW DIVERSION UPDATES

Jeremy Gehle of NeDNR has been sending email correspondence regarding excess flows, and the DSS Dashboard also communicates potential excess flow availability.

8. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** No comments.
9. **NEXT MEETING:** JUNE 1, 2021, AT 1 P.M.
10. **ADJOURN:** 1:30 p.m. (CT)

ACTION ITEM LIST

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