

PLATTE BASIN COALITION (PBC) MEETING

Thursday, October 3, 2024, 1:00 p.m. Central Time

Twin Platte Natural Resources District

111 S. Dewey St., Second Floor, North Platte, NE 69101

MINUTES

1. Welcome/Call to Order 1:01 pm

The meeting was called to order by Kent Miller (TPNRD), Chair, at 1:01 p.m. As directed by state statute, the Open Meetings Act was displayed during the meeting.

2. Roll Call

PBC ILCA Representatives*

Kent Miller, TPNRD	Scott Schaneman, NPNRD
John Thorburn, TBNRD	Jennifer Schellpeper, NeDNR
Galen Wittrock, SPNRD	Brandi Flyr, CPNRD (Alternate)

Others in Attendance*

Ryan Reisdorff, SPNRD	Caitlin Kingsley, NeDNR	Jack Mensinger, NeDNR
Ann Dimmitt, TPNRD	Ryan Kelly, NeDNR	Avery Dresser, NeDNR
Sam Capps, NeDNR	Arik Vossler, NeDNR	

*Shaded areas indicate online attendees.

3. Publication of Meeting Notices ([Attachment 3](#))

- *North Platte Telegraph*: September 19, 2024
- *Sidney Sun-Telegraph*: September 19, 2024
- *Grand Island Independent*: September 19, 2024
- *Kearney Hub*: September 19, 2024
- *Scottsbluff Star Herald*: September 19, 2024

4. Agenda Review and Approval ([Attachment 4](#))

MOTION: *To approve the October 3, 2024, agenda.*

Move: Jennifer Schellpeper

Second: Galen Wittrock

Discussion: None.

Motion passed unanimously.

5. Review and Approval of the August 1, 2024, Minutes ([Attachment 5](#))

MOTION: *To approve the August 1, 2024, minutes.*

Move: Scott Schaneman

Second: John Thorburn

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Discussion: None.

Motion passed unanimously.

6. Budget Updates

A. General Updates

i. FY 2024-2025 (*Attachment 6Ai*)

Caitlin Kingsley (NeDNR) shared that the only update to this budget (*Attachment 6Ai*) since the August meeting was to reflect the payment of the TPNRD recharge pit contracts #1480, 1481, and 1482.

ii. Studies (*Attachment 6Aii*)

Caitlin called the group's attention to each of the updates on the Studies budget, *Attachment 6Aii*. Each project approved August 1, 2024, has a fully executed contract and associated contract number: conservation study tillage survey updates (#1574), 2023 Robust Review expanded methods documentation (#1525), and parcel-based modeling (#1535-TFG and #1524-ARI). There are no new invoices from these projects at this time.

B. Invoices for Approval

i. HDR Invoices for Drought Plan Development (1287/1377) (*Attachment 6Bi*)

a. Invoice #1200641659 (*Attachment 6Bia*)

b. Invoice #1200651837 (*Attachment 6Bib*)

MOTION: To approve the HDR invoices for Drought Plan Development for the totals of \$3,730.65 and \$3,889.62.

Move: John Thorburn

Second: Jennifer Schellpeper

Discussion: John Thorburn (TBNRD) asked for updates on the Plan and HDR's activities. Caitlin clarified that the invoices, from July and August, cover HDR's work to incorporate final comments on the Plan and prepare for presentation at the basin-wide meeting. A summary of HDR's activities is included in the Progress Report, *Attachment 6Bi*. Since August 15, NeDNR has been in a holding pattern waiting for feedback from the Bureau of Reclamation. Motion passed unanimously.

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C. New Budget Requests

i. Other budget requests

No new budget requests were provided. Kent shared that TPNRD will be working on two new budget requests to bring to the December meeting, including a request to cost-share new recharge pits on Keith-Lincoln Canal.

7. **Ongoing Project Activities/Operations—Obligated and Remaining Expenditures**

A. NeDNR

Jennifer Schellpeper (NeDNR) shared that with recent legislation, NeDNR is working on the WRCF expansion to statewide and looking at opportunities in the voluntary areas. PBC can still count on funds already obligated, but there will be more competition for remaining funds. Caitlin stated there are no excess flow updates at this time.

B. CPNRD

No updates.

C. TBNRD

John updated the group that none of the augmentation wells are running currently.

D. TPNRD

No updates.

E. NPNRD

No updates.

F. SPNRD

No updates.

8. **Public Comment**

No public comment was provided.

9. **2024 Scheduled Meetings:**

- December 5, 2024

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Kent stated it was possible, but not likely, that Twin Platte NRD will be in a new office by the December meeting. The group may consider a virtual meeting, but there must still be a physical meeting space. The group will follow up in early November to discuss the location of the December meeting.

10. 2025 Proposed Meetings:

- a. February 6, 2025
- b. April 3, 2025
- c. June 5, 2025
- d. August 7, 2025 (Basin-wide meeting at TBNRD)
- e. October 2, 2025
- f. December 4, 2025

11. Wrap-up, action items, next steps

NeDNR will distribute the approved invoices via ShareFile for payment.

NeDNR will create calendar invites for the 2025 proposed meetings as presented above.

12. Adjourn 1:10 pm