

PLATTE BASIN COALITION (PBC) MEETING

Thursday, August 7, 2025, 1:00 p.m. Central Time

Tri-Basin Natural Resources District
1723 Burlington St, Holdrege, NE 68949

MINUTES

1. Welcome/Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Kent Miller (TPNRD) at 2:20 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	Lyndon Vogt, CPNRD
Galen Wittrock, SPNRD	Jennifer Schellpeper, DWEE

Others in Attendance*

Jack Mensinger, DWEE	Caitlin Kingsley, DWEE	Travis Preston, NPNRD
Nolan Little, TBNRD	Jesse Mintken, CPNRD	Jeff Shafer, NPPD
Travis Preston, SPNRD	Ryan Reisdorff, NPNRD	Ryan Reuter, NPNRD Director
Thad Kuntz, ARI	Larry Reynolds, TBNRD Director	Dean Edson, NARD
Brett Roberg, NGPC	Sam Capps, DWEE	Kari Burgert, DWEE
Ryan Kelly, DWEE	Erica Gnuse, Ducks Unlimited	Mike Archer, NGPC
Dustin Wilcox, NARD	Joselyn Luedtke, Zulkoski Weber	Melissa Mosier, Audubon
Judy Eggleston, Southside Irrigation		

*Shaded areas indicate online attendees.

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

- *North Platte Telegraph*: July 24, 2025
- *Sidney Sun-Telegraph*: July 24, 2025
- *Grand Island Independent*: July 24, 2025
- *Kearney Hub*: July 24, 2025
- *Scottsbluff Star Herald*: July 24, 2025

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4. Agenda Review and Approval (*Attachment 4*)

MOTION: *To approve the August 7, 2025, agenda.*

Move: Lyndon Vogt

Second: Galen Wittrock

Discussion: None.

Motion passed unanimously.

5. Review and Approval of the June 5, 2025, Minutes (*Attachment 5*)

MOTION: *To approve the June 5, 2025, minutes.*

Move: Scott Schaneman

Second: Lyndon Vogt

Discussion: None.

Motion passed unanimously.

6. Budget Updates

A. Budget

i. FY 2025-2026 (*Attachment 6Ai*)

- a. Caitlin Kingsley (DWEE) stated the budget remained consistent with the budget presented during the previous PBC meeting, except for the name change from the Nebraska Department of Natural Resources (NeDNR) to the Nebraska Department of Water, Energy, and Environment (DWEE).

ii. Studies (*Attachment 6Aii*)

- a. Caitlin stated that names were changed from NeDNR to DWEE. All new Studies invoices are indicated in yellow.

B. Invoices for Approval

i. ARI Invoices for Parcel-Based Modeling Contract #1524

- a. Invoice #04637 (*Attachment 6Bia*)

- b. Invoice #04665 (*Attachment 6Bib*)

MOTION: *To approve ARI invoices #04637 and #04665 for Parcel-Based Modeling contract #1524 for the amounts of \$9,460.00 and \$752.50, respectively.*

Move: Lyndon Vogt

Second: Jennifer Schellpeper

Discussion: None.

Motion passed unanimously.

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- ii. TFG Invoice #25-3527 for Parcel-Based Modeling Contract #1535
(Attachment 6Bii)

MOTION: To approve TFG invoice #25-3527 for Parcel-Based Modeling contract #1535 for the amount of \$27,636.25.

Move: John Thorburn

Second: Jennifer Schellpeper

Discussion: None

Motion passed unanimously.

- iii. TFG Invoice #25-3526 for Conservation Study Tillage Practices Survey Contract #1574 (Attachment 6Biii)

MOTION: To approve TFG invoice #25-3526 for Conservation Study Tillage Practices Survey contract #1574 for the amount of \$4,676.25.

Move: John Thorburn

Second: Galen Wittrock

Discussion: None.

Motion passed unanimously.

- iv. Other invoices
None.

C. New Budget Requests

- i. Other budget requests
No budget requests were provided.

7. Ongoing Project Activities/Operations

A. Nebraska DWEE

The Department has not seen any excess flows since the July 4th event.

B. CPNRD

No updates.

C. TBNRD

John Thorburn (TBNRD) reported that TBNRD is not currently operating any augmentation wells.

D. TPNRD

Kent Miller (TPNRD) stated that Twin Platte continues to operate its pipeline from NCORPE when protected flow shortages occur.

E. NPNRD

No update.

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- F. SPNRD
No update.

8. Public Comment

No public comment was provided.

9. 2025 Meetings:

- a. October 2, 2025
The October meeting will be rescheduled to September 30th in Kearney following the NARD Conference.
- b. December 4, 2025
Virtual meeting.

10. Wrap-up & action items

- a. The approved Conservation Study invoice will be distributed to applicable parties.

11. Adjourn (2:27 p.m.)