

PLATTE BASIN COALITION (PBC) MEETING

Thursday, December 4, 1:00 p.m. Central Time

Virtual Meeting via Zoom Conference

MINUTES

1. Welcome/Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Kent Miller, Chair, at 1:01 PM. 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	Sam Capps, DWEE (Alternate)

Others in Attendance*

Jack Mensinger, DWEE	Caitlin Kingsley, DWEE	Ann Dimmitt, TPNRD
Ryan Reisdorff, SPNRD		

*Shaded areas indicate online attendees.

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

- *North Platte Telegraph*: November 25, 2025
- *Sidney Sun-Telegraph*: November 20, 2025
- *Grand Island Independent*: November 25, 2025
- *Kearney Hub*: November 25, 2025
- *Scottsbluff Star Herald*: November 25, 2025

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

MOTION: *To approve the December 4, 2025, meeting agenda.*

Move: John Thorburn

Second: Scott Schaneman

Discussion: None.

Motion passed unanimously.

5. Review and Approval of the September 30, 2025, Minutes ([Attachment 5](#))

MOTION: *To approve the September 30, 2025, meeting minutes.*

Move: Sam Capps

Second: Lyndon Vogt

Discussion: None.

Motion passed unanimously.

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6. Budget Updates

A. Budget

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

Caitlin Kingsley (DWEE) reported that there had been contract extensions for the Twin Platte NRD Keith-Lincoln Canal recharge site contracts #1594 and #1602 with no cost change associated.

ii. Studies (*Attachment 6Aii*)

Caitlin highlighted the new invoices shown in yellow on the Studies budget (*Attachment 6Aii*). ARI submitted two invoices for Parcel-Based Modeling contract #1524. HDR also submitted two invoices for drought plan development contracts #1287 and #1377. The invoices represent the final two payouts from HDR, after which the contract will be fully spent and subsequently closed out.

B. Contracts and Agreements

i. Acreage Reserve Program MOA Contract #1237 Amendment 1 Review and Approval (*Attachment 6Bi*)

MOTION: To approve the ARP MOA amendment 1 as presented.

Move: Scott Schaneman

Second: Sam Capps

Discussion: None.

Motion passed unanimously.

ii. Upper Platte River Drought Contingency Plan Final Approval & Adoption (*Attachment 6Bii*)

MOTION: To approve and adopt the Upper Platte River Drought Contingency Plan as presented.

Move: Lyndon Vogt

Second: Sam Capps

Discussion: None.

Motion passed unanimously.

C. Invoices for Approval

i. HDR Invoices for Drought Plan Development Contracts #1287 and #1377

a. Invoice #1200755034 (*Attachment 6Cia*)

b. Invoice #1200769598 (*Attachment 6Cib*)

MOTION: To approve HDR invoices #1200755034 and #1200769598 for Drought Plan Development Contracts #1287 and #1377 for the amounts of \$6,659.11 and

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\$15,054.11, respectively.

Move: Scott Schaneman

Second: Lyndon Vogt

Discussion: None.

Motion passed unanimously.

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

a. Invoice #04693 (*Attachment 6Ciia*)

b. Invoice #04740 (*Attachment 6Ciib*)

MOTION: *To approve ARI invoices #04693 and #04740 for Parcel-Based Modeling Contract #1524 for the amounts of \$3,278.75 and \$8,815.00, respectively.*

Move: Galen Wittrock

Second: Scott Schaneman

Discussion: None.

Motion passed unanimously.

iii. Other invoices

None.

D. New Budget Requests

i. Other budget requests

No new budget requests were presented.

7. Ongoing Project Activities/Operations

A. DWEE

Caitlin reported that the last excess flow event occurred in mid-September. Currently some DSS gages report zero CFS, most likely indicating a streamgage malfunction due to ice.

Sam Capps (DWEE) reported on the status of Nebraska's compliance for the Republican River Compact. Nebraska expects the Republican NRDs will be pumping NCORPE in the next year for Republican River Compact compliance purposes. Kent Miller (TPNRD) was advised to coordinate with the Republican NRDs and Kyle Shepherd regarding Twin Platte NRD's augmentation pumping needs because there may be times where NCORPE is pumping for both the Republican and Upper Platte Basins. DWEE is not planning to deliver augmentation water to the KBID account until 2026.

B. CPNRD

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Lyndon Vogt (CPNRD) reported that the district had 12 new Rubicon gates installed along three canals in the western part of their district. Lyndon noted that the gates will improve efficiency somewhat, but their primary benefit will be reducing travel time for managers accessing river gates and returns.

C. TBNRD

John Thorburn (TBNRD) reported that TBNRD and CPNRD are actively working with FEMA and DWEE to install additional gage cameras along the Platte River. TBNRD and CPNRD intend to add cameras at Odessa, Shelton, and Central City, supplementing the existing locations at Overton, Grand Island, and Duncan.

D. TPNRD

No update.

E. NPNRD

Scott Schaneman (NPNRD) reported that NPNRD finished their flow meter reads for the irrigation season. NPNRD intends to present a report on the Pumpkin Creek pilot study to the group at the February meeting, pending tabulation of the final numbers.

F. SPNRD

No update.

8. Public Comment

9. 2026 Meetings:

- a. February 5, 2026
- b. April 2, 2026
- c. June 4, 2026
- d. August 6, 2026
- e. October 1, 2026*
- f. December 3, 2026

10. Wrap-up & action items

Action items:

1. Initiate signature process for Contract #1237 amendment 1.
2. Initiate invoice payment process for approved invoices:
 - Contract #1377 invoices #1200755034 and #1200769598
 - Contract #1524 invoices #04693 and #04740
3. Post the approved Drought Contingency Plan on the project website and

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distribute the link to the group.

11. Adjourn (1:16 pm)