

Platte Basin Coalition Committee

Minutes

April 13th, 2015, 2:00 p.m. Central Time
Twin Platte NRD Office, North Platte, NE

Call to order and attendance: Miller called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m., Central Time. Sponsors and partners in attendance (Attachment A) were:

Mark Czaplewski	CPNRD	Tracy Zayac	NPNRD
Duane Woodward	CPNRD	Rod Horn	SPNRD
Melissa Mosier	NDNR	Ryan Reisdorff	SPNRD
Jennifer Schellpeper	NDNR	John Thorburn	TBNRD
Kayla Sharp	NDNR	Ann Dimmitt	TPNRD
Jessie Wietjes	NDNR	Kent Miller	TPNRD
John Berge	NPNRD	Landon Shaw	TPNRD

Guests in attendance:

Jeff Shafer	NPPD	Cory Steinke	CNPPID
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- 1. Welcome and Open Meetings Act:** Miller noted that a copy of the Open Meetings Act was available in the office.
- 2. Publication of Meeting Notices:** The NDNR published a public notice (Attachment B) of the PBC meeting in the Grand Island Independent on April 4, 2015, the North Platte Telegraph on April 4, 2015, and the Scottsbluff Star Herald on April 7, 2015.
- 3. Agenda Modifications:** No revisions were made to the agenda (Attachment C).
- 4. Approval of December 1st, 2014; December 19th, 2014; January 12th, 2015; and February 19th, 2015, PBC Meeting Minutes:**

Motion: To approve the December 1st, 2014; December 19th, 2014; January 12th, 2015; and February 19th, 2015, PBC meeting minutes (Attachments D-G).

Woodward motioned to approve and Schellpeper seconded. Motion passed with all ayes.
- 5. Budget Update (NDNR)**
 - A. Operations:** Sharp and Schellpeper led the group in a discussion of the PBC budget summary spreadsheets (Attachment H) Sharp reported that the operations budget had been updated to reflect the 2015 liability insurance payments. A projected operations budget for years 4-6 has also been added to the summary. A

few updates have been made to the years 1-3 budget spreadsheet, but total dollars have not changed since the last meeting. NDNR and TPNRD will make sure that NDNR has received TPNRD's most recent Master Plan. NDNR and NPNRD will work together to determine what steps remain in the process of finalizing the contracts for the NPNRD lease/recharge and Grandview permanent retirement projects. There have not been any revisions to the years 4-6 budget spreadsheet, but Sharp noted that there is \$7.7 million left to be committed.

B. Studies: A budget pre-estimate for the Robust Review has been added to the studies budget spreadsheet.

Action: Sharp will go back to ensure that the approved budget amounts for the studies are the same as the contracted amounts in the PBC budget summary spreadsheets.

Action: Woodward will send out the first invoice for the OA/FA study in June 2015 so that the NRDs can decide if this payment needs to be made during the current fiscal year or the next.

C. Second three-year increment funding: Shellpeper discussed the draft amendment to the interlocal cooperation agreement between the Platte Basin Water Project Coalition and the representative NRDs and NDNR (Attachment I).

Motion: To approve the amendment to the Platte Basin Water Project Coalition interlocal cooperative agreement, subject to a revision to include the dollar amount of the Phase I Conservation Study to the studies budget in Exhibit 1 of the amendment.

Berge motioned to approve and Miller seconded. The motion passed with all ayes.

Action: NDNR will revise Exhibit 1 of the amendment to the Platte Basin Water Project Coalition interlocal cooperative agreement to include the dollar amount of the Phase I Conservation Study to the studies budget.

Action: NDNR will route the signature page of the approved amendment to the Platte Basin Water Project Coalition interlocal cooperative agreement to the NRD managers for signature.

6. Project Updates

A. N-CORPE: Miller reported that the N-CORPE wells are currently shut down and, at this point, there are no plans to have the wells running again for the rest of 2015. At their April 2015 meeting, the N-CORPE board will consider a request to sell water to Bostwick Irrigation District. Project land is gradually being reseeded into native grasses. The current estimated timeline for construction of the north pipeline is 2016.

B. Orchard Alfalfa: Woodward reported that the last of the contracted work on the project was completed in early April 2015. The transfer water rights and excess flow permits have been completed. Czaplewski reminded Schellpeper that the Orchard Alfalfa contract needs to be amended. Schellpeper noted that the draft amendment for the contract is being reviewed by but will be sent to CPNRD soon.
Action: NDNR will send a draft amendment for the Orchard Alfalfa contract to CPNRD.

C. J-2 Regulating Reservoir: Schellpeper noted that the group received a copy of the most recent quarterly report for the J-2 project in their meeting handouts (Attachment J). Steinke added that the land acquisition process is confidential and little information will be released until final deals have been made. Agreements have been made to allow access to private property for field tests and a new task order has been signed with the consultants to begin work on the 50% design. Don Kraus recently met with Senator Deb Fischer to discuss her concerns related to the project and land acquisition. The Jeffery Island feasibility study determined this option to be 250% more expensive and more complex in regard to permitting and engineering design. Information related to the J-2 project is available on the CNPPID website (<http://www.cnppid.com/operations/j-2-regulating-reservoirs/>)

D. North Platte NRD Lease: Berge reported that NPNRD is continuing productive discussions with downstream stakeholders who have concerns about the project. Budgeted money for pit construction will be carried over to the next fiscal year.

E. Tri-Basin Phase II Augmentation: Thorburn reported that both augmentation wells are in place and they are waiting on North Dry Creek to get some water so that the wells can be run.

F. South Platte NRD Temporary Retirement Agreement: Reisdorff reported that the contract for this project is in place and the first payment to the property owner was made at the end of 2014.

Action: SPNRD will send Sharp a copy of the contract for the SPNRD temporary retirement agreement.

7. Public Comments: There were no public comments.

8. Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 2:40 p.m.

Action Item Summary:

- 1) Sharp will go back to ensure that the approved budget amounts for the studies are the same as the contracted amounts in the PBC budget summary spreadsheets.
- 2) Woodward will send out the first invoice for the OA/FA study in June 2015 so that the NRDs can decide if this payment needs to be made during the current fiscal year of the next.
- 3) NDNR will revise Exhibit 1 of the amendment to the Platte Basin Water Project Coalition interlocal cooperative agreement to include the dollar amount of the Phase I Conservation Study to the studies budget.
- 4) NDNR will route the signature page of the approved amendment to the Platte Basin Water Project Coalition interlocal cooperative agreement to the NRD managers for signature.
- 5) NDNR will send a draft amendment for the Orchard Alfalfa contract to CPNRD.
- 6) SPNRD will send Sharp a copy of the contract for the SPNRD temporary retirement agreement.

Next meetings of the PBC are scheduled for the following dates, times, and locations:

June 18, 2015	2:30 p.m.	Holiday Inn Express & Suites, North Platte, NE
August 6, 2015	1:30 p.m.	TPNRD Office, Great Western Bank Building, North Platte, NE
October 6, 2015	1:30 p.m.	TPNRD Office, Great Western Bank Building, North Platte, NE
December 7, 2015	1:30 p.m.	TPNRD Office, Great Western Bank Building, North Platte, NE

PLATTE BASIN COALITION MEETING

Meeting Date: April 13, 2015

Place/Room: TPNRD, North Platte, NE

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**PUBLIC NOTICE
MEETING
OF THE PLATTE BASIN COALITION**

The Central Platte Natural Resources District, North Platte Natural Resources District, South Platte Natural Resources District, Tri-Basin Natural Resources District, Twin Platte Natural Resources District (collectively, the Platte Basin NRDs), and the Nebraska Department of Natural Resources (Department) hereby provide notice that a public meeting of the Platte Basin Coalition will be held on Monday, April 13th, 2015, at 2:00 p.m. Central Time, at the Twin Platte Natural Resources District office, 111 South Dewey Street, North Platte, Nebraska.

The Platte Basin Coalition purpose is to create a cooperative body to assist the Platte Basin NRDs and the Department with resource management and efficient implementation of the basin-wide management plan and the individual integrated management plans for the overappropriated area of the Platte River Basin.

An agenda of the meeting is available for public inspection during normal business hours at the offices of the Platte Basin NRDs and the Department and at the following website: www.dnr.nebraska.gov. Please refer to the websites and phone numbers listed below for further information.

- CPNRD: <http://www.cpnrd.org> or phone (308) 385-6282
215 Kaufman Avenue, Grand Island, NE 68803
- NPNRD: <http://www.npnrd.org> or phone (308) 632-2749
100547 Airport Road, Scottsbluff, NE 69363
- SPNRD: <http://www.spnrd.org> or phone (308) 254-2377
551 Parkland Drive, Sidney, NE 69162
- TBNRD: <http://www.tribasinprd.org> or phone (308) 995-6688
1723 Burlington Street, Holdrege, NE 68949
- TPNRD: <http://www.tpnrd.org> or phone (308) 535-8080
111 S Dewey Street, North Platte, NE 69101
- Department: <http://www.dnr.nebraska.gov> or phone (402) 471-2363
301 Centennial Mall South, 4th Floor, Lincoln, NE 68508

Individuals with disabilities may request auxiliary aids and services necessary for participation by contacting Melissa Mosier at the Nebraska Department of Natural Resources, 301 Centennial Mall South, PO Box 94676, Lincoln, NE 68509-4676, telephone (402) 471-3948 or e-mail melissa.mosier@nebraska.gov.

Agenda

Platte Basin Coalition Committee Meeting

April 13th, 2015, 2:00 p.m. Central Time
Twin Platte NRD Office, North Platte, NE

1. Welcome and Open Meetings Act
2. Publication of Meeting Notices
3. Agenda Modifications
4. Approval of December 1st, 2014; December 19th, 2014; January 12th, 2015; and February 19th, 2015, PBC Meeting Minutes
5. Budget Update (NDNR)
 - A. Operations
 - B. Studies
 - i. Conservation Measures Study
 - ii. Difference Between Current and Fully Appropriated Study
 - iii. Robust Review
 - C. Second three-year increment funding
6. Project Updates
 - A. N-CORPE (TPNRD)
 - B. Orchard Alfalfa (CPNRD)
 - C. J-2 Regulating Reservoir (NDNR)
 - D. North Platte NRD Lease (NPNRD)
 - E. Tri-Basin NRD Phase II Augmentation (TBNRD)
 - F. South Platte NRD Temporary Retirement Agreement (SPNRD)
7. Public Comments
8. Adjourn

Next PBC meetings are scheduled for the following dates and will be held at 1:30 p.m. Central Time at the Twin Platte NRD office:

- June 18th, 2015 (@ 2:30 p.m.)
 - Annual Meeting @ 1:00 p.m.
- August 6th, 2015
- October 6th, 2015
- December 7th, 2015

Platte Basin Coalition Committee DRAFT Minutes

December 1st, 2014, 1:30 p.m. Central Time
Twin Platte NRD Office, North Platte, NE

Call to order and attendance: Miller called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m., Central Time. Sponsors and partners in attendance (Attachment A) were:

Mark Czaplewski	CPNRD	John Berge	NPNRD
Jesse Mintken	CPNRD	Tina Kurtz	NPNRD
Lyndon Vogt	CPNRD	Travis Glanz	SPNRD
Duane Woodward	CPNRD	Rod Horn	SPNRD
Jesse Bradley	NDNR	Ryan Reisdorff	SPNRD
Melissa Mosier	NDNR	John Thorburn	TBNRD
Jennifer Schellpeper	NDNR	Kent Miller	TPNRD
		Thad Kuntz	ARI

Guests in attendance:

Jeff Shafer NPPD

- 1. Welcome and Open Meetings Act:** Miller noted that a copy of the Open Meetings Act was available in the meeting room.
- 2. Publication of Meeting Notices:** The NDNR published a public notice (Attachment B) of the PBC meeting in the Grand Island Independent on November 25, 2014, the North Platte Telegraph on November 27, 2014, and the Scottsbluff Star Herald on November 28, 2014.
- 3. Agenda Modifications:** No revisions were made to the agenda (Attachment C).
- 4. Approval of October 6th, 2014, PBC Meeting Minutes:**
Motion: To approve the October 6, 2014, PBC meeting minutes (Attachment D).
Horn motioned to approve and Vogt seconded. Motion passed with all ayes.
- 5. Budget Update (NDNR)**
 - A. Operations:** Schellpeper discussed the updated PBC budget sheet (Attachment E). No updates have been made to the Operations tab or the Studies tab of the budget summary. The Years 1-3 Budget Review tab has been updated to show that some funds were transferred from the Phase II North Dry Creek project to the N-CORPE project. Schellpeper also noted that part of the funding

for the J-2 Reservoir project is accounted for on the Years 4-6 Budget Review. A number of projects are listed under the Project Status column which are under contract and awaiting partial payment. The Years 4-6 Budget Review has been updated based on past meeting notes and the bottom row shows the remaining funds available to each NRD. At this time there are uncommitted funds of approximately \$7.7 million.

Action: Schellpeper will send the updated (December 1, 2014) PBC budget summary (see Attachment E) to the rest of the administrators.

B. Studies

i. Conservation Measures Study

- a. Phase II Contract:** The POAC technical committee recommends scheduling a conference call in order to approve the scope of work and contract for the conservation measures study. The conference call is scheduled for Friday, December 19th, 2014, at 9:00 a.m. Central Time. This meeting will be public noticed and include listening locations at each Platte River Basin NRD and NDNR office.

Action: NDNR will set-up the conservation study conference call and submit the required public notice to local media.

ii. Difference Between Current and Fully Appropriated Study

- a. Final Contract:** The final contract has been signed by all parties.

Action: NDNR will send a copy of the signed OA/FA contract (Attachment F) to the rest of the group.

- iii. Robust Review:** There was no budget-related update for the robust review.

C. Second three-year increment funding: The second three-year increment funding was discussed under agenda item 5.A.

6. Project Updates

- A. N-CORPE:** Miller reported that construction for the north pipeline is scheduled to begin in late summer or early fall of 2015. The agreement with NPPD to run N-CORPE water through the Sutherland Canal from Lake Maloney to the South Platte River is underway. Financing the north pipeline through the state revolving fund administered by NDEQ should be able to occur after a one sentence addition is included in statute, and this action will be introduced to the Legislature in

spring 2015. A regional groundwater model is being developed in order to monitor groundwater levels and impacts to surrounding areas.

- B. Orchard Alfalfa:** Mintken reported that contractors recently began the last phase of work and the project should be completed in spring 2015.
- C. J-2 Regulating Reservoir:** Offers have been made to landowners in the project area and more will be known as this process moves forward.
- i. Payment and investment options through NCF:** Schellpeper provided the group with a budget and payment spreadsheet for the J-2 project (Attachment G) which includes documentation of the first payment, the adjusted second payment, an estimated third payment, and a description of the budgeting and contract variance. Action may need to be taken in the future to cover the cost of NCF fees that appear to have been underestimated. The second payment is now due under the J-2 contract and NDNR will send an invoice to the NRDs following the meeting.

While it is held with the NCF, Diane Wilson with the NCF recommended that the group invest the J-2 project fund in a CDARS (Certificate of Deposit Account Registry Service).

Motion: The PBC administrators agreed to invest the J-2 project fund in a CDARS while it is held with the NCF.

Thorburn motioned to approve and Vogt seconded. Motion passed with all ayes.

- D. North Platte NRD Lease:** NPNRD is still meeting with stakeholders and working on responses to NDNR for project permits.
- E. Tri-Basin Phase II Augmentation:** Invoices for the second observation well have been sent to NDNR.

Other: An industrial well user in the SPNRD fully appropriated area has gone over his five-year baseline and SPNRD would like to offer this user payment for the continued retirement of his irrigated acres (currently in EQIP) in order to help offset his overage.

Action: At the February 2, 2015, PBC meeting, SPNRD will bring a proposal to request that funds are acquired through PBC to help cover the cost of a temporary retirement of acres in the SPNRD for offset purposes.

Schellpeper noted that there are excess flows currently occurring on the Platte River and diversions are taking place into CNPPID's system for recharge.

7. Public Comments: There were no public comments.

8. Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 2:14 p.m.

Next regular meetings of the PBC are scheduled for the following dates at 1:30 p.m. at the TPNRD office:

February 2nd, 2015
April 7th, 2015
June 18th, 2015
August 6th, 2015
October 6th, 2015
December 7th, 2015

* A public noticed conference call arranged to discuss the conservation measures study contract and scope of work is scheduled for:

December 19, 2014, at 9:00 a.m. CT / 8:00 a.m. MT

Action Item Summary:

- 1) Schellpeper will send the updated (December 1, 2014) PBC budget summary to the rest of the administrators.
- 2) NDNR will set-up the conservation study conference call and submit the required public notice to local media.
- 3) NDNR will send a copy of the signed OA/FA contract to the rest of the group.
- 4) At the February 2, 2015, PBC meeting, SPNRD will bring a proposal to request that funds are acquired through PBC to help cover the cost of a temporary retirement of acres in the SPNRD for offset purposes.

Platte Basin Coalition Committee

DRAFT Minutes

December 19th, 2014, 9:00 a.m. Central Time
Conference Call

Call to order and attendance: Miller called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Central Time. Sponsors and partners in attendance (Attachment A) were:

Rod Horn	SPNRD	John Thorburn	TBNRD
Travis Glanz	SPNRD	Thad Kuntz	ARI
Lyndon Vogt	CPNRD	Kent Miller	TPNRD
Duane Woodward	CPNRD	Ann Dimmitt	TPNRD
Jesse Mintken	CPNRD	Landon Shaw	TPNRD
Jesse Bradley	NDNR	Marc Groff	TFG
Jennifer Schellpeper	NDNR	John Berge	NPNRD
Jessie Wietjes	NDNR	Tina Kurtz	NPNRD
Kathy Benson	NDNR		

- 1. Welcome and Open Meetings Act:** Miller noted that a copy of the Open Meetings Act was available in the meeting room.
- 2. Publication of Meeting Notices:** Schellpeper reported that public notice (Attachment B) of the PBC meeting was published in the Grand Island Independent, the North Platte Telegraph, and Scottsbluff Star Herald newspapers.
- 3. Agenda Modifications:** No revisions were made to the agenda (Attachment C).
- 4. Conservation Measures Study:**
 - a. Scope of Work:** Schellpeper discussed the cost summary that had previously been forwarded to everyone which showed four tiers of work from four consultants and the cost of each tier. She noted a more specific scope of work and its costs was needed.

Action: Kuntz and Woodward will revise the scopes of work to reflect the decisions made at this meeting and send them to the technical committee and Marc Groff by January 6th, 2015.
 - b. Cost:** The consensus among members was that the \$377,000 price was higher than the original price. Bradley stated NDNR would put \$100,000 and staff labor to run groundwater models toward the project. Miller asked if PBC money would be put in to help with funding and Schellpeper stated it would not. Miller questioned where the rest of the \$377,000 would be coming from. Miller was reminded that in previous discussions it was decided that the NRDs would budget \$10,000 annually for two years to put toward the project. Thorburn stated that Tier 4 was future work and would require different funding. Bradley stated that

Tiers 3 & 4 seemed irrelevant at this time and could be “cut” from the project to reduce work and expense. Schellpeper also reminded the group that Tiers 3 & 4 were not required by LB 962 and Tiers 1 & 2 covered the statutory obligations. Groff stated cutting Tiers 3 & 4 would cut documentation costs by about a third. Schellpeper reminded the committee that the Robust Review work needed to be completed yet and to make sure to budget for this. More discussion was had about the details of the expense summary as their NRD boards would be asking these same questions. Bradley stated now that they will be running Tier 1 and 2 only, there should be a more detailed account of where the money is being spent. The Administrators agreed to send the cost analysis back to the technical committee to generate a new cost estimate based upon these changes and that more detail regarding project coordination and project documentation was needed to understand those charges.

Action: Once he receives the new scopes of work from Kuntz and Woodward, Groff will generate a new cost estimate by January 8th, 2015, that reflects the decisions made at this meeting.

- c. **Contract:** Miller stated that on the table at this time was to run Tiers 1 & 2, not to exceed \$212,000. NDNR is to pay \$106,000 and the five NRDs are to pay \$106,000 over a two-year time span. Schellpeper stated the contract deadline is set for October 1st, 2015, so it would be beneficial to vote on this as soon as possible so as not to push the deadline back. To keep things moving the administrators agreed to hold another conference call on January 12th with the expectation that the technical committee would have updated costs, more details on project coordination and documentation tasks, and a revised contract for review.

5. Public Comments: There were no public comments.

6. Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 9:40 a.m.

*A public noticed conference call to finalize the contract was scheduled for:

January 12th, 2015, at 11:00 a.m. (Central Time)

Platte Basin Coalition Committee DRAFT Minutes

January 12th, 11:00 a.m. Central Time
Conference Call

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

Jesse Mintken	CPNRD	John Thorburn	TBNRD
Melissa Mosier	NDNR	Ann Dimmitt	TPNRD
Jennifer Schellpeper	NDNR	Kent Miller	TPNRD
Jessie Wietjes	NDNR	Landon Shaw	TPNRD
John Berge	NPNRD	Thad Kuntz	ARI
Travis Glanz	SPNRD	Marc Groff	TFG
Rod Horn	SPNRD		
Ryan Reisdorff	SPNRD		

- 1. Welcome and Open Meetings Act:** Miller noted that a copy of the Open Meetings Act was available.
- 2. Publication of Meeting Notices:** Mosier reported that public notice (Attachment B) of the PBC meeting was published in the Grand Island Independent, the North Platte Telegraph, and Scottsbluff Star Herald newspapers.
- 3. Agenda Modifications:** No revisions were made to the agenda (Attachment C).
- 4. Conservation Measures Study:**
 - a. Scope of Work:** Groff discussed the changes that were made to the scopes of work since the December 19, 2014, PBC meeting. Tiers 3 and 4 were eliminated from the tasks in the scopes of work and the project coordination and documentation tasks have been more thoroughly outlined. The group discussed whether or not there were tasks that could still be eliminated from the scopes of work. Groff explained that the consultants have had further discussions on responsibilities for documentation of this project and The Flatwater Group, Inc., will be in charge of assembling the reports, putting the analysis to the reports, and developing the final product. The full extent of the documentation tasks was not included in the scope presented at the December 19, 2014, PBC meeting but is included in the revised scope.
 - b. Cost:** Groff reported that the total cost is now at \$226,000.00 (Attachment D), which will cost the NRDs approximately \$1,300.00/year more than expected. NDNR will be able to provide half of the total cost of this project. Tier 1 estimates the impacts of conservation measures in accordance with statute and tier

2 better defines the range of potential impacts of conservation measures. Working on tier 1 and tier 2 at the same time provides efficiencies as compared to working on these tiers as separate projects. The consultants will bill for half of the work before July 1, 2015, and the other half after July 1, 2015.

Motion: To proceed with the Impact of Soil and Water Conservation Measures study as it was presented today with a cost \$226,000.00, half of which (\$113,000.00) will be provided by NDNR and the other half (\$113,000.00) will be provided by the Platte Basin NRDs over the next two fiscal years (FY 2014-2015 and FY 2015-2016). **Berge motioned to approve and Schellpeper seconded. The motion passed with all ayes.**

- c. **Contract:** Schellpeper referred to the draft contract (Attachment E) that has been prepared for this study. The contract will be between the Platte Basin Water Project Coalition and The Flatwater Group, Inc. Miller would be responsible for signing the contract but the designated project coordinator will be NDNR staff.

Motion: To approve the contract between the Platte Basin Water Project Coalition and The Flatwater Group, Inc. **Schellpeper motioned to approve and Thorburn seconded. The motion passed with all ayes.**

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

6. **Adjourn:** The meeting adjourned at 11:37 a.m.

Next PBC meetings are scheduled for the following dates and will be held at 1:30 p.m. Central Time at the TPNRD office:

April 7 th , 2015	October 6 th , 2015
June 18 th , 2015	December 7 th , 2015
August 6 th , 2015	

Platte Basin Coalition Committee

DRAFT Minutes

February 19th, 2015, 300 p.m. CT
Conference Call

Call to order and attendance: Miller called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. CT.
Sponsors and partners in attendance (Attachment A) were:

Duane Woodward	CPNRD	Rod Horn	SPNRD
Melissa Mosier	NDNR	Ryan Reisdorff	SPNRD
Jennifer Schellpeper	NDNR	John Thorburn	TBNRD
Kayla Sharp	NDNR	Ann Dimmitt	TPNRD
John Berge	NPNRD	Kent Miller	TPNRD
Tracy Zayac	NPNRD	Landon Shaw	TPNRD
Travis Glanz	SPNRD		

Guests in attendance:

Jeff Shafer NPPD

- 1. Welcome and Open Meetings Act:** Miller noted that a copy of the Open Meetings Act was available.
- 2. Publication of Meeting Notices:** Mosier reported that public notice (Attachment B) of the PBC meeting was published in the North Platte Telegraph on February 12th, 2015, as well as the Grand Island Independent and Scottsbluff Star Herald on February 11th, 2015.
- 3. Agenda Modifications:** No revisions were made to the agenda (Attachment C).
- 4. Budget Amendments:**
 - a. Liability Insurance:** A statement of \$3,366.90 for the Coalition's general liability and public officials liability protection has been received (Attachments D & E). The PBC operations budget spreadsheet has been updated to reflect this cost. South Platte NRD individually invoiced each entity for their share.

Motion: To approve the payment of \$3,366.90 for the Coalition's liability and linebacker coverage, the cost of which will be split equally between the six member entities. **Woodward motioned to approve and Schellpeper seconded. The motion passed with all ayes.**
 - b. Projects:** Schellpeper referred the group to the memo (Attachment F) summarizing the proposed budget amendments for the 2014-2015 groundwater recharge and flood mitigation project (Attachment G), and the South Platte NRD

industrial baseline offset project (Attachment H). The groundwater recharge project motion includes only the amount of water that was diverted for the project up to the date of the memo (January 30, 2015). The billing for this project is based on the amount of water diverted, not the amount of return flow. On the South Platte NRD offset project, Reisdorff reported that they expect the offset being purchased will exceed the amount of water currently used over the approved baseline and that the additional water accrued through this project will be saved in a water bank for future offsets.

Motion: To approve \$535,031.80 in funds to the fall/winter 2014-2015 groundwater recharge and flood mitigation project. **Thorburn motioned to approve and Berge seconded. The motion passed with all ayes.**

Motion: To approve \$10,740.00 in funds to the South Platte NRD industrial baseline offset project. **Horn motioned to approve and Woodward seconded. The motion passed with all ayes.**

Schellpeper announced that the POAC projects have been included in the NET board recommendations for funding. The funding period would correspond to budget years 4-6 in the PBC budget summary (Attachment I). Schellpeper proposed that the members schedule a planning workshop at which potential projects could be discussed. The planning workshop will take place at the April 13th, 2015, PBC meeting.

5. Public Comments: There were no public comments.

6. Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 3:26 p.m.

Next PBC meetings are scheduled for the following dates and will be held at 1:30 p.m. CT at the TPNRD office:

- April 13th, 2015
- June 18th, 2015 (2:30 p.m.)
 - Annual meeting @ 1:00 p.m.
- August 6th, 2015
- October 6th, 2015
- December 7th, 2015

PBC Study Budget

Updated 1/30/2015

PBHEP Budget Summary	CPNRD	NPNRD	SPNRD	TBNRD	TPNRD	NDNR	Total by Year
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	
	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Total 3 Year Budget	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 70,160.00	\$ 70,160.00

Remaining \$ -

Post-1997 Study	CPNRD	NPNRD	SPNRD	TBNRD	TPNRD	NRD Total	NDNR	Total
Contracted budget with Flatwater	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 45,000.00	\$ 45,000.00

Consultant Estimates October 2014 \$ 115,000.00 \$ 107,000.00 \$ 222,000.00

OA/FA Study	CPNRD	NPNRD	SPNRD	TBNRD	TPNRD	NRD Total	IWMPPF	Total
Approved / Contracted?	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 45,000.00	\$ 180,000.00	\$ 225,000.00

Conservation Study Phase II	CPNRD	NPNRD	SPNRD	TBNRD	TPNRD	NRD Total	NDNR	Total
Approved / Contracted?	\$ 22,600.00	\$ 22,600.00	\$ 22,600.00	\$ 22,600.00	\$ 22,600.00	\$ 113,000.00	\$ 113,000.00	\$ 226,000.00

Robust Review Work	CPNRD	NPNRD	SPNRD	TBNRD	TPNRD	NRD Total	NDNR	Total
Budget Pre-Estimate	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 200,000.00	\$ 200,000.00

Total Study Budget	CPNRD	NPNRD	SPNRD	TBNRD	TPNRD	NRD Total	NDNR	IWMPPF	Total
	\$ 31,600.00	\$ 31,600.00	\$ 31,600.00	\$ 31,600.00	\$ 31,600.00	\$ 158,000.00	\$ 358,000.00	\$ 180,000.00	\$ 696,000.00

Table 1

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	
Total 3 Year Budget	\$ 904,200.00	\$ 2,125,200.00	\$ 184,800.00	\$ 1,333,200.00	\$ 2,052,600.00	\$ 6,600,000.00	\$ 9,900,000.00	\$ 6,600,000.00	\$ 23,100,000.00	
Amendment 1 Total (Dec-13) [NPNRD lease & Easement]	\$ -	\$ 121,788.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 121,788.00	\$ -	\$ 9,432.00	\$ 131,220.00	\$ 16,500,000.00
Amendment 2 Total (Dec-13) [fall 2013 gw recharge]	\$ 6,000.00	\$ -	\$ 2,970.00	\$ 112,199.34	\$ 10,930.00	\$ 132,099.34	\$ -	\$ 198,149.00	\$ 330,248.34	\$ 17,274,042.40
Amendment 3 Total (Aug-14) [spring 2014 gw recharge]	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 600.00	\$ 258,121.50	\$ 3,600.00	\$ 262,321.50	\$ -	\$ 264,421.50	\$ 526,743.00	
Amendment 4 Total (Feb-15) [spring-winter 2014-2015, phelps gw recharge]	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,296.00	\$ 239,435.90	\$ -	\$ 243,731.90	\$ -	\$ 302,039.90	\$ 545,771.80	Feb 2015 Meeting
Total Amendment Budget	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 121,788.00	\$ 7,866.00	\$ 609,756.74	\$ 14,530.00	\$ 759,940.74	\$ -	\$ 774,042.40	\$ 1,533,983.14	Feb 2015 Meeting
Total 3 Year Budget & Amendments	\$ 910,200.00	\$ 2,246,988.00	\$ 192,666.00	\$ 1,942,956.74	\$ 2,067,130.00	\$ 7,359,940.74	\$ 9,900,000.00	\$ 7,374,042.40	\$ 24,633,983.14	Feb 2015 Meeting
								\$ 7,374,042.40		
PBC Budget Summary	CPNRD	NPNRD	SPNRD	TBNRD	TPNRD	Total NRD	DNR (NET Transfer)	DNR General Fund	Total by Year	
Revised Budget Years 1 - 3*	\$ 3,782,442.00	\$ 203,046.00	\$ 7,866.00	\$ 1,802,256.74	\$ 1,564,330.00	\$ 7,359,940.74	\$ 9,900,000.00	\$ 7,374,042.40	\$ 24,633,983.14	\$ (0.30)

PBC Project	CPNRD	NPNRD	SPNRD	TBNRD	TPNRD	Total NRD	DNR (NET Transfer)	DNR General Fund	Total by Project	NDNR Amount Paid	Project Status	Remaining
North Platte NRD Lease/Recharge	\$ -	\$ 196,758.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 196,758.00	\$ 121,887.00	\$ 173,250.00	\$ 491,895.00	\$ -	Waiting on Contract	
Grandview Permanent Retirement	\$ -	\$ 6,288.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6,288.00	\$ -	\$ 9,432.00	\$ 15,720.00	\$ -	Waiting on Easement from NPNRD	
Re-Use Pits Recharge Project Spring 2014	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 600.00	\$ -	\$ 3,600.00	\$ 4,200.00	\$ -	\$ 6,300.00	\$ 10,500.00	\$ -	Under Contract, invoice, Need Master Plan	\$ 6,300.00
Phase II North Dry Creek	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 24,000.00	\$ -	\$ 24,000.00	\$ 36,000.00	\$ -	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 15,699.70	Paid - January 21, 2015	\$ 20,300.30
J-2 Reregulating Reservoir	\$ 1,168,500.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,168,500.00	\$ 934,800.00	\$ 3,271,800.00	\$ 4,907,700.00	\$ 6,426,750.00	\$ 14,606,250.00	\$ 9,672,791.83	Partial Payment, under contract (12/30/2014)	\$ 5,572,321.03 ***
Orchard-Alfalfa Canal Rehabilitation	\$ 1,665,578.40	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,665,578.40	\$ 2,498,367.60	\$ -	\$ 4,163,946.00	\$ 2,336,462.07	Partial Payment, under contract (1/21/2015)	\$ 161,905.53
N-CORPE	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 615,000.00	\$ 615,000.00	\$ 922,500.00	\$ -	\$ 1,537,500.00	\$ 900,000.00	Partial Paid - September 4, 2014	\$ 22,500.00
Thirty-Mile & Orchard Transfer from CPNRD easement package	\$ 118,682.40	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 118,682.40	\$ 178,023.60	\$ -	\$ 296,706.00	\$ 178,023.60	Paid - January 21, 2015	\$ -
CPNRD conservation easement package*	\$ 623,681.20	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 623,681.20	\$ 935,521.80	\$ -	\$ 1,559,203.00	\$ 935,521.80	Paid - October 8, 2014	\$ -
2014 E65 Canal and Elwood Reservoir Recharge Project (spring 2014)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 258,121.50	\$ -	\$ 258,121.50	\$ -	\$ 258,121.50	\$ 516,243.00	\$ 258,121.50	Paid - August 6, 2014	\$ -
Fall 2013 GW recharge	\$ 6,000.00	\$ -	\$ 2,970.00	\$ 112,199.34	\$ 10,930.00	\$ 132,099.34	\$ -	\$ 198,149.00	\$ 330,248.34	\$ 198,149.00	Paid - December 12, 2013	\$ -
Cozad & Thirty-Mile (PBHEP Overruns)	\$ 200,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 200,000.00	\$ 300,000.00	\$ -	\$ 500,000.00	\$ 300,000.00	Paid - September 24, 2014	\$ -
Spring 2014 E65 Canal and Elwood Reservoir Recharge Project	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 34,378.65	\$ -	\$ 34,378.65	\$ -	\$ 34,378.65	\$ 68,757.30	\$ 34,378.50	Paid - February 26, 2015	\$ 0.15
Fall/Winter 2014-2015 E65 Canal and Elwood Reservoir Recharge Project	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 205,057.25	\$ -	\$ 205,057.25	\$ -	\$ 205,057.25	\$ 410,114.50	\$ 205,057.25	Paid - March 31, 2015	\$ -
Phelps Canal Diversion Project (DNR/PRRIP)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 56,160.00	\$ 56,160.00	\$ 56,160.00	Paid - March 31, 2015	\$ -
Industrial Baseline Offset SPNRD	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,296.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,296.00	\$ -	\$ 6,444.00	\$ 10,740.00	\$ -	Waiting on Contract	\$ 6,444.00
Totals by Contributor	\$ 3,782,442.00	\$ 203,046.00	\$ 7,866.00	\$ 1,802,256.74	\$ 1,564,330.00	\$ 7,359,940.74	\$ 9,900,000.00	\$ 7,374,042.40	\$ 24,633,983.14			
DNR Total												
Budget Difference from Original 3 year budget	\$ (2,878,242.00)	\$ 1,922,154.00	\$ 176,934.00	\$ (469,056.74)	\$ 488,270.00	\$ (759,940.74)	\$ -	\$ (774,042.40)	\$ (1,533,983.14)			

Specific Project Amendments	CPNRD	NPNRD	SPNRD	TBNRD	TPNRD	Total NRD	DNR (NET Transfer)	DNR General Fund	Total by Project	
J-2 Reservoir (original)	\$ 1,168,500.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,168,500.00	\$ 934,800.00	\$ 3,271,800.00	\$ 4,907,700.00	\$ 6,426,750.00	\$ 14,606,250.00	
J-2 Reservoir (revised; Aug-2013)	\$ 1,571,662.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,571,662.00	\$ 1,257,328.00	\$ 4,400,652.00	\$ 7,125,086.16	\$ 8,120,026.70	\$ 19,645,764.86	Additional funding committed in years 4-6
Phase II North Dry Creek (original)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 39,000.00	\$ -	\$ 39,000.00	\$ 58,500.00	\$ -	\$ 97,500.00	
Phase II Augmentation North Dry Creek (revised; Apr-2014)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 24,000.00	\$ -	\$ 24,000.00	\$ 36,000.00	\$ -	\$ 60,000.00	
CPNRD Conservation Easement Package (original)	\$ 742,364.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 742,364.00	\$ 1,113,545.00	\$ -	\$ 1,855,909.00	
CPNRD Conservation Easement Package (revised; Aug-2014)	\$ 623,681.28	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 623,681.28	\$ 935,521.80	\$ -	\$ 1,559,203.08	
Thirty-Mile (original)	\$ 2,021,592.80	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,021,592.80	\$ 3,032,389.21	\$ -	\$ 5,053,982.01	
Thirty-Mile (revised; Aug-2014)	\$ 2,140,275.20	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,140,275.20	\$ 3,210,412.81	\$ -	\$ 5,350,688.01	
N-CORPE (original)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 600,000.00	\$ 600,000.00	\$ 900,000.00	\$ -	\$ 1,500,000.00	
N-CORPE (revised; Oct-2014)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 615,000.00	\$ 615,000.00	\$ 922,500.00	\$ -	\$ 1,537,500.00	

* CPNRD transferred money (\$118,683) from Conservation Easement Package to be used for the Orchard Alfalfa Canal Rehabilitation and the Thirty-Mile Canal Rehabilitation Projects

*** J-2 Reregulating Reservoir has one payment remaining, additional funding is set aside in years 4-6

PBC Years 4 to 6 Budget Review

Updated 11/30/2014

PBC Budget Summary	CPNRD	NPNRD	SPNRD	TBNRD	TPNRD	Total NRD	DNR (NET Transfer)	DNR General Fund	Total by Year
Budget Year 4	\$ 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	\$ 7,193,276.70
Budget Year 5	\$ 301,400.00	\$ 708,400.00	\$ 61,600.00	\$ 444,400.00	\$ 684,200.00	\$ 2,200,000.00	\$ 3,300,000.00		5,500,000.00
Budget Year 6	\$ 301,400.00	\$ 708,400.00	\$ 61,600.00	\$ 444,400.00	\$ 684,200.00	\$ 2,200,000.00	\$ 3,300,000.00		5,500,000.00
Total 3 Year Budget	\$ 904,200.00	\$ 2,125,200.00	\$ 184,800.00	\$ 1,333,200.00	\$ 2,052,600.00	\$ 6,600,000.00	\$ 9,900,000.00	\$ 1,693,276.70	\$ 18,193,276.70

PBC Project	CPNRD	NPNRD	SPNRD	TBNRD	TPNRD	Total NRD	DNR (NET Transfer)	DNR General Fund	Total by Project	Meeting Motion Ref.	Project Status
North Platte NRD Lease/Recharge		\$ 221,197.00				\$ 221,197.00	\$ 331,795.50	\$ -	\$ 552,992.50	Jun 2013 pg 2 #7 C	Subject to availability
Orchard-Alfalfa Canal Rehabilitation	\$ 208,314.40					\$ 208,314.40	\$ 312,471.60	\$ -	\$ 520,786.00	Jun 2013 Pg 2 #7 B	Subject to availability
N-CORPE					\$ 1,730,071.10	\$ 1,730,071.10	\$ 2,595,106.66	\$ -	\$ 4,325,177.76	Aug 2013 pg 3 #8 B	Subject to availability
J-2 Reregulating Reservoir	\$ 403,161.12			\$ 403,161.12	\$ 322,528.90	\$ 1,128,851.14	\$ 2,217,386.16	\$ 1,693,276.70	\$ 5,039,514.00	Aug 2013 Pg 3 #8 A	Subject to availability
Totals by Contributor	\$ 611,475.52	\$ 221,197.00	\$ -	\$ 403,161.12	\$ 2,052,600.00	\$ 3,288,433.64	\$ 5,456,759.92	\$ 1,693,276.70	\$ 10,438,470.26		

Remaining Financial Commitments by Contributor	\$ 292,724.48	\$ 1,904,003.00	\$ 184,800.00	\$ 930,038.88	\$ -	\$ 3,311,566.36	\$ 4,443,240.08	\$ -	\$ 7,754,806.44
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**AMENDMENT TO
THE INTERLOCAL COOPERATION
AGREEMENT BETWEEN**

**THE PLATTE BASIN WATER PROJECT COALITION
AND
SOUTH PLATTE NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT
TWIN PLATTE NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT
NORTH PLATTE NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT
TRI-BASIN NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT
CENTRAL PLATTE NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT
AND NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES**

- 1. Parties.** This amendment is made and entered into by and between the South Platte Natural Resources District (SPNRD), Twin Platte Natural Resources District (TPNRD), North Platte Natural Resources District (NPNRD), Tri-Basin Natural Resources District (TBNRD), Central Platte Natural Resources District (CPNRD), State of Nebraska, Department of Natural Resources (NDNR) and The Platte Basin Water Project Coalition.
- 2. Purposes of the amendment.** To increase the budget of DNR Contract #571 by revising Exhibit 1: Three Year Budget.
- 3. Amendment.** Exhibit 1: Six Year Budget

Exhibit 1: Six Year Budget

Management actions to reduce consumptive uses of water, to enhance streamflows, to recharge groundwater, to optimize timing and efficiency of water use, or to support wildlife habitat.

Basin Coalition Budgets									
Source of Funds									
	WRCF General	WRCF NET	<i>NRD All</i>	CPNRD	TPNRD	TBNRD	NPNRD	SPNRD	Total
PBC FY 12-14	\$ 7,374,042.40	\$ 9,900,000	\$ 7,359,940.74	\$910,200	\$2,067,130	\$1,942,956.74	\$2,246,988	\$192,666	\$24,633,983.14
PBC FY 15-17	\$ 1,693,276.70	\$ 9,900,000	\$ 6,600,000.00	\$904,200	\$2,052,600	\$1,333,200.00	\$2,125,200	\$184,800	\$18,193,276.70
NRD Percentage post-1997 Depletion to the Platte Basin				13.7%	31.1%	20.2%	32.2%	2.8%	100.0%

Operations**	DNR General		<i>NRD All</i>	CPNRD	TPNRD	TBNRD	NPNRD	SPNRD	Total
Year 1	\$ 503.34		\$ 2,516.65	\$ 503.33	\$ 503.34	\$ 503.33	\$ 503.33	\$ 503.33	\$ 3,020.00
Year 2	\$ 535.85		\$ 2,679.25	\$ 535.85	\$ 535.85	\$ 535.85	\$ 535.85	\$ 535.85	\$ 3,215.10
Year 3	\$ 561.15		\$ 2,805.75	\$ 561.15	\$ 561.15	\$ 561.15	\$ 561.15	\$ 561.15	\$ 3,366.90
Year 4	\$ 597.40		\$ 2,987.00	\$ 597.40	\$ 597.40	\$ 597.40	\$ 597.40	\$ 597.40	\$ 3,584.41
Year 5	\$ 636.00		\$ 3,180.00	\$ 636.00	\$ 636.00	\$ 636.00	\$ 636.00	\$ 636.00	\$ 3,815.97
Year 6	\$ 677.08		\$ 3,385.40	\$ 677.08	\$ 677.08	\$ 677.08	\$ 677.08	\$ 677.08	\$ 4,062.50

Studies Budget	DNR General	IWMPPF	<i>NRD All</i>	CPNRD	TPNRD	TBNRD	NPNRD	SPNRD	Total
Post-1997 Study	\$ 45,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 45,000
OA/FA Study	\$ -	\$ 180,000	\$ 45,000	\$ 9,000	\$ 9,000	\$ 9,000	\$ 9,000	\$ 9,000	\$ 225,000
Conservation Study Phase II	\$ 113,000	\$ -	\$ 113,000	\$ 22,600	\$ 22,600	\$ 22,600	\$ 22,600	\$ 22,600	\$ 226,000
<i>Robust Review Work (Estimate)</i>	\$ 200,000	\$ -	\$ 200,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 400,000

** Operations budget years 4-6 is an estimated increase

- 4. Balance of original Contract.** With the exception of the terms and conditions of this Amendment, the other provisions of the original agreement shall remain in full force and effect. Additionally, the effective date of this amendment shall be the date of the signature last affixed hereto.

In witness whereof, the parties to this amendment, through their duly authorized representatives, have executed this amendment on the dates set forth below.

South Platte Natural Resources District

Rod Horn, Manager

Date: _____

Twin Platte Natural Resources District

Kent Miller, P.E.

Date: _____

North Platte Natural Resources District

John Berge, Manager

Date: _____

Tri-Basin Natural Resources District

John Thorburn, Manager

Date: _____

Central Platte Natural Resources District

Lyndon Vogt, Manager

Date: _____

Nebraska Department of Natural Resources

James C. Schneider, Ph.D., Acting Director

Date: _____

**CENTRAL NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER AND IRRIGATION DISTRICT
MEMORANDUM**

To: Jerry Kenny, PH.D., Executive Director - PRRIP
Jim Schneider, Acting Director - Nebraska Department of Natural Resources
Diane Wilson, COO/CFO - Nebraska Community Foundation

From: Don Kraus, PE, General Manager - CNPPID

Subject: Quarterly J-2 Regulating Reservoir Report – March 2015

Date: March 11, 2015

Progress Report

The RJH J-2 Project quarterly progress report is attached.

Financial Report

- Funds received to date \$20,475,000.00

- J-2 Operating Fund \$13675,936.87
- Construction Phase Decommissioning Fund \$2,252,443.50
- Construction Phase Reserve Fund \$2,653,158.21
- Construction Phase Project Fee \$440,861.03
- Total \$19,022,399.61

- J2 Project expenses 1st quarter 2014 \$123,344.01
- J2 Project expenses 2nd quarter 2014 \$536,121.67
- J2 Project expenses 3rd quarter 2014 \$350,633.14
- J2 Project expenses 4th quarter 2014 \$560,297.03

- Total J-2 Project expenses paid through Dec 2014: \$1,647,796.64

Quarterly Report No. 05

J-2 Regulating Reservoirs Project

Report Period: December, 2014, January and February, 2015

The purpose of this Quarterly Report is to provide a general summary of the work performed for the J-2 Regulating Reservoirs Project (Project) during December 2014, January, 2015 and February 2015. This does not include details of all the subtasks performed. The summary of work is organized into the following general categories of work:

- General Project Management and Implementation Tasks
- Permitting Activities
- Land Purchase Activities
- Water Rights Petition Filing
- Engineering Tasks

General Project Management and Project Implementation Tasks

- The team continued to coordinate through recurring teleconferences.
- RJH continued to maintain a file-share site for use by the Project Team to share and store information.
- Central maintained a Project website to provide information to the public.
- The Team continued to hold topic-specific coordination meetings to support various aspects of land purchasing, permitting, and engineering.
- RJH presented a Project update to PRRIP's Governance Committee in early December.
- RJH presented findings to Central's Board of a study to evaluate the feasibility of locating the Project on Jeffrey Island.
- RJH continued to update overall Project schedule based on changes to land acquisition and permitting progress.
- Consultants prepared plans and scopes of work for the next phases of Project Development.

Permitting Activities

- Continued receiving and compiling agency and public comments received on the ICD.
- Resent a hard copy and an electronic copy of the ICD to USACE. USACE has assigned a primary staff to permitting for this Project.

- Continued to identify needed resource studies based on agency comments received on the ICD and our understanding of the Project needs.
- Participated in a second round of preliminary agency meetings. The meetings included USFWS, NG&P, NDEQ, and SHPO.
- Central and Dr. Holen (archeological consultant) met with a local historical society regarding possible assistance in performing historic research.
- Based on the second round of agency discussions, ICD comments from agencies, and the Team's understanding of the Project needs, the Team began development of study plans for Wetlands, Water Quality, and Cultural Resources. The Team in coordination with USFWS decided that we could move directly to mitigation plans for Rare, Threaten, and Endangered Species (RTE) because there is sufficient existing knowledge and monitoring programs for RTE species at the Project site.
- Continued coordination with Cultural Resources consultant.
- Began developing a report to SHPO of the Rittgarn home (now owned by Central). The report is regarding the home's eligibility for the national register of historic buildings, and initial opinions by the Team's archeologist are that the home is not eligible for the register.

Land Purchase Activities

- Continued to obtain legal opinions on approach and actions related to purchasing land for this project.
- Reviewed and considered all comments received from the Public Hearings.
- Developed responses to the majority of the comments received at the Public Hearings and posted those responses to Central's J-2 Project Website.
- Sent a letter and an email notifying homeowners that responses had been developed and posted for their review.
- Began and continued negotiations with landowners for purchasing property.

Water Rights Petition Filing

- Central posted on the public website notice from NDNR that the line of the canal is permitted to be extended and that the point at which flow is returned to the river can be modified.

Engineering Tasks

- Continued to monitor the groundwater levels at 22 monitoring well locations along the Phelps Canal and around the proposed reservoir areas.
- Continued to advance development of the concept to realign the road around the proposed reservoirs.

- Began developing concepts for new bridges needed over the Extended Supply Canal and the new alignment of Plum Creek.
- Continued hydrologic evaluations of Plum Creek, the Platte River, and the unnamed tributary. These evaluations are needed to identify the likely flows during infrequent and significant storm events such as the 100-year-storm and the Probable Maximum Precipitation.
- Continued hydraulic evaluation to support design and a Conditional Letter of Map Revision (CLOMR).
- Completed evaluation of the benefit of including facilities that would simplify the addition of hydropower generation at the Reservoir No. 1 outlet in the future.
- Documented an inspection of the Siphon that was performed to support canal evaluation and modeling.
- Completed and submitted the final report for a screening-level evaluation to locate the Project on Jeffrey Island.
- Continued hydraulic analysis of the canal.
- Continued construction impact analysis.
- Continued planning the geotechnical exploration needed to support design.
- Prepared for and participated in a discussion with NDNR regarding flow measurement concepts for the Project. Based on this discussion, some components will be added to the outlet structures to enable NDNR's measurement of discharge to the Platte River.

Tasks Anticipated for the Next Quarter

- Continue preliminary agency meetings with Nebraska Dam Safety and US Army Corps of Engineers.
- Submit study plans for agency review and comment.
- Pending access to land, begin field studies for environmental impacts, cultural resources, and geotechnical data collection.
- Continue negotiations to purchase land. The team hopes to gain access (temporary or permanent) to significant portions of the project Site for studies and exploration.
- Obtain topographic survey of Site for engineering design.
- Complete the conceptual-level hydrologic and hydraulic evaluations of floodplains.
- Continue hydraulic evaluation of canal and regulating reservoir system to support design.
- Begin updating the project concepts and costs based on changes to the Project since the spring of 2013.

Potential Issues:

- The environmental studies, cultural resource study, and geotechnical data collection may be delayed past initial estimates because of lack of access to Private land.
- Senator Deb Fischer and her staff have raised concerns and sought information from Central related to the Project and land acquisition.
- Items have been added to the Project (i.e., roads, and creek realignment) that will result in additional project costs. Additionally, the construction bidding climate has changed significantly from late 2012 and early 2013 when the engineer (RJH) developed their estimate of Project Costs. In RJH's opinion, the anticipated project costs are likely to increase. RJH plans to deliver an updated Opinion of Probable Project Costs in mid-2015.