

Platte Basin Coalition Committee

Minutes

October 12, 2016, 1:30 p.m. Central Time
TPNRD Office, Great Western Bank Building, 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:

Duane Woodward	CPNRD	John Berge	NPNRD
Jesse Mintken	CPNRD	Tracy Zayac	NPNRD
Jennifer Schellpeper	NeDNR	Elizabeth Miller	NPNRD
Kayla Crowe	NeDNR	Ryan Reisdorf	SPNRD
Jessie Winter	NeDNR	John Thorburn	TBNRD
Melissa Mosier	NeDNR	Kent O. Miller	TPNRD
Kathy Benson	NeDNR	Ann Dimmitt	TPNRD
Rod L. Horn	SPNRD		

Guests in attendance:

Rick Wilson	JEO	Jeff Shafer	NPPD
Thad Kuntz	ARI	John Engel	HDR
Kevin Boyd	CNPPID	Simone Rock	HDR
Jesse Bradley	The Flatwater Group	Stephanie White	HDR

- 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 NeDNR published a public notice (Attachment B) of the PBC meeting in the Grand Island Independent on October 1, 2016, the North Platte Telegraph on October 4, 2016, and the Scottsbluff Star Herald on October 2, 2016.
- 3. Agenda Modifications:** No revisions were made to the agenda (Attachment C).
- 4. Approval of the August 2, 2016, PBC Meeting Minutes:**

Motion: To approve the August, 2016, PBC meeting minutes (Attachment D).
Woodward motioned to approve and Berge seconded. Motion passed with all ayes.
- 5. Budget Update (NeDNR) (Attachment E):**
 - A. First three-year increment funding:**

- i. **Cow Camp:** The long-term retirement agreement is final. Schellpeper proposed that the remaining Cow-Camp funds be moved into years 4-6. The change will be made onto the budget sheet.
- ii. **N-CORPE:** The contract will be amended, and remaining money will be moved to years 4-6.

B. Second three-year increment funding (years 4-6):

- i. **NPNRD Long-Term reimbursement Contract:** The contract was drafted and awaiting final signatures.
- ii. **Excess Flow Projects (Attachment F):** Schellpeper referred to the attached memo on E65/Elwood Reservoir and Phelps Canal wherein there is a request for approval of funds for the diversion of excess flows. The Tri-Basin NRD board and NeDNR are working together on the numbers in this proposal. NeDNR, PRRIP, and CNPPID are moving forward to take advantage of excess flows on Phelps Canal. Those budget dollars will be coming from the general fund, but is mentioned here for informational purposes. The correct amount will be entered into the budget sheet.

Motion: To approve the E65 and Elwood Reservoir proposal on funding for excess flows.

Thorburn motioned to approve, Woodward seconded. Motion was passed with all ayes.

C. Studies:

i. Conservation Measures Study:

a. Invoices:

1. The Conversation Studies Phase II invoice (Attachment G) in the amount of \$18,780.00 is to be split 50/50 between the NRDs and NeDNR (\$1,878.00 x 5 NRDs; \$9,390 x NeDNR).
2. The OA/FA Refinement Invoice (Attachment H) in the amount of \$990.99 to be split between the NRDs and NeDNR (\$99.90 x 5 NRDs; \$495.45 x NeDNR).
3. 2nd Increment Facilitation has two invoices (Attachments I & J) in the amounts of \$34,993.30 (\$3,499.33 x 5 NRDs; \$17,496.65 x NeDNR), and \$3,894.00 (\$389.45 x 5 NRDs; \$1947.33 x NeDNR).

Motion: To approve all invoices for payment. **Berge motioned to approve and Thorburn seconded. Motion passed with all ayes.**

Action: NeDNR will send individual invoices to the NRDs.

ii. Robust Review:

- a. The contract between the Platte Basin Water Project Coalition and Flatwater (Attachment K) for the Robust Review was drafted and needs an action for approval.

Motion: To approve the Robust Review contract with Flatwater. **Horn motioned to approve and Schellpeper seconded. Motion passed with all ayes.**

iii. Difference Between Current and Fully Appropriated:

- a. The invoice was approved in a motion with the other invoices.

iv. 2nd Increment Planning Facilitation:

- a. Two invoices were approved in one motion with the other invoices.

6. Project Updates

A. N-CORPE (TPNRD):

- i. Miller stated the outlet structure construction is underway for the north pipeline into the NPPD canal. Bids will be taken in the next few months.

B. J-2 Regulating Reservoir (NeDNR):

- i. Schellpeper referred to the quarterly report from CNPPID (Attachment L). The Governance Committee is still moving to put the project on hold contractually. There are some activities yet to be completed which will take approximately \$2,000 to complete. The land purchase is the biggest question at this time and is still to be determined.

C. North Platte NRD Leases and Retirements (NPNRD):

- i. Contracts have been drawn. The remaining groundwater well on the Hardt property has been decommissioned. The Tighe property has an option for an additional 440 acres which is being looked at for a Water Sustainability Fund project.

D. Tri-Basin NRD Phase II Augmentation-North Dry Creek (TBNRD):

- i. No new report. The wells have not been running since July 2016.

E. South Platte NRD Industrial Baseline Offset (SPNRD):

- i. A reimbursement request was submitted in September and the contract should be completed by the end of the year. Horn deemed this a successful project, and no longer a necessary agenda item.

F. Oliver Reservoir Streamflow Enhancement (SPNRD):

- i. A contract has been signed with NeDNR. The project is moving forward and a possible augmentation well or dam dike is being looked into.

G. Excess Flow Diversion Updates:

- i. There are some excess flows being diverted at this time. Woodward gave some feedback as well as Dimmit in their respective areas.

7. 2017 PBC Meeting Dates: Meeting dates decided on for 2017 are in the table below.

8. Public Comments: There were no public comments.

9. Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 1:57 p.m. The next meeting is December 16, 2016, at 1:30 p.m. at the Twin Platte NRD office.

Action Item Summary:

- 1) NeDNR will send individual invoices to the NRDs on the Conservation Measures Study.

The PBC meeting schedule is as follows:

December 16, 2016	1:30 p.m.	TPNRD Office, Great Western Bank Building, North Platte, NE
February 2, 2017	1:30 p.m.	TPNRD Office, Great Western Bank Building, North Platte, NE
April 3, 2017	1:30 p.m.	TPNRD Office, Great Western Bank Building, North Platte, NE
June 5, 2017	1:30 p.m.	TPNRD Office, Great Western Bank Building, North Platte, NE
August 7, 2017	1:30 p.m.	TPNRD Office, Great Western Bank Building, North Platte, NE
October 2, 2017	1:30 p.m.	TPNRD Office, Great Western Bank Building, North Platte, NE
December 4, 2017	1:30 p.m.	TPNRD Office, Great Western Bank Building, North Platte, NE

Meeting times may adjust depending on the Agenda