

# Platte Basin Coalition Committee Minutes

February 2, 2017, 1:30 p.m. Central Time  
TPNRD Office, Great Western Bank Building, North Platte, NE

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

Duane Woodward	CPNRD	Rod L. Horn	SPNRD
Jennifer Schellpeper	NeDNR	Ryan Reisdorf	SPNRD
Jessie Winter	NeDNR	Travis Glanz	SPNRD
Melissa Mosier	NeDNR	John Thorburn	TBNRD
Barb Cross	NPNRD	Ann Dimmitt	TPNRD
Tracy Zayac	NPNRD		
Elizabeth Miller	NPNRD		

Guests in attendance:

Jeff Shafer	NPPD	John Engel	HDR
Kevin Boyd	CNPPID		

- 1. Welcome and Open Meetings Act:** Schellpeper 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 January 23, 2017, the North Platte Telegraph on January 24, 2017, and the Scottsbluff Star Herald on January 24, 2017.
- 3. Agenda Modifications:** No revisions were made to the agenda (Attachment C).
- 4. Approval of the October 12, 2016, PBC Meeting Minutes:**

**Motion:** To approve the October 12, 2016, PBC meeting minutes (Attachment D).  
**Woodward motioned to approve and Horn seconded. Motion passed with all ayes.**
- 5. Budget Update (NeDNR) (Attachment E):**
  - A. First three-year increment funding:**
    - i. N-CORPE Amendment:** Money remains in years 1-3 for N-CORPE. A draft contract amendment was sent to TPNRD to move the money into years 4-6 before April. This final contract amendment will close out years 1-3.  
**Action:** Dimmitt will review the Amendment, sign, and return to NeDNR.
  - B. Second three-year increment funding (years 4-6):**
    - i. NPNRD Retirements:** The contract was drafted and awaiting final signatures.

- ii. **Cow Camp:** Cow-Camp was moved to years 4-6 (General funds).
- iii. **Excess Flow Projects:**
  - a. Approval of E65/Elwood Water Service Agreement Amendment (Attachment F):  
**Motion:** To approve the increase in the budget to cover additional costs from \$317,590 to \$412,000 (\$164,800-Tri-Basin NRD; \$247,200-NeDNR). **Woodward motioned to approve and Schellpeper seconded. Motion passed with all ayes.**

**C. Studies:**

**i. Conservation Measures Study:**

- a. Approval of The Flatwater Group Invoices:  
**Motion:** To approve payment of the two Flatwater Group Invoices in the amounts of \$3,957 and \$15,230. **Woodward motioned to approve and Thorburn seconded. Motion passed with all ayes.**  
**Action:** NeDNR will send individual invoices to the NRDs.

**ii. Difference Between Current and Fully Appropriated (OA/FA):**

- a. Approval of the HDR Invoices:  
**Motion:** To approve the four HDR invoices in the amounts of \$16,275.95, \$9,476.64, \$2,141.36, and \$3,245.49. **Woodward motioned to approve and Horn seconded. Motion passed with all ayes.**  
**Action:** NeDNR will send individual invoices to the NRDs.

**iii. 2<sup>nd</sup> Increment Planning Facilitation:**

- a. Approval of HDR Invoices:  
**Motion:** To approve the four invoices for facilitation in the amounts of \$16,700.88, \$12,621.14, \$17,497.42, and \$6,616.66. Zayac requested more information be put on the invoices for clarification of work done. **Thorburn motioned to approve and Schellpeper seconded. Motion passed with all ayes.**  
**Action:** 1. NeDNR will send individual invoices to the NRDs;  
2. HDR will detail invoices to show the work executed.

**D. Operations:**

- i. Liability Insurance Renewal Coverage:** SPNRD submitted an invoice in the amount of \$3,546.00 to be split equally between each of the 5 NRDs and NeDNR (\$591.00 each).  
**Motion:** To approve renewal of liability insurance coverage. **Horn motioned to approve and Schellpeper seconded. Motion passed with all ayes.**  
**Action:** SPNRD will send out the individual invoices.

**6. Project Updates**

**A. N-CORPE (TPNRD):**

- i. Dimmitt reported that a contractor has been hired for the north pipeline and plan to start and finish work this spring.

**B. J-2 Regulating Reservoir (NeDNR):**

- i. Schellpeper reported that the project is on hold. Discussions among NeDNR, TBNRD, TPNRD, and CPNRD have moved to alternative projects that offer required credits and that the J-2 money can be spent on.

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

- i. Contracts are completed.

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

- i. No new report.

**E. Oliver Reservoir Streamflow Enhancement (SPNRD):**

- i. Reisdorff reported they have two options for construction (augmentation well or diking a portion of the lake). Data is being collected and public meetings will be held.

**F. Excess Flow Diversion Updates:**

- i. Schellpeper reported the contract with TBNRD was increased for diversions under CNPPID. Above average snowpack and reservoir levels may offer excess flow diversion opportunities in the spring.

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

**8. Adjourn:** The meeting adjourned at 1:57 p.m. The next meeting is April 4, 2017, at 1:00 p.m. at the TPNRD office.

**Action Item Summary:**

- 1) Dimmitt will review the Amendment, sign, and return to NeDNR.
- 2) NeDNR will send out individual invoices to the NRDs on the HDR OA/FA and Facilitator invoices, and the Flatwater Group invoices;
- 3) HDR will detail invoices to show the work executed;
- 4) SPNRD will send individual invoices to the NRDs and NeDNR on the liability/linebacker liability insurance coverage.

The PBC meeting schedule is as follows:

April 4, 2017	1:00 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\***