
PLATTE RIVER BASIN COALITION ILCA MEETING

Friday, April 15, 2022, 1 p.m. CST

USDA Conference Center

1220 South Cottonwood Street, North Platte, NE 69101

MEETING MINUTES

The meeting agenda is Attachment A.

1. **Welcome**, by Kent Miller at approximately 1:15 p.m. A copy of the Open Meetings Act is present.

2. **Open Meeting Publication** (*Attachment 2*)

- A. *North Platte Telegraph*: April 5, 2022
- B. *Sidney Sun Telegraph*: April 6, 2022
- C. *Grand Island Independent*: April 4, 2022
- D. *Kearney Hub*: April 4, 2022
- E. *Scottsbluff Star Herald*: April 3, 2022

3. **Agenda approval**

MOTION: *To approve the agenda.*

Move: Jennifer Schellpeper

Second: John Thorburn

Discussion: none

Motion passed.

4. **Roll call** of the ILCA Representative

Kent Miller*, TPNRD	Jennifer Schellpeper*, NeDNR
Galen Wittrock*, SPNRD	Lyndon Vogt*, CPNRD
John Thorburn*, TBNRD	Scott Schaneman*, NPNRD

* Voting representatives during the meeting; shaded areas are online attendees

Others in Attendance

Ryan Kelly, NeDNR	Thad Kuntz, ARI	Jean Eichhorst, NeDNR
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5. **Approval of the February 11, 2011, minutes** (*Attachment 5*)

There were no corrections for the February 11, 2022, meeting minutes.

MOTION: To approve the February 11, 2022, minutes.
Move: Scott Schaneman
Second: Galen Wittrock
Discussion: none
Motion passed.

NeDNR will distribute the approved February 11, 2022, minutes and post on the DNR website. ¹

6. Budget Update (NeDNR)

A. General Updates

i. Years 7-9 ([Attachment 6Ai](#))

NET has granted a one-year extension to expend the funds of the year 7-9 grant, #18-107. There is no guarantee that another extension will be granted in 2023; therefore, the group discussed what qualifying projects each District might have in the next year that could expend the remaining funds by May 1, 2023. NeDNR requested that the NRDs provide written project proposals by May 5, 2022, that could be discussed at the June PBC meeting. If projects are not identified by the PBC group, the WRCF monies could be spent on qualifying projects in other fully or over appropriated basins. The group agreed to further discuss this topic on May 4th, following the currently scheduled Upper Platte Principles meeting in Grand Island.

NRDs will provide NeDNR with suggested preferences for any released NET funds by May 5. ²

ii. Years 10-12

iii. Studies

B. Invoices

i. Insurance Bill (invoice dated 1/21/22, [Attachment 6Bi](#))

CPNRD	NPNRD	SPNRD	TBNRD	TPNRD	NDNR	Total
\$ 694.67	\$ 694.67	\$ 694.67	\$ 694.67	\$ 694.67	\$ 694.67	\$ 4,168

MOTION: To approve the Insurance Bill.
Move: John Thorburn
Second: Kent Miller
Discussion: none
Motion passed.

ii. Conservation Study Phase III (invoice #21-2966 [Attachment 6Bii](#))

CPNRD	NPNRD	SPNRD	TBNRD	TPNRD	NDNR	Total
\$ 3,275	-	-	\$ 3,275	\$ 3,275	\$ 9825	\$ 19,650

MOTION: To approve the Conservation Study Phase III invoice with the noted budget revisions.

Move: Lyndon Vogt
 Second: John Thorburn
 Discussion: none
 Motion passed.

C. Studies/New Budget Requests

i. North Platte NRD

a. EPIC 2022 ([Attachment 6Cia](#))

MOTION: To approve North Platte NRD's EPIC FY 2022

Move: Lyndon Vogt
 Second: John Thorburn
 Discussion: none
 Motion passed.

b. Temporary Lease ([Attachment 6Cib](#))

MOTION: To approve the Temporary Lease Project Proposal and associated funds for NPNRD.

Move: Scott Schaneman
 Second: Lyndon Vogt
 Discussion: none
 Motion passed.

D. Annual Budget Overview

i. Adoption of Operations Annual budget ([Attachment 6Di](#))

PBC Budget Summary	CPNRD	NPNRD	SPNRD	TBNRD	TPNRD	NeDNR	Total by Year
Year 11	\$ 725.62	\$ 725.62	\$ 725.62	\$ 725.62	\$ 725.62	\$ 725.62	\$ 4,353.72

MOTION: Approve a total estimated operations budget of \$4,353.72 for year 11 and per entity costs of \$725.62.

Move: Lyndon Vogt
 Second: Scott Schaneman

Discussion: none
Motion passed.

ii. Adoption of Studies Annual Budget (*Attachment 6Dii*)

Conservation Study Phase CropSim--#571							
CPNRD	NPNRD	SPNRD	TBNRD	TPNRD	NRD Total	NeDNR	Total
\$ 24,833	\$ 12,560	\$ 12,560	\$ 24,833	\$ 24,833	\$ 99,619	\$ 99,621	\$ 199,240

MOTION: Approve total estimated conservation next phase scope of work and study budget of \$199,240. Work will include new set points for WWUMM as well as COHYST.

Move: John Thorburn
Second: Jennifer Schellpeper
Discussion: none
Motion passed.

WaterSMART Grant, Years 11 and 12							
CPNRD	NPNRD	SPNRD	TBNRD	TPNRD	NeDNR	BOR	Total
\$ 19,178.50	\$ 19,178.50	\$ 19,178.50	\$ 19,178.50	\$ 19,178.50	\$ 95,892.50	\$ 323,570	\$ 383,570

MOTION: Approve the remaining estimated WaterSMART Grant budget of \$383,570 for years 11 and 12.

Move: John Thorburn
Second: Scott Schaneman

Discussion:

The Water SMART Upper Platte Basin Drought Plan planning continues with HDR proceeding with development of the Work Plan for this grant, which is set to be submitted to BOR on/prior to May 30, 2022.

Motion passed.

iii. Adoption of WRCF Annual Budget (*Attachment 6Diii*)

MOTION: Approve the proposed WRCF Annual Budget for year 11 of the NET Grant funds.

Move: Jennifer Schellpeper
Second: Scott Schaneman
Discussion: none
Motion passed.

7. NET Grant 18-107 (*Attachment 7*)

8. POAC Tech Committee updates and Actions

- A. March 30, 2022, Meeting
 - i. Livestock Memo (*Attachment 8Ai*)

- B. April 7, 2022, Meeting
 - i. Excess Flow Memo (*Attachment 8Bi*)
 - ii. COHYST Crop Type Memo (*Attachment 8Bii*)
 - iii. Human Population Memo (*Attachment 8Biii*)

MOTION: *To approve the POAC Tech Committee memos: Livestock, Excess Flow, COHYST Crop Type, and Human Population.*
Move: Scott Schaneman
Second: John Thorburn
Discussion: none
Motion passed

9. Ongoing Project Activities/Operations Update—Obligated and Remaining Expenditures

- A. CPNRD: no updates.
- B. TPNRD: no updates.
- C. NPNRD
 - Enterprise Project (formerly Schaneman Project) will be ready to proceed once the water transfer permits are okayed.
- D. TBNRD
 - Cottonwood Ranch: 8 wells in total are set and ready.
- E. SPNRD: no updates.
- F. NeDNR
 - Conditions and outlooks remain dry.

*NeDNR will develop a draft agenda for the July basin-wide meeting.*³

10. Other Priority Items

None

11. Public Comment

None

12. 2022 Upcoming Meetings

- June 16, 2022—Twin Platte NRD Office
- August 5, 2022—Twin Platte NRD Office
- October 4, 2022—Twin Platte NRD Office
- December 15, 2022--virtual

13. Adjourned at approximately 2:26 p.m.

Action Items

1. *NeDNR will distribute the approved February 11, 2022, minutes and post on the DNR website.*
2. *NRDs will provide NeDNR with suggested preferences for any released funds by May 5.*
3. *NeDNR will develop a draft agenda for the July basin-wide meeting.*

Approved Motions

- Meeting agenda (3)*
- February 11, 2022, minutes (5)*
- Insurance Bill (6Bi)*
- Conservation Study Phase III (6Bii)*
- Epic 2022 Contracts (6Cia)*
- Temporary Leases (6Cib)*
- Operations Annual Budget (6Di)*
- Conservation Study Phase—CropSim (6Dii)*
- WaterSMART grant years 11 and 12 (6Dii)*
- WRCF Annual Budget (6Diii)*
- POAC Committee Memos (8Ai, 8Bi, ii, iii, iv)*