

TPNRD Stakeholder Meeting #1 Notes

Date: June 5, 2018, from 7:00 p.m. -9:30 p.m.

Location: Holiday Inn Express, 300 Holiday Frontage Rd, North Platte, NE

In Attendance:

Stephanie White, HDR	Keegan Meismer, producer	Joe Walhgren, TPNRD board
Jesse Bradley, NEDNR	Page Peterson, Groundwater	Robert Wiseman, TPNRD board
Jennifer Schellpeper, NeDNR	Irrigator	Mike Wheeler, well drilling
Brian Harmon, NeDNR	Dennis Schilz, TPNRD board	Roric Paulman, groundwater
Melissa Mosier, NeDNR	Levi Fisher, business	Don Kraus, CNPPID
Ann Dimmitt, TPNRD	Jim Meismer, TPNRD board	Adam Kestel, unspecified
Kent Miller, TPNRD	Jerry Weaver, TPNRD board	

Welcome to the Meeting

- I. Stephanie White, Facilitator for HDR, opened the meeting at 7:05, by stating that a copy of the open meetings act was in the room, and that notice of the meeting was published in the Telegraph. Stephanie led introductions around the room by asking all present to state their name and affiliation.
- II. Binders were provided to all stakeholders. Handouts for meeting materials will be passed out at the meeting

Why are we here?

- I. Stephanie presented on “why are we here”
 - I. Stephanie presented outlines of the planning process. Stephanie noted that the Integrated Management Plan (IMP) for each NRD in the Upper Platte was nested within the Basin-Wide Planning Plan (BWP), and that the IMPs needed to be updated to be consistent with the BWP.
 - II. Stephanie outlined the stakeholders role in the process. Specifically, stakeholders convey local issues and concerns, guide development of the goals and objectives, and can disseminate information to the public. Stakeholders are expected to attend meetings.

How did we get here?

- I. Jennifer Schellpeper presented on “how did we get here?”
 - I. Jennifer presented on the following topics:
 - I. LB 962
 - II. Jennifer outlined the criteria for the development of an overappropriation designation

- I. Basin had an interstate agreement
- II. Moratorium already in place on surface water appropriations
- III. Stays on well construction
- III. The designation went into effect September 2004 on the Platte River above Kearney Canal Diversion
- IV. IMPs and Basin-Wide Plan for the overappropriated area must be adopted and take effect by September 2019
- V. Jennifer compared BWP and IMPs
 - I. BWP:
 - I. All NRDs and NeDNR
 - II. Covers the overappropriated area
 - III. Goals and objectives
 - I. Focused on regional issues
 - II. Broad framework
 - II. IMP: One NRD and NeDNR
 - I. Overappropriated and fully appropriated areas
 - II. Goals and Objectives
 - I. Specific to one NRD
 - II. Tailored to local issues
 - III. Specific actions and targets

What's being done?

- I. Jennifer presented on "what has been done?"
 - I. Conjunctive management—recharge of 26,000 AF between 2011-2013
 - II. NCORPE ~5,600 AF augmentation

Current preliminary analysis

- I. Jesse Bradley presented on "Current preliminary analysis"
 - I. The primary focus of the presentation was on the increase from 7,000 to 22,500 AF of required offsets of post-97 groundwater depletions to streamflow
 - I. Comparisons were made between TPNRD and the other Upper Platte NRDs
 - II. Jesse explained that the primary reason for the change was an update to the COHYST model
 - I. Landuse data and crop type through 2010
 - II. More robust water balance in watershed model
 - II. Stakeholder questions primarily focused on understanding what factors were responsible for the increase in post-97 depletions. Themes of the discussion included:
 - I. COHYST model assumptions including:
 - I. Precipitation
 - II. Whether COHYST only used corn for consumptive use
 - III. Pumping

- II. Predicted savings of water through retirement Change in NPNRD depletions due to improved pumping data
- III. Clarification of pumping versus depletions, and assumptions behind depletions
- IV. What management actions might be effective, including allocations

Next Meeting: August 14, 2018