

Request for Disbursement of Contributions
Platte River Recovery Implementation Program
General Fund

To: Nebraska Community Foundation

From: The Governance Committee through the Executive Director

Subject: Disbursement of Contributions, Cooperative Agreement No. 99-FC-60-11870,
Technical and Administrative Support to the Governance Committee and Executive
Director for the Platte River Recovery Implementation Program

Request No. #255 Date: January 9, 2012

Please disburse contributions held for the Platte River Recovery Implementation Program, **Platte River General Fund** in the amount(s) shown below to the indicated parties:

<u>Payee</u>	<u>Amount</u>
1. Headwaters Corporation, Invoice #84	\$115,173.50

for the following purpose(s)/reason(s):

1. As per Program Item Executive Director's Office, Task Item: ED-1 – Executive Director's Office, Professional Services for the period December 4 to December 31, 2011.

Approval(s)

Grants and Cooperative Agreements Officer's
Technical Representative

Date

HEADWATERS CORPORATION

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INVOICE To: Nebraska Community Foundation
 Attention: Diane Wilson
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Number 84

Date: 1/9/2012

Services for the period: 12/4/11-12/31/11

Professional Services:

Name	Title	Hours	Rate	Charge
Jerry Kenny	Executive Director	144.0	\$115.38	\$16,614.72
Bridget Barron	Communications	97.0	\$64.90	\$6,295.30
Chad Smith	Adaptive Mngmnt	125.0	\$82.93	\$10,366.25
Beorn Courtney	Water Resources	86.5	\$82.93	\$7,173.45
Bruce Sackett	Land Specialist	147.5	\$77.88	\$11,487.30
Jason Farnsworth	Natural Resources	96.0	\$71.39	\$6,853.44
Justin Brei	BioSystems Engineer	100.0	\$40.43	\$4,043.00
Julie Liakos	Admin. Ass't	92.0	\$27.00	\$2,484.00
Pat Doyle	Admin. Ass't	52.0	\$54.00	\$2,808.00
Tim Tunnell	Land Manager	104.0	\$45.44	\$4,725.76
Steve Smith	Water Resources	122.0	\$59.42	\$7,249.24
Dave Zorn	Wild Life Biologist	128.0	\$25.50	\$3,264.00
Dave Baasch	Ecologist	132.0	\$47.60	\$6,283.20
Sira Sartori	Hydrologist	54.5	\$43.27	\$2,358.22
Matt Welsh	Hydrologist	71.0	\$46.50	\$3,301.50

Reimbursable Expenses:	Total Labor:	1551.5	\$95,307.37
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Travel:	\$6,532.40
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Meetings:

Supplies:	469.96
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Space:	7646.64
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Utilities:	2258.87
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Equipment:	565.62
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Shipping:	187.64
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Services:	\$1,110.00
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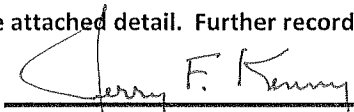
Professional/Civic:	\$1,095.00
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Total Reimbursable Expenses	\$19,866.13
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Total This Invoice	\$115,173.50
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Note: See attached detail. Further records, including receipts, as appropriate, are available in our office.

Signature:



Date: 01/09/12

Jerry F. Kenny, Ph.D., Executive Director

Headwaters Corporation

Providing Services as Office of the Executive Director for Platte River Recovery Implementation Program

Summary of Significant Activity for the Period December 4 to December 31, 2011

Land Plan Implementation

- Routine and on-going discussion with neighboring land-owners in conformance with Good Neighbor Policy for all properties, and with property owners and real estate agents that will lead to identification of new potential properties. The focus is on properties with non-complex, palustrine wetland and wet meadow potential. Several opportunities are emerging for sand pit and palustrine wetland properties.
- Negotiations on acquisition of two properties in the Elm Creek Complex took an unexpected turn; significant issues have arisen in association with the NAWCA Grant and associated encumbrances. Efforts underway to salvage the deal. Possibility the issues may be resolved in time for action to occur at March GC.
- Efforts nearing completion for developing a strategy for disposal of excess property at Newark Pit and Leaman East locations. Coordination with a LAC subcommittee and GC on-going.
- On-going coordination with NGPC resulting from agreement regarding services for development and implementation of public access management system. Resolution of website development issues accomplished and a full-scale launch occurred December 12th.
- Updates to Complex Management Plans underway for 2012 activities together with initiation of development of plans for new Land Management Plans for recently acquired properties. Close coordination with LAC to incorporate feedback and ideas of stakeholders. Detail of plans and corresponding budgets under development simultaneously.
- Routine management, oversight, and maintenance operations on all properties and equipment, including fence repair, well maintenance, road maintenance, and building upkeep.
- Routine seasonal land management activities involving contractor selection, coordination, and oversight on several properties including under story clearing, tree removal, noxious weed control, grass seeding, and similar actions.
- Routine coordination with tenants on agricultural operations.

Water Plan Implementation

- Phase II J2 Reregulating Reservoir feasibility investigations to refine alternatives and conclude full feasibility nearing completion. Extensive coordination effort required and considerable EDO (and CNPPID) staff time being spent to keep consultant on track in feasibility evaluation process and development of usable product. Close coordination with WAC work group on-going.
- Work continuing on development of J2 Reregulating Reservoir Sponsorship Agreement. Meeting on December 28th in Denver advanced efforts considerably. Memo produced in advance of meeting estimating yields, costs, and potential cost allocation percentages.

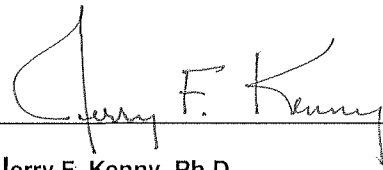
- Continued coordination efforts with NRDs, DNR, and CNPPID associated with ground water recharge pilot demonstration project. Extensive coordination effort required and considerable EDO staff time being spent to coordinate consultant and WAC work group in feasibility evaluation process and development of usable product. Recharge system functioning as planned, ground water levels and drain flows being closely monitored to prevent damage to neighbors. Mild weather has allowed operations to continue through December.
- On-going discussions with surface water right holders interested in selling water yields to Program. Discussions between NPPD, DNR, and CPNRD with the Program concerning such water transfers occurring simultaneously with discussions with water rights holders. Meeting held with NDNR Permitting Section on December 15th in Lincoln, NE to seek additional guidance and counsel. Legal counsel assisting with agreement development.
- Conducting additional analyses using 1D hydraulic and sediment transport model to better define problem in the context of development of alternative solutions in the North Platte Choke Point area. Contact and discussions with Lincoln County and City of North Platte officials have lead EDO to understand that flooding has created a more cooperative attitude among property owners toward channel clearing and improvement activities. Meeting held with City Staff on December 15th. Follow up under way.
- Hydrologic conditions update made and posted on website.
- Attendance at Water Balance Alliance Meeting in North Platte, NE on December 20th.

Adaptive Management Plan Implementation

- Considerable staff time expended in pursuit of permit application to USACE for sediment augmentation efforts. Meeting held in Lincoln, NE on December 16th with DEQ to advance 401 Water Quality Certification for Sediment Augmentation individual permit.
- Coordination with contractors and consultants for geomorphology and in-channel vegetation monitoring and water quality monitoring for 2011 season. RFP's under development for both activities.
- Oversight of whooping crane habitat use database user's manual development.
- Oversight of website and database management system development and maintenance activities.
- On-going effort toward production of AMP documents including: Synthesis Report, Implementation Report, Data Analysis Plan, and Habitat Selection Experimental Design. Heavy emphasis on completing the Data Analysis Plan and advancing Synthesis Report.
- Review of ISAC Report evaluating Program AMP efforts and development of responses.
- Elm Creek proof of concept and Sediment Augmentation monitoring and design efforts on-going requiring considerable staff effort and consultant, special advisor coordination.
- On-going effort in advancing experimental design criteria and development of specific site design layouts plans focusing on Cottonwood Ranch, Elm Creek, Plum Creek, and Ft. Kearny Complexes.
- Wet meadow design for Fox Tract under way.
- Development of peer review panel for sediment augmentation study effort.
- Development of ISAC rotation strategy and ISAC contracts.
- Coordination meeting with USFWS regarding AOP for EA as it relates to AMP. Meeting in Grand Island, NE December 19th.

Outreach and Operations

- Routine daily operations associated with management and support of EDO staff, acquisition of supplies and equipment, oversight of consultant and contractor contracts and payment, maintenance of property files, coordination of meeting logistics, and general administration of Program.
- Participation in Finance Committee conference call on November 9th.
- Participation in Governance Committee of December 6th and 7th in Denver, CO.


Jerry F. Kenny, Ph.D.

01/09/12

Date