

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. R12-AC-60020,
Technical and Administrative Support to the Governance Committee and Executive
Director for the Platte River Recovery Implementation Program

Request No. #431 Date: December 8, 2014

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 #154	\$148,977.95

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 November 2 to November 29, 2014

Approval(s)

Grants and Cooperative Agreements Officer's
Technical Representative

Date

Headwaters Corporation

Providing Services as Office of the Executive Director for

Platte River Recovery Implementation Program

Summary of Significant Activity for the Period

November 2 to November 29, 2014

Land Plan Implementation

Land Plan management activities were focused wrapping-up 2014 activities and planning for 2015 activities. Land Plan acquisition activities were focused on multi-party holding consolidation, disposal of excess properties, moving Kearney to Odessa tract toward closing, and acquisition of OCSW and Palustrine Wetlands. For both aspects of Land Plan, development of Work Plan and Budget was initiated and advanced. Other specific activities include:

Focus of real estate acquisitions/disposal for this period was a continuation of several long-term activities:

- Discussions for excess property disposal included on-going discussions of these tracts
 - Broadfoot-Newark property including a land swap with NGPC for a parcel land-locked by the Elm Creek Complex and sale of remaining acres has been put on a strict time line to either get NGPC actively engaged and closing or disposal by auction. Resolution by end of first quarter 2015 either way.
 - A series of land swaps among PRRIF, TNC, and WTC to consolidate ownership in three bridge segments – progress slow with final closing by end of year 2014 growing less likely.
 - Discussions with BELF regarding acquiring lands in the Kearney to Odessa reach through a land trade of PRRIF Property (with a no build easement) in Fort Kearny Complex (Blessing Tract) and cropland at John's tract in Elm Creek Complex. Progress slow, and hope fades for resolution by end of year 2014.
 - Coordination with NDOR regarding land in Kearney to Odessa reach showing little progress.
- Pursuit of a property in Kearney –Odessa segment from sale by private land owner progressing well. Closing should occur by end of year 2014.
- Search for palustrine wetland tracts and OCSW sites producing limited potential.

Focus of land management activities for this period was:

- Development of information package for USFWS in support of prescribed burns within MBTA window.
- Routine and on-going discussion with neighboring land-owners in conformance with Good Neighbor Policy for all properties.
- Development of Land Management 2014 Summary Report and 2015 Work Plan and Budget has been a key activity for this month.
- Coordination with Rainwater Basin for development of a collaborative burn effort with associated development of Prescribed Burn RFP for spring 2015.
- Attend and participate in LAC Meeting via conference call on November 17th.

Water Plan Implementation

The focus on Water activities during this period continued to be a split between activities related to Adaptive Management Plan activities (wet meadow hydrology study implementation) and maintaining momentum on on-going activities related to water Action Plan Projects. For both aspects of Water Plan, development of Work Plan and Budget was refined and advanced. Other specific activities in each of these categories include:

AMP oriented efforts include:

- Wet Meadow GW Modeling Report and Wet Meadow Data Summary Reports in Work Group review process.
- Assemblage of Wet Meadow peer review package progressing.
- Coordination with UNL soil moisture measurement researchers on large scale measurement approaches proceeding, agreements under development and additional instrumentation installed.
- Assessment of monitoring data for SDMF and Fall 2013 flood waters on South Platte on-going and draft of Fall 2013 Flood Hydrology report continues.
- Oversight of contractor performing design of waste way improvement for North Platte and Suburban canals to improve NP to SP conveyance capability provided.
- Development of monitoring network for Morse wetland completed and oversight of monitoring well installation provided. Instrumentation installed.

Water Action Plan oriented efforts include:

- Effort initiated for updating Water Action Plan underway.
- Development and posting of hydrologic conditions.
- 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 for Dawson County Canal water.
- Discussions on-going with CNPPID on a variable term water leasing program and storage water leasing program.
- Discussions ongoing with NPNRD on water leasing through land retirement program.
- Scoring analysis for CPNRD leased water continues in coordination with NRD staff.
- Evaluation of enhanced recharge recovery from Phelps Canal recharge using wells under investigation.
- Evaluation of yields and costs associated with inclusion of Elwood recharge in lease arrangements with CNPPID continues.
- On-going coordination regarding STELLA model modifications underway with HDR. Specific operations to be included for J2 Reservoir and Phelps Canal Recharge operations developed for implementation into model.
- Investigation of North Platte River above Lake McConaughy underway for evaluation of hydrology and water rights in NPNRD.
- Coordination with COHYST consultants and Sponsor Group on-going to develop work plan and budget for next steps in 2015.

Adaptive Management Plan Implementation

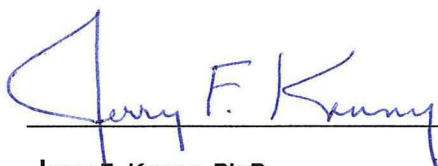
Efforts during this period for AMP activities were focused on AMP Reporting session follow-up, oversight of monitoring contractors, specific forage fish, WC, and T&P data analysis, development of materials for publication and/or peer review, and concluding fall field activities. For all aspects of Adaptive

Management Plan, 2015 Work Plan and Budget was refined and advanced. Other specific activities include:

- Coordination and oversight of annual whooping crane monitoring data compilation and analysis.
- Collaboration with WC Telemetry Project and Stop Over study on-going. Fall 2014 Stop-over efforts commenced.
- Coordination with RWBJV for data development and analysis of habitat suitability parameters on-going.
- Compilation of T&P and Whooping Crane data virtually complete of comprehensive, uniform data sets, in final QA/QC process.
- Analysis of T&P breeding pair and Whooping Crane site selection data in intensive phase. Significant staff time being dedicated to this activity.
- Oversight of website and database management system development and maintenance activities.
- Coordination of proposed peer review/publication subjects and timeline with TAC and GC on-going.
- Efforts for moving forward with a Effects Analysis in the context of a Structured Decision Making Process in lieu of Target Flow analysis on-going. Developing a timeline, personnel, and budget framework for the process.
- Forage fish analysis and draft article in review and revision process.
- Design of wetlands at DeBore and Leih's tracts on-going

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.
- Coordination of Work Plan and Budget efforts for presentation to Advisory Committees, FC, and GC.
- Attendance and exhibitor at NSIA/NWRA Annual Conference on November 24-15 in Kearney, NE.
- Attendance and participation in Special Budget GC meeting November 12 in Denver, CO.



Jerry F. Kenny, Ph.D.

12/08/14

Date

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Number 154

Date: 12/8/2014

Period Covered: November 2, 2014 to November 29, 2014

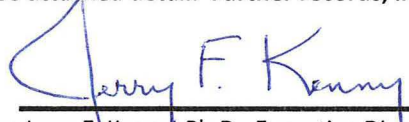
Professional Services:

Name	Title	Hours	Rate	Charge
Jerry Kenny	Executive Director	132.0	\$ 126.43	\$ 16,688.76
Bridget Barron	Communications	124.0	\$ 76.17	\$ 9,445.08
Chad Smith	Adaptive Management	136.0	\$ 95.45	\$ 12,981.20
Bruce Sackett	Land Specialist	148.0	\$ 76.60	\$ 11,336.80
Jason Farnsworth	Natural Resources	112.0	\$ 83.53	\$ 9,355.36
Justin Brei	BioSystems Engineer	144.0	\$ 47.90	\$ 6,897.60
Julie Liakos	Admin. Ass't	110.5	\$ 30.03	\$ 3,318.32
Tim Tunnell	Land Manager	141.0	\$ 51.04	\$ 7,196.64
Dave Zorn	Wild Life Biologist	110.0	\$ 29.78	\$ 3,275.80
Dave Baasch	Ecologist	148.0	\$ 55.13	\$ 8,159.24
Scott Griebing	Water Resources Engineer	135.0	\$ 55.33	\$ 7,469.55
Staci Cahis	Wild Life Biologist	134.5	\$ 27.26	\$ 3,666.47
Sira Sartori	Hydrologist	107.5	\$ 53.73	\$ 5,775.98
Kevin Werbylo	Water Resources Engineer	131.5	\$ 44.56	\$ 5,859.64
Seth Turner	Senior Water Resources Eng	50.5	\$ 76.72	\$ 3,874.36
Trevor Hefley	Statistician	122.5	\$ 60.78	\$ 7,445.55
Total Labor:		1987.0		\$ 122,746.35

Reimbursable Expenses:

Travel:	\$4,630.18
Meetings:	\$10.80
Supplies:	\$742.84
Space:	\$10,693.11
Utilities:	\$3,215.72
Equipment:	\$811.38
Shipping:	\$296.81
Services:	\$2,035.76
Professional/Civic:	\$3,795.00
Total Reimbursable Expenses	\$26,231.60
Total This Invoice	\$148,977.95

Note: See attached detail. Further records, including receipts, as appropriate, are available in our office.


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

Date: 12/08/14