

**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.           #447           Date:           March 10, 2015          

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 #160	\$235,476.10

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 January 25 to March 7, 2015.

Approval(s)

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Grants and Cooperative Agreements Officer's  
Technical Representative

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Date

HEADWATERS CORPORATION

4111 4th Avenue Suite 6

Kearney, NE 68845

**INVOICE** To: Nebraska Community Foundation  
Attention: Diane Wilson  
3833 South 14th Street, PO Box 83107  
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Number 160

Date: 3/10/2015

Period Covered: January 25, 2015 to March 7, 2015

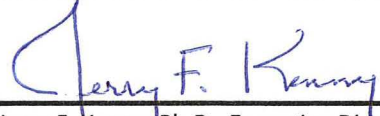
**Professional Services:**

Name	Title	Hours	Rate	Charge
Jerry Kenny	Executive Director	220.0	\$ 129.60	\$ 28,512.00
Bridget Barron	Communications	197.0	\$ 79.98	\$ 15,756.06
Chad Smith	Adaptive Management	200.0	\$ 98.31	\$ 19,662.00
Bruce Sackett	Land Specialist	253.5	\$ 78.86	\$ 19,991.01
Jason Farnsworth	Natural Resources	228.0	\$ 87.87	\$ 20,034.36
Justin Brei	BioSystems Engineer	219.0	\$ 49.33	\$ 10,803.27
Julie Liakos	Admin. Ass't	191.5	\$ 31.09	\$ 5,953.74
Tim Tunnell	Land Manager	230.0	\$ 52.71	\$ 12,123.30
Dave Zorn	Wild Life Biologist	232.0	\$ 31.43	\$ 7,291.76
Dave Baasch	Ecologist	227.5	\$ 58.30	\$ 13,263.25
Scott Griebeling	Water Resources Engineer	215.0	\$ 57.54	\$ 12,371.10
Staci Cahis	Wild Life Biologist	203.0	\$ 28.75	\$ 5,836.25
Sira Sartori	Hydrologist	194.5	\$ 56.56	\$ 11,000.92
Kevin Werbylo	Water Resources Engineer	226.5	\$ 46.78	\$ 10,595.67
Seth Turner	Senior Water Resources Eng	128.5	\$ 78.26	\$ 10,056.41
Darren Beck	Director of Water Resources	57.0	\$ 63.20	\$ 3,602.40
Trevor Hefley	Statistician	32.5	\$ 63.82	\$ 2,074.15
<b>Total Labor:</b>		<b>3255.5</b>		<b>\$ 208,927.65</b>

**Reimbursable Expenses:**

Travel:	\$6,373.06
Meetings:	
Supplies:	\$131.77
Space:	\$15,049.77
Utilities:	\$2,106.32
Equipment:	\$333.57
Shipping:	\$313.20
Services:	\$2,065.76
Professional/Civic:	\$175.00
<b>Total Reimbursable Expenses</b>	<b>\$26,548.45</b>
<b>Total This Invoice</b>	<b>\$235,476.10</b>

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

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

Date: 03/10/15

HEADWATERS CORPORATION  
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Kearney, Nebraska 68845  
Platte River Recovery Implementation Program  
Work Plan Item: ED-1, Program Executive Director Office  
Period Covered: January 25, 2015 to March 7, 2015

Professional Services Detail:				
NAME	PAY PERIOD	HOURS	RATE	CHARGE
Jerry Kenny	January 25, 2015 to February 7, 2015	80.0	129.60	\$ 10,368.00
	February 8, 2015 to February 21, 2014	80.0	129.60	\$ 10,368.00
	February 22, 2015 to March 7, 2015	60.0	129.60	\$ 7,776.00
	Month Subtotal:	220.0		\$ 28,512.00
Bridget Barron	January 25, 2015 to February 7, 2015	68.0	79.98	\$ 5,438.64
	February 8, 2015 to February 21, 2014	65.0	79.98	\$ 5,198.70
	February 22, 2015 to March 7, 2015	64.0	79.98	\$ 5,118.72
	Month Subtotal:	197.0		\$ 15,756.06
Chad Smith	January 25, 2015 to February 7, 2015	76.0	98.31	\$ 7,471.56
	February 8, 2015 to February 21, 2014	52.0	98.31	\$ 5,112.12
	February 22, 2015 to March 7, 2015	72.0	98.31	\$ 7,078.32
	Month Subtotal:	200.0		\$ 19,662.00
Bruce Sackett	January 25, 2015 to February 7, 2015	84.5	78.86	\$ 6,663.67
	February 8, 2015 to February 21, 2014	85.0	78.86	\$ 6,703.10
	February 22, 2015 to March 7, 2015	84.0	78.86	\$ 6,624.24
	Month Subtotal:	253.5		\$ 19,991.01
Jason Farnsworth	January 25, 2015 to February 7, 2015	80.0	87.87	\$ 7,029.60
	February 8, 2015 to February 21, 2014	72.0	87.87	\$ 6,326.64
	February 22, 2015 to March 7, 2015	76.0	87.87	\$ 6,678.12
	Month Subtotal:	228.0		\$ 20,034.36
Justin Brei	January 25, 2015 to February 7, 2015	82.0	49.33	\$ 4,045.06
	February 8, 2015 to February 21, 2014	83.0	49.33	\$ 4,094.39
	February 22, 2015 to March 7, 2015	54.0	49.33	\$ 2,663.82
	Month Subtotal:	219.0		\$ 10,803.27
Julie Liakos	January 25, 2015 to February 7, 2015	63.5	31.09	\$ 1,974.22
	February 8, 2015 to February 21, 2014	64.0	31.09	\$ 1,989.76
	February 22, 2015 to March 7, 2015	64.0	31.09	\$ 1,989.76
	Month Subtotal:	191.5		\$ 5,953.74
Tim Tunnell	January 25, 2015 to February 7, 2015	78.0	52.71	\$ 4,111.38
	February 8, 2015 to February 21, 2014	72.0	52.71	\$ 3,795.12
	February 22, 2015 to March 7, 2015	80.0	52.71	\$ 4,216.80
	Month Subtotal:	230.0		\$ 12,123.30
Dave Zorn	January 25, 2015 to February 7, 2015	80.0	31.43	\$ 2,514.40
	February 8, 2015 to February 21, 2014	74.0	31.43	\$ 2,325.82
	February 22, 2015 to March 7, 2015	78.0	31.43	\$ 2,451.54
	Month Subtotal:	232.0		\$ 7,291.76
Dave Baasch	January 25, 2015 to February 7, 2015	83.5	58.30	\$ 4,868.05
	February 8, 2015 to February 21, 2014	57.0	58.30	\$ 3,323.10
	February 22, 2015 to March 7, 2015	87.0	58.30	\$ 5,072.10
	Month Subtotal:	227.5		\$ 13,263.25
Scott Griebing	January 25, 2015 to February 7, 2015	80.0	57.54	\$ 4,603.20
	February 8, 2015 to February 21, 2014	71.0	57.54	\$ 4,085.34
	February 22, 2015 to March 7, 2015	64.0	57.54	\$ 3,682.56
	Month Subtotal:	215.0		\$ 12,371.10
Staci Cahis	January 25, 2015 to February 7, 2015	80.0	28.75	\$ 2,300.00
	February 8, 2015 to February 21, 2014	53.0	28.75	\$ 1,523.75
	February 22, 2015 to March 7, 2015	70.0	28.75	\$ 2,012.50
	Month Subtotal:	203.0		\$ 5,836.25
Sira Sartori	January 25, 2015 to February 7, 2015	80.0	56.56	\$ 4,524.80
	February 8, 2015 to February 21, 2014	68.0	56.56	\$ 3,846.08
	February 22, 2015 to March 7, 2015	46.5	56.56	\$ 2,630.04
	Month Subtotal:	194.5		\$ 11,000.92
Kevin Werbylo	January 25, 2015 to February 7, 2015	80.0	46.78	\$ 3,742.40
	February 8, 2015 to February 21, 2014	84.0	46.78	\$ 3,929.52
	February 22, 2015 to March 7, 2015	62.5	46.78	\$ 2,923.75
	Month Subtotal:	226.5		\$ 10,595.67
Seth Turner	January 25, 2015 to February 7, 2015	77.0	78.26	\$ 6,026.02
	February 8, 2015 to February 21, 2014	32.0	78.26	\$ 2,504.32
	February 22, 2015 to March 7, 2015	19.5	78.26	\$ 1,526.07
	Month Subtotal:	128.5		\$ 10,056.41
Darren Beck	January 25, 2015 to February 7, 2015		63.20	\$ -
	February 8, 2015 to February 21, 2014	10.0	63.20	\$ 632.00
	February 22, 2015 to March 7, 2015	47	63.20	\$ 2,970.40
	Month Subtotal:	57.0		\$ 3,602.40
Trevor Hefley	January 25, 2015 to February 7, 2015	32.5	63.82	\$ 2,074.15
	February 8, 2015 to February 21, 2014		63.82	\$ -
	February 22, 2015 to March 7, 2015		63.82	\$ -
	Month Subtotal:			\$ 2,074.15
Total		3255.5		\$ 208,927.65

# **Headwaters Corporation**

**Providing Services as Office of the Executive Director for**

**Platte River Recovery Implementation Program**

## **Summary of Significant Activity for the Period**

**January 25, 2015 to March 7, 2015**

### **Land Plan Implementation**

Land Plan management activities were focused on aggressively advancing acquisition/disposal items that have been lingering for some time and gearing up for 2015 land management activities. 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
  - A series of land swaps among PRRIF, TNC, and WTC to consolidate ownership in three bridge segments has resulted in completion of the swap between PRRIF and TNC. PRRIF now owns the Spiedel Tract and TNC now owns the Martin Meadow Tract. This action is complete.
  - 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. Significant progress being made.
  - 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 Kearney Complex (Blessing Tract) and cropland at John's tract in Elm Creek Complex. Progress slow, and resolution by April most probable.
  - Coordination with NDOR regarding land in Kearney to Odessa reach may receive greater impetus when other acquisitions in that reach completed.
- Search for palustrine wetland tracts and OCSW sites producing limited potential.

Focus of land management activities for this period was:

- Routine and on-going discussion with neighboring land-owners in conformance with Good Neighbor Policy for all properties.
- Selection and contracting with Prescribed Burn contractor (Scholl Fire and Fuel) progressing.
- Participation in Weed Management Area meeting February 5th in Kearney, Development of coordinated strategy for planning and management for invasive vegetation control in the river a key focus of meetings.
- Organization and participation in public comment meeting for PRRA activities the evening of March 2 in Kearney, NE.

## **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. Specific activities in each of these categories include:

AMP oriented efforts include:

- Assemblage of Wet Meadow peer review package completed and three person review panel approved by WAC and TAC and ready for approval by GC in March.
- Development of 2014 Flow Summary Report completed with provisional data, will be revised when data finalized by USGS and NDNR.
- 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.
- Detailed hydraulic and sediment transport analyses in Choke Point area underway jointly with Special Advisors, focus on refinement of alternatives and cost estimates for alternatives underway
- Monitoring activities continuing for wet meadows at Binfield, Fox, and Morse tracts.

Water Action Plan oriented efforts include:

- Draft Water Action Plan update provided for review by WAC.
- Significant effort expended in North Platte Choke Point permitting effort. US ACE continues to raise issues which seem to be beyond reasonable for magnitude and impact of project.
- 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. Main effort focused on short term water lease market/auction is focus of efforts.
- Scoring analysis for CPNRD leased water continues in coordination with NRD staff.
- Evaluation of enhanced recharge recovery project 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.
- Coordination with NDNR and CPNRD for development of a Water Auction for ground water leasing.
- Coordination with COHYST consultants and Sponsor Group on-going to develop work plan and budget for next steps in 2015.
- Attendance and participation at COHYST Workshop February 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> in Omaha, NE.
- Participation in COHYST meeting February 27<sup>th</sup> in Lincoln, NE.

## **Adaptive Management Plan Implementation**

Efforts during this period for AMP activities were focused on WC, and T&P data analysis, development of materials for publication and/or peer review, and planning and preparation for spring field activities.

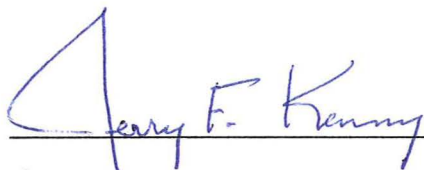
Specific activities include:

- Significant effort expended in development of State of Platte Report.
- Significant effort expended in responding to T&P FSM peer review comments, revision of documents, and compilation of comments and responses. Package taken before TAC in preparation for presentation to GC.

- Coordination and oversight of annual whooping crane monitoring data compilation and analysis.
- Collaboration with WC Telemetry Project, data use and review protocol issues and discussions requiring significant time commitment. Issues will be brought to GC attention for direction as resolution has not been achieved.
- Coordination with RWBJV for data development and analysis of habitat suitability parameters on-going.
- Compilation of T&P and Whooping Crane data on-going to achieve uniform data sets, Web database issues causing considerable redo effort. Working with RTI for resolution.
- Analysis of T&P breeding pair and Whooping Crane site selection data in intensive phase. Significant staff time being dedicated to this activity. Publication prepared and ready for TAC review.
- Oversight of website and database management system development and maintenance activities requiring significant effort as database and fundamental website activities sporadically stop functioning. RTI working to fix issues, but progress slow.
- 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 Tract nearing completion with development of Plans and Specifications.
- Bid package for Liehs Tract palustrine wetland completed and pending FC approval for advertisement.
- Oversight of Alda Pit excavation activities underway.
- Construction of three check structures on Morse Tract completed.
- Preparing bid package for John's Tract control structures.
- Selection of USGS as T&P Monitoring Contractor with scope and budget negotiations underway.
- Preparations for spring crane migration monitoring initiated, contractor coordination and land owner contacts for decoy placement the focus of efforts.

### 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.
- Compilation and assemblage of 2013-2014 Biennial Report underway.
- Attendance and exhibitor at Colorado Water Congress January 28-30 in Denver, CO.
- Participation in FC conference call on February 25.



Jerry F. Kenny, Ph.D.

03/10/15

Date