

**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.           #453           Date:           April 7, 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 #162	\$160,464.32

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 March 8 to April 4, 2015.

Approval(s)	Grants and Cooperative Agreements Officer's Technical Representative	Date
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## HEADWATERS CORPORATION

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**INVOICE** To: Nebraska Community Foundation  
 Attention: Diane Wilson  
 3833 South 14th Street, PO Box 83107  
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Number 162

Date: 4/7/2015

Period Covered: March 8, 2015 to April 4, 2015

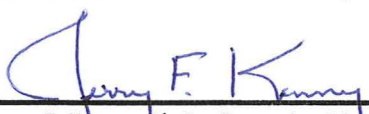
**Professional Services:**

Name	Title	Hours	Rate	Charge
Jerry Kenny	Executive Director	152.0	\$ 129.60	\$ 19,699.20
Bridget Barron	Communications	152.0	\$ 79.98	\$ 12,156.96
Chad Smith	Adaptive Management	112.0	\$ 98.31	\$ 11,010.72
Bruce Sackett	Land Specialist	170.0	\$ 78.86	\$ 13,406.20
Jason Farnsworth	Natural Resources	152.0	\$ 87.87	\$ 13,356.24
Justin Brei	BioSystems Engineer	153.0	\$ 49.33	\$ 7,547.49
Julie Liakos	Admin. Ass't	112.0	\$ 31.09	\$ 3,482.08
Tim Tunnell	Land Manager	72.0	\$ 52.71	\$ 3,795.12
Dave Zorn	Wild Life Biologist	181.0	\$ 31.43	\$ 5,688.83
Dave Baasch	Ecologist	184.0	\$ 58.30	\$ 10,727.20
Scott Griebing	Water Resources Engineer	148.0	\$ 57.54	\$ 8,515.92
Staci Cahis	Wild Life Biologist	122.0	\$ 28.75	\$ 3,507.50
Sira Sartori	Hydrologist	123.0	\$ 56.56	\$ 6,956.88
Kevin Werbylo	Water Resources Engineer	127.0	\$ 46.78	\$ 5,941.06
Seth Turner	Senior Water Resources Eng	101.5	\$ 78.26	\$ 7,943.39
Darren Beck	Director of Water Resources	82.4	\$ 63.20	\$ 5,207.68
<b>Total Labor:</b>		2143.9		\$ 138,942.47

**Reimbursable Expenses:**

Travel:	\$7,662.27
Meetings:	\$323.98
Supplies:	\$1,419.47
Space:	\$6,725.80
Utilities:	\$2,453.67
Equipment:	\$348.62
Shipping:	\$272.28
Services:	\$1,840.76
Professional/Civic:	\$475.00
<b>Total Reimbursable Expenses</b>	<b>\$21,521.85</b>
<b>Total This Invoice</b>	<b>\$160,464.32</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: 04/07/15

# **Headwaters Corporation**

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

**Platte River Recovery Implementation Program**

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

**March 8, 2015 to April 4, 2015**

### **Land Plan Implementation**

Land Plan management activities were focused on continuing to wrap-up 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
  - 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 get NGPC actively engaged and moving toward closing appears to have been effective. Significant progress being made.
  - Discussions with BELF regarding acquiring lands in the Kearney to Odessa reach through a land trade of PRIFF 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 resolution by May most probable.
  - Coordination with NDOR regarding land in Kearney to Odessa reach may receive greater impetus when other acquisitions in that reach completed. Currently a back burner item.
- 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.
- Organization and participation in sub-committee meeting for PRRA activities on March 11th in Kearney, NE.
- Preparations underway for prescribed burn activities including bird surveys.
- Routine spring maintenance activities underway at all complexes.
- Development of tenant leases coordination with Ag advisors.
- Organized and participated in LAC meeting March 31<sup>st</sup> in Kearney, NE.
- Considerable staff time has been expended on dealing with ice jam flooding issues raised by land owners on Shoemaker island. Landowners allege PRRIP activities in river caused flooding. Not true, but media coverage and actions of group require firm response. Addressing Hall county Board of supervisors on April 7. Memo to GC for June meeting and coordination with CPNRD underway. Legal counsel has been consulted.

## **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:

- Wet meadow soil moisture survey coordination for field activities.
- 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 being revised to address WAC comments.
- 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.
- Discussions opened with CPNRD for recharge pit development on Cozad Canal, possibly Orchard-Alfalfa and Thirty Mile as well.
- Development of a detailed water resources development timeline for Platte basin.
- Participation in COHYST Technical Group conference call on March 12 and 26<sup>th</sup>.
- Participation in COHYST Sponsor meeting on March 25<sup>th</sup> in Kearney, NE.

## **Adaptive Management Plan Implementation**

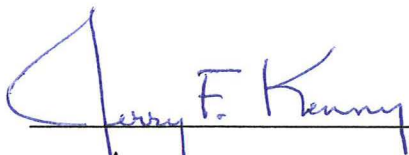
Efforts during this period for AMP activities were focused on WC, and T&P data analysis, Whooping Crane migration monitoring, and planning and preparation for spring field activities. Specific activities include:

- Significant effort expended in continuing development of State of the Platte Report.
- 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 still causing some issues. Working with RTI for resolution. Significant progress has been made.
- 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 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.
- Channel width analysis progressing to compare field survey data to June and November areal data.
- Design of wetlands at DeBore Tract nearing completion with development of Plans and Specifications.
- Bid package for Lies Tract palustrine wetland completed and approved for advertisement.
- Oversight of Alda Pit excavation activities completed.
- Preparing bid package for John's Tract control structures.
- Selection of USGS as T&P Monitoring Contractor with scope and budget negotiations completed.
- 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.
- Participation in FC meeting on March 17<sup>th</sup> in Kearney, NE.
- Organization and participation in GC meeting March 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> in Kearney, NE.
- Participation and Exhibited at Audubon Crane Festival March 21<sup>st</sup> in Kearney, NE.
- Hosted groups from Metro State University, SPWRAP, Jane Goodall Institute, and IBEX Puppetry during crane season.
- Cooperated with NGPC contract photographer for time-lapse project for Nebraska Tourism.
- Cooperated with two private nature photographers for blind access.



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04/07/15

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Professional Services Detail:

NAME	PAY PERIOD	HOURS	RATE	CHARGE
Jerry Kenny	March 8, 2015 to March 21, 2015	80.0	129.60	\$ 10,368.00
	March 22, 2015 to April 4, 2015	72.0	129.60	\$ 9,331.20
			129.60	\$ -
Month Subtotal:		152.0		\$ 19,699.20
Bridget Barron	March 8, 2015 to March 21, 2015	80.0	79.98	\$ 6,398.40
	March 22, 2015 to April 4, 2015	72.0	79.98	\$ 5,758.56
			79.98	\$ -
Month Subtotal:		152.0		\$ 12,156.96
Chad Smith	March 8, 2015 to March 21, 2015	64.0	98.31	\$ 6,291.84
	March 22, 2015 to April 4, 2015	48.0	98.31	\$ 4,718.88
			98.31	\$ -
Month Subtotal:		112.0		\$ 11,010.72
Bruce Sackett	March 8, 2015 to March 21, 2015	85.0	78.86	\$ 6,703.10
	March 22, 2015 to April 4, 2015	85.0	78.86	\$ 6,703.10
			78.86	\$ -
Month Subtotal:		170.0		\$ 13,406.20
Jason Farnsworth	March 8, 2015 to March 21, 2015	84.0	87.87	\$ 7,381.08
	March 22, 2015 to April 4, 2015	68.0	87.87	\$ 5,975.16
			87.87	\$ -
Month Subtotal:		152.0		\$ 13,356.24
Justin Brei	March 8, 2015 to March 21, 2015	76.0	49.33	\$ 3,749.08
	March 22, 2015 to April 4, 2015	77.0	49.33	\$ 3,798.41
			49.33	\$ -
Month Subtotal:		153.0		\$ 7,547.49
Julie Liakos	March 8, 2015 to March 21, 2015	56.0	31.09	\$ 1,741.04
	March 22, 2015 to April 4, 2015	56.0	31.09	\$ 1,741.04
			31.09	\$ -
Month Subtotal:		112.0		\$ 3,482.08
Tim Tunnell	March 8, 2015 to March 21, 2015	32.0	52.71	\$ 1,686.72
	March 22, 2015 to April 4, 2015	40.0	52.71	\$ 2,108.40
			52.71	\$ -
Month Subtotal:		72.0		\$ 3,795.12
Dave Zorn	March 8, 2015 to March 21, 2015	90.0	31.43	\$ 2,828.70
	March 22, 2015 to April 4, 2015	91.0	31.43	\$ 2,860.13
			31.43	\$ -
Month Subtotal:		181.0		\$ 5,688.83
Dave Baasch	March 8, 2015 to March 21, 2015	84.0	58.30	\$ 4,897.20
	March 22, 2015 to April 4, 2015	100.0	58.30	\$ 5,830.00
			58.30	\$ -
Month Subtotal:		184.0		\$ 10,727.20
Scott Griebeling	March 8, 2015 to March 21, 2015	71.0	57.54	\$ 4,085.34
	March 22, 2015 to April 4, 2015	77.0	57.54	\$ 4,430.58
			57.54	\$ -
Month Subtotal:		148.0		\$ 8,515.92
Staci Cahis	March 8, 2015 to March 21, 2015	78.0	28.75	\$ 2,242.50
	March 22, 2015 to April 4, 2015	44.0	28.75	\$ 1,265.00
			28.75	\$ -
Month Subtotal:		122.0		\$ 3,507.50
Sira Sartori	March 8, 2015 to March 21, 2015	53.0	56.56	\$ 2,997.68
	March 22, 2015 to April 4, 2015	70.0	56.56	\$ 3,959.20
			56.56	\$ -
Month Subtotal:		123		\$ 6,956.88
Kevin Werbylo	March 8, 2015 to March 21, 2015	49.0	46.78	\$ 2,292.22
	March 22, 2015 to April 4, 2015	78.0	46.78	\$ 3,648.84
			46.78	\$ -
Month Subtotal:		127		\$ 5,941.06
Seth Turner	March 8, 2015 to March 21, 2015	42.5	78.26	\$ 3,326.05
	March 22, 2015 to April 4, 2015	59.0	78.26	\$ 4,617.34
			78.26	\$ -
Month Subtotal:		101.5		\$ 7,943.39
Darren Beck	March 8, 2015 to March 21, 2015	32.4	63.20	\$ 2,047.68
	March 22, 2015 to April 4, 2015	50.0	63.20	\$ 3,160.00
			63.20	\$ -
Month Subtotal:		82.4		\$ 5,207.68
Total		2143.9		\$ 138,942.47