

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. #466 Date: June 4, 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>
Headwaters Corporation, Invoice #166 for the following purpose(s)/reason(s):	\$171,516.51

1. As per Program Item Executive Director's Office, Task Item: ED-1 – Executive Director's Office, Professional Services for the period May 3 to May 30, 2015.

Approval(s)	Grants and Cooperative Agreements Officer's Technical Representative	Date
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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 166

Date: 6/4/2015

Period Covered: May 3, 2015 to May 30, 2015

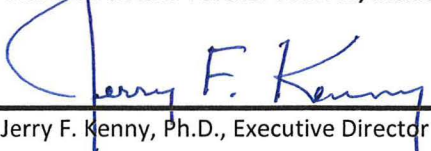
Professional Services:

Name	Title	Hours	Rate	Charge
Jerry Kenny	Executive Director	144.0	\$ 129.60	\$ 18,662.40
Bridget Barron	Communications	110.0	\$ 79.98	\$ 8,797.80
Chad Smith	Adaptive Management	134.0	\$ 98.31	\$ 13,173.54
Bruce Sackett	Land Specialist	163.0	\$ 78.86	\$ 12,854.18
Jason Farnsworth	Natural Resources	152.0	\$ 87.87	\$ 13,356.24
Justin Brei	BioSystems Engineer	133.0	\$ 49.33	\$ 6,560.89
Julie Liakos	Admin. Ass't	120.0	\$ 31.09	\$ 3,730.80
Tim Tunnell	Land Manager	144.0	\$ 52.71	\$ 7,590.24
Dave Zorn	Wild Life Biologist	145.0	\$ 31.43	\$ 4,557.35
Dave Baasch	Ecologist	181.0	\$ 58.30	\$ 10,552.30
Scott Griebing	Water Resources Engineer	147.0	\$ 57.54	\$ 8,458.38
Staci Cahis	Wild Life Biologist	152.0	\$ 28.75	\$ 4,370.00
Sira Sartori	Hydrologist	122.0	\$ 56.56	\$ 6,900.32
Kevin Werbylo	Water Resources Engineer	150.5	\$ 46.78	\$ 7,040.39
Seth Turner	Senior Water Resources Eng	139.5	\$ 78.26	\$ 10,917.27
Darren Beck	Director of Water Resources	117.9	\$ 63.20	\$ 7,451.28
Kaley Keldsen	Intern	141.0	\$ 19.35	\$ 2,728.35
Total Labor:		2395.9		\$ 147,701.73

Reimbursable Expenses:

Travel:	\$10,275.66
Meetings:	\$99.28
Supplies:	\$2,311.37
Space:	\$6,725.80
Utilities:	\$1,626.13
Equipment:	\$318.09
Shipping:	\$137.51
Services:	\$2,015.76
Professional/Civic:	\$305.18
Total Reimbursable Expenses	\$23,814.78
Total This Invoice	\$171,516.51

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


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

Date: 06/04/15

Headwaters Corporation

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

Summary of Significant Activity for the Period May 3 to May 30, 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 initiating 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 somewhat effective, but NGPC displaying remarkable creativity in delaying and complicating a simple transaction.
 - Closure reached on BELF land swap for 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.
 - 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.
- Prescribed burn activities including bird surveys completed for most of properties designated for burns. Weather limited windows of opportunity, so not everything was burned, but most of planned burns were executed successfully.
- Routine spring maintenance activities underway or completed at all complexes.
- Fencing work completed on Shoemaker, Fort Kearny, and Elm Creek Complexes.
- Participation and hosting of PVWMA on May 9th in Kearney, NE.
- Coordination and participation in LAC Meeting and Tour on May 27th.

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 including modeling of system operations. 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 Spring 2014 Flood Hydrology report continues. Comprehensive hydrology report for all flood events since 2007 under development.
- 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.
- Monitoring activities continuing for wet meadows at Shoemaker Island, Fort Kearney, and Elm Creek Complex wet meadows.

Water Action Plan oriented efforts include:

- Analysis of Funk Lagoon recharge data initiated.
- Groundwater Recharge monitoring report completed.
- 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. Emphasis on price negotiations is focus currently.
- 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. Monitoring wells installed on Cook Property associated with recharge capture effort.
- 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 continuing with CPNRD for recharge pit development on Cozad Canal, possibly Orchard-Alfalfa and Thirty Mile as well.
- Discussions initiated with Ducks Unlimited on cooperative efforts in Central Platte and on North Platte in Nebraska.
- Development of a detailed water resources development timeline for Platte Basin to serve as basis for virgin flow and depletions assessment completed for Platte and North Platte, South Platte on-going.
- Continuing effort for COHYST GUI coordination and STELLA documentation.
- Coordination and participation in WAC Meeting and Tour on May 12 and 13th.

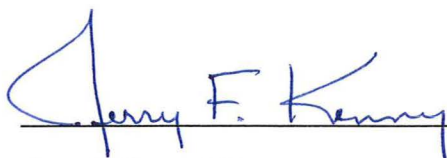
Adaptive Management Plan Implementation

Efforts during this period for AMP activities were focused on WC, and T&P data analysis, Tern and Plover nesting site field preparations, and initiation of monitoring efforts. Specific activities include:

- Significant effort expended in continuing development of State of the Platte Report.
- Coordination and preparation for TAC meeting in May.
- Coordination and oversight of annual whooping crane monitoring data compilation and analysis.
- Collaboration with WC Telemetry Project, data use and review protocol issues resolved for now.
- Coordination with RWBJV for data development and analysis of habitat suitability parameters completed.
- Compilation of T&P and Whooping Crane data to achieve uniform data sets completed. Web database issues largely resolved.
- 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.
- Width analysis underway linking physical features to habitat selection.
- Oversight of website and database management system development and maintenance activities.
- 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 John's Tract control structures completed.
- Bid opening for Leih's wetland construction held and contractor selected.
- Spring tern and plover nesting site preparation activities completed and monitoring initiated.
- Historic Platte hydraulic modeling 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.
- Compilation and assemblage of 2013-2014 Biennial Report completed and printed.
- Coordination and participation on FC call May 28th.



Jerry F. Kenny, Ph.D.

06/04/15

Date

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Platte River Recovery Implementation Program
Work Plan Item: ED-1, Program Executive Director Office
Period Covered: May 3, 2015 to May 30, 2015

Professional Services Detail:				
NAME	PAY PERIOD	HOURS	RATE	CHARGE
Jerry Kenny	May 3, 2015 to May 16, 2015	80.0	129.60	10,368.00
	May 17, 2015 to May 30, 2015	64.0	129.60	8,294.40
			129.60	0.00
Month Subtotal:		144.0		18,662.40
Bridget Barron	May 17, 2015 to May 30, 2015	74.0	79.98	5,918.52
	May 17, 2015 to May 30, 2015	36.0	79.98	2,879.28
	0		79.98	0.00
Month Subtotal:		110.0		8,797.80
Chad Smith	May 17, 2015 to May 30, 2015	72.0	98.31	7,078.32
	May 17, 2015 to May 30, 2015	62.0	98.31	6,095.22
			98.31	0.00
Month Subtotal:		134.0		13,173.54
Bruce Sackett	May 17, 2015 to May 30, 2015	89.0	78.86	7,018.54
	May 17, 2015 to May 30, 2015	74.0	78.86	5,835.64
			78.86	0.00
Month Subtotal:		163.0		12,854.18
Jason Farnsworth	May 17, 2015 to May 30, 2015	80.0	87.87	7,029.60
	May 17, 2015 to May 30, 2015	72.0	87.87	6,326.64
			87.87	0.00
Month Subtotal:		152.0		13,356.24
Justin Brei	May 17, 2015 to May 30, 2015	64.0	49.33	3,157.12
	May 17, 2015 to May 30, 2015	69.0	49.33	3,403.77
			49.33	0.00
Month Subtotal:		133.0		6,560.89
Julie Liakos	May 17, 2015 to May 30, 2015	64.0	31.09	1,989.76
	May 17, 2015 to May 30, 2015	56.0	31.09	1,741.04
			31.09	0.00
Month Subtotal:		120.0		3,730.80
Tim Tunnell	May 17, 2015 to May 30, 2015	80.0	52.71	4,216.80
	May 17, 2015 to May 30, 2015	64.0	52.71	3,373.44
			52.71	0.00
Month Subtotal:		144.0		7,590.24
Dave Zorn	May 17, 2015 to May 30, 2015	87.0	31.43	2,734.41
	May 17, 2015 to May 30, 2015	58.0	31.43	1,822.94
			31.43	0.00
Month Subtotal:		145.0		4,557.35
Dave Baasch	May 17, 2015 to May 30, 2015	97.0	58.30	5,655.10
	May 17, 2015 to May 30, 2015	84.0	58.30	4,897.20
			58.30	0.00
Month Subtotal:		181.0		10,552.30
Scott Griebing	May 17, 2015 to May 30, 2015	80.0	57.54	4,603.20
	May 17, 2015 to May 30, 2015	67.0	57.54	3,855.18
			57.54	0.00
Month Subtotal:		147.0		8,458.38
Staci Cahis	May 17, 2015 to May 30, 2015	90.5	28.75	2,601.88
	May 17, 2015 to May 30, 2015	61.5	28.75	1,768.13
			28.75	0.00
Month Subtotal:		152.0		4,370.00
Sira Sartori	May 17, 2015 to May 30, 2015	54.0	56.56	3,054.24
	May 17, 2015 to May 30, 2015	68.0	56.56	3,846.08
			56.56	0.00
Month Subtotal:		122.0		6,900.32
Kevin Werbylo	May 17, 2015 to May 30, 2015	80.0	46.78	3,742.40
	May 17, 2015 to May 30, 2015	70.5	46.78	3,297.99
			46.78	0.00
Month Subtotal:		150.5		7,040.39
Seth Turner	May 17, 2015 to May 30, 2015	80.0	78.26	6,260.80
	May 17, 2015 to May 30, 2015	59.5	78.26	4,656.47
			78.26	0.00
Month Subtotal:		139.5		10,917.27
Darren Beck	May 17, 2015 to May 30, 2015	75.4	63.20	4,765.28
	May 17, 2015 to May 30, 2015	42.5	63.20	2,686.00
			63.20	0.00
Month Subtotal:		117.9		7,451.28
Kaley Keldsen	May 17, 2015 to May 30, 2015	60.5	19.35	1,170.68
	May 17, 2015 to May 30, 2015	80.5	19.35	1,557.68
			19.35	0.00
Month Subtotal:		141.0		2,728.35
		2395.9		147,701.73