PLATTE RIVER RECOVERY IMPLEMENTATION PROGRAM
Land Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
Conference Call
September 3, 2013

Meeting Participants

Land Advisory Committee (LAC)

State of Wyoming
Matt Hoobler – Alternate, Wyoming State Engineer's Office

State of Colorado
Andy Moore – proxy for Suzanne Sellers, Member, Colorado Water Conservation Board
Kevin Urie – Alternate, Denver Water (by phone)

State of Nebraska
Ted LaGrange – Member, Nebraska Game & Parks Commission

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS)
Matt Rabbe – Member, USFWS

U.S. Bureau of Reclamation (USBOR)
Brock Merrill – Member, USBOR

Power Districts
John Shadle – Member (Vice-chair), Nebraska Public Power District

Environmental Entities
None

Local Nebraska Rep. – Central Platte Natural Resources District (CPNRD)
Mark Czaplewski – Member (Chair), CPNRD Staff

Local Nebraska Rep. – Tri-Basin Natural Resources District (TBNRD)
None

Local Nebraska Rep. – Joint CPNRD/TBNRD
Jim Bendfeldt – Alternate, CPNRD Board Member

Executive Director's Office (EDO)
Bruce Sackett
Justin Brei
Jason Farnsworth
Tim Tunnell

Other Participants
None

Welcome and Administrative

Chairman Czaplewski called the meeting to order at 10:00 am Central Time and the group proceeded with introductions.

Czaplewski asked for agenda modifications, none were requested.

Czaplewski asked for the LAC's recommendation on the minutes of the August 7, 2013 meeting.

Shadle made a motion to approve the minutes from the August 7, 2013 LAC meeting. The motion was seconded by Urie and passed unanimously.

Recommendation for Land Plans

Farnsworth discussed the major changes in the latest revision of the land plans. This included removal of tree clearing tasks from the plans on Johns and Sullwold, as well as some changes to grassland management tasks on Johns. Additionally, a task to build a field road across Johns was removed. EDO has hired CNPPID's bridge crew to repair the bridge on the west side of the tract.

LaGrange asked why the south meadow at Johns would be reclassified as buffer instead of wet meadow habitat. Rabbe said the TAC discussed that the south channel of the Platte River is not suitable for crane use, and with the trees remaining in place it would not qualify as wet meadow. These trees will serve as buffer to the south, and its status can be reevaluated later if something changes. Farnsworth said although invasive tree clearing was performed this spring, many trees and shrubs remain and it would not qualify as open wet meadow habitat.

Bendfeldt moved to recommend GC approval of the revised land plans for tracts 2012001, 2012002, and 2012004 as presented. The motion was seconded by Shadle and passed unanimously.

Closing Business

The next meeting of the LAC was scheduled for November 26, 2013 at 9 a.m. Central Time in Kearney, NE.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Chairman Czaplewski at 10:20 a.m.