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PLATTE RIVER RECOVERY IMPLEMENTATION PROGRAM Land Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes **Conference Call October 20, 2014**

Meeting Participants

Land Advisory Committee (LAC)

State of Wyoming Harry LaBonde - Member, Wyoming Water Development Commission Matt Hoobler - Alternate, Wyoming State Engineer's Office

State of Colorado

Suzanne Sellers - Member, Colorado Water **Conservation Board**

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

Local Nebraska Rep. - Tri-Basin Natural Resources **District (TBNRD)**

None

Local Nebraska Rep. – Joint CPNRD/TBNRD John Thorburn - Member, TBNRD

Executive Director's Office (EDO)

Jerry Kenny, Executive Director Bruce Sackett Justin Brei Jason Farnsworth Tim Tunnell

Other Participants

None

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1 Welcome and Administrative

- 2 Chairman Czaplewski called the meeting to order at 2:00 pm Central Time and the group
- 3 proceeded with introductions.
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- Czaplewski asked for agenda modifications, none were requested.
- 7 Czaplewski asked for the LAC's recommendation on the minutes of the August 26, 2014 8 meeting.
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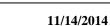
10 LaBonde made a motion to approve the minutes from the August 26, 2014 LAC meeting. The motion was seconded by Rabbe and passed unanimously. 11

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<u>GC Update and Other Committee Coo</u>rdination Information 13

- 14 GC Update
- 15 Czaplewski updated the LAC on recent GC activities. The GC last met September 9 & 10 in
- Kearney, NE. The GC received an update on J-2 Reservoir progress, and several landowners 16
- were present to provide public comment. Comments were received and documented in the 17
- minutes. The GC approved allocation of money to offset lost tax income for counties where 18
- 19 reservoir land would be acquired.
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- 21 In other land items, the GC declined an offer to purchase in fee title a current easement on tract 2011001. The GC chose to continue pursuit of tract 1404, and chose not to further pursue tract 22
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- 1405. The GC also authorized the EDO to exchange tracts 1406 and 1407 for tract 0832, a parcel in the Kearney to Odessa bridge segment. The GC gave Nebraska Game and Parks 24
- 25 Commission a deadline (Noon Central time, November 3, 2014) to proffer written commitment
- 26 to purchase tract 1221. If the commitment is not offered, the EDO is authorized to sell the
- property at auction. 27
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- The next GC meeting is November 12, 2014 in Denver, CO. 29
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- 31 Other Committee Coordination
- 32 Sellers updated the LAC on recent TAC activities. The TAC has not met since the last LAC
- meeting. Several TAC members travelled to the CAMNET Rendezvous at the Trinity River in 33
- California. Sellers said many came away with a good appreciation for how the PRRIP is set up 34
- 35 compared to the program at the Trinity River. The TAC has also been reviewing the wetland
- design for the Liehs wetland, which the LAC will discuss as well. 36
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- 38 Kenny gave an update on WAC activities. The WAC met last on August 12. They received
- 39 updates on water action plan projects, negotiations for leased water, including the possibility of
- 40 available storage in Elwood Reservoir, and improvements to the Phelps Canal recharge project.
- 41 The WAC also received a presentation on methods and processes for NDNR permitting.
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45 Land Management Update

- Tunnell gave the LAC an update on recent land management activities. A tract by tract update was detailed in a handout distributed to the LAC.
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- 49 Election of Officers
- 50 Shadle moved to nominate Mark Czaplewski as LAC Chair for 2015, to cease nominations,
- and to unanimously elect Czaplewski as Chair. Motion seconded by LaBonde. Motion
- 52 voted on and passed unanimously.
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54 Sellers moved to nominate John Shadle as LAC Vice-Chair for 2015, to cease nominations,

- and to unanimously elect Shadle as Vice-Chair. Motion seconded by LaBonde. Motion
 voted on and passed unanimously.
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- 58 Public Forum
- 59 Chairman Czaplewski asked for public comments, none were offered.
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- 61 Closing Business
- 62 The next meeting of the LAC was scheduled for November 17, 2014 at 9 a.m. Central Time.
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- 64 With no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Chairman Czaplewski at 2:45 p.m.