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

Welcome and Administrative

Chairman Czaplewski called the meeting to order at 2:00 pm 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 26, 2014 meeting.

LaBonde made a motion to approve the minutes from the August 26, 2014 LAC meeting. The motion was seconded by Rabbe and passed unanimously.

GC Update and Other Committee Coordination Information

GC Update

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 were present to provide public comment. Comments were received and documented in the minutes. The GC approved allocation of money to offset lost tax income for counties where reservoir land would be acquired.

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 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 Commission a deadline (Noon Central time, November 3, 2014) to proffer written commitment to purchase tract 1221. If the commitment is not offered, the EDO is authorized to sell the property at auction.

The next GC meeting is November 12, 2014 in Denver, CO.

Other Committee Coordination

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 California. Sellers said many came away with a good appreciation for how the PRRIP is set up 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.

Kenny gave an update on WAC activities. The WAC met last on August 12. They received updates on water action plan projects, negotiations for leased water, including the possibility of available storage in Elwood Reservoir, and improvements to the Phelps Canal recharge project. The WAC also received a presentation on methods and processes for NDNR permitting.

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.

Election of Officers

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 voted on and passed unanimously.

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.

Public Forum

Chairman Czaplewski asked for public comments, none were offered.

Closing Business

The next meeting of the LAC was scheduled for November 17, 2014 at 9 a.m. Central Time.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Chairman Czaplewski at 2:45 p.m.