



PLATTE RIVER RECOVERY IMPLEMENTATION PROGRAM
Land Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
Conference Call
August 15, 2016

Meeting Participants

Land Advisory Committee (LAC)

State of Wyoming

Harry LaBonde, Member, Wyoming Water
Development Office

State of Colorado

Suzanne Sellers – Member, Colorado Water
Conservation Board
Kevin Urie – Alternate, Denver Water

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

Dave Zorn – Member, Central Nebraska Public Power
& Irrigation District
John Shadle – Member (Vice-Chair), Nebraska Public
Power District

Environmental Entities

Andrew Pierson – Member, Audubon Rowe Sanctuary

**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

None

Executive Director's Office (EDO)

Jerry Kenny, Executive Director
Bruce Sackett
Justin Brei
Tim Tunnell

Other Participants

None



Welcome and Administrative

Chairman Czaplewski called the meeting to order at 9:15 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 February 23, 2016 meeting.

LaBonde made a motion to approve the minutes from May 23, 2016 LAC meeting. The motion was seconded by Shadle and passed unanimously.

Land Action Items

Sackett discussed tract 1603, a fee title auction offering on a parcel of land near Wood River, NE. This tract is being considered as non-complex habitat to be developed into an off-channel sand & water nesting site. Sackett said that ideally the Program would find a contractor in need of fill material to perform the work in trade for the material, similar to how Leaman East Pit was constructed in 2011. To-date, Leaman East has had very good nesting numbers. Shadle asked if having two sites very close together was a bad thing. Farnsworth said that plovers, especially, are territorial and only a small number will nest on Leaman East. Having another site nearby would be useful.

Urie moved to forward tract 1603 to the Governance Committee with a recommendation to pursue acquisition as non-complex habitat. Motion seconded by LaGrange and passed unanimously.

Public Forum

Chairman Czaplewski asked for public comments, none were offered.

Closing Business

The next meeting of the LAC will be scheduled as-needed.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Chairman Czaplewski at 9:45 a.m.