



**PLATTE RIVER RECOVERY IMPLEMENTATION PROGRAM (PRRIP or Program)**  
**Finance Committee Meeting Minutes**  
August 11, 2016

**Meeting Attendees**

**Finance Committee (FC)**

**State of Wyoming**

Harry LaBonde – Member (Chair)

**State of Colorado**

Suzanne Sellers – Member

**State of Nebraska**

Jeff Fassett – Member

**Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation)**

Brock Merrill – Alternate

**U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service)**

None

**Environmental Entities**

None

**Colorado Water Users**

Kevin Urie – Member

**Downstream Water Users**

Don Kraus – Member

**Welcome and Administrative**

FC Chair LaBonde called the meeting to order at 10:03 AM Central Time. Kenny listed everyone on the call.

*Sellers moved to approve the May 17, 2016 FC minutes; Merrill seconded. **Minutes approved.***

**PRRIP Habitat Management**

Farnsworth discussed habitat management activities planned under the bid packages for the Pawnee and Ft. Kearney habitat complexes. He also discussed the fall disking RFQ. Fassett asked whether the Program gets a number of bidders on this type of work. Farnsworth predicted we would get between 3-6 bidders. We generally always get 2-3 bidders and then additional bids come in based on how busy they are with other work. Fassett asked if the Program has developed a list of trusted contractors that do good work. Farnsworth said yes, we have built those relationships over time. LaBonde asked if a caddisfly survey had been completed at the Ft. Kearney Complex. Farnsworth said there are no sloughs present so it is not an issue.

*Kraus moved to approve the Pawnee Complex Bid Package; Urie seconded. **Bid package approved.***

*Merrill moved to approve the Ft. Kearney Complex Bid Package; Urie seconded. **Bid package approved.***

*Urie moved to approve the Fall Disking RFQ; Kraus seconded. **RFQ approved.***



50 **Closing Business**

51 Kenny said there is a construction RFQ coming soon so we will need a brief FC call during the week of  
52 August 22, 2016 to address that RFQ or address it electronically. LaBonde asked about the project.  
53 Farnsworth said as part of the 404 permit for state channel improvements at North Platte we have to  
54 construct a mitigation wetland on the Spiedell property. The FC said they were comfortable with email  
55 approval of that project when it is ready.

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57 The next scheduled FC meeting is a conference call is Tuesday, September 6, 2016 from 10:00-11:00 AM  
58 Central Time.

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60 **FC meeting adjourned at 10:19 AM Central Time.**

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62 **Summary of Action Items/Decisions from August 11, 2016 FC meeting**

- 63 1) Approved May 17, 2016 FC minutes.  
64 2) Approved the Pawnee Complex Bid Package.  
65 3) Approved the Ft. Kearny Complex Bid Package.  
66 4) Approved the Fall Disking RFQ.



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**State of Wyoming**

Harry LaBonde – Member (Chair)

**State of Colorado**

Suzanne Sellers – Member

**State of Nebraska**

Jeff Fassett – Member

**Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation)**

Chris Beardsley – Member

Brock Merrill – Alternate

**U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service)**

Tom Econopouly – Alternate

**Environmental Entities**

None

**Colorado Water Users**

Alan Berryman – Member

**Downstream Water Users**

Don Kraus – Member

**Welcome and Administrative**

FC Chair LaBonde called the meeting to order at 10:03 AM Central Time. Kenny listed everyone on the call.

*Fassett moved to approve the August 11, 2016 FC minutes; Berryman seconded. Minutes approved.*

**PRRIP Contract Amendments**

Farnsworth discussed the need for permitting related to broad scale recharge and the related contract amendment with HDR for Section 404 permitting activities at the Cottonwood Ranch Complex. Fassett asked if this amendment is written generically for sites as they may be determined or if this is specific to the Cottonwood Ranch Complex. Farnsworth said the scope is generic and is written to get wetland delineations done before talking with the Corps. The EDO will work with HDR during the winter to get site-specific impacts assessed in order to write the permit application next spring.

*Kraus moved to approve the Broad Scale Recharge Permitting contract amendment; Fassett seconded. Contract amendment approved.*



Farnsworth discussed the contract modification related to modeling removal of the sand dam at Jeffrey Island. This pertains to sediment augmentation and south channel degradation and investigating the question of how to limit the amount of sediment and effort required to offset the sediment deficit. One option would be to make the sand dam ephemeral so that it washes out during high flow events and would allow sand and water access to the south channel during those events. The EDO is taking this very slowly and modeling would be done to predict what would happen if the sand dam washes out during high flow events and then replace it. The modeling exercise will help us think through the viability of this option. Tetra Tech developed modeling tools for the Program and has been contracted to utilize these tools before like at the North Platte choke point.

*Sellers moved to approve the Sand Dam Removal Modeling contract modification; Beardsley seconded. Kraus abstained. **Contract modification approved.***

### **Closing Business**

The next scheduled FC meeting will be scheduled via Doodle poll following the September 2016 GC meeting in Kearney, NE.

**FC meeting adjourned at 10:15 AM Central Time.**

### **Summary of Action Items/Decisions from September 6, 2016 FC meeting**

- 1) Approved August 11, 2016 FC minutes.
- 2) Approved the Broad Scale Recharge Permitting contract amendment.
- 3) Approved the Sand Dam Removal Modeling contract modification.