



PLATTE RIVER RECOVERY IMPLEMENTATION PROGRAM (PRRIP or Program)
Finance Committee (FC) Conference Call Minutes
 Monday, January 23, 2017

Finance Committee (FC)

State of Wyoming

Andi Odell – Alternate

Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation)

Chris Beardsley – Member (Vice Chair)

Brock Merrill – Alternate

State of Colorado

Suzanne Sellers – Member

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service)

Eliza Hines – Member

State of Nebraska

Jennifer Schellpeper – Alternate

Environmental Entities

N/A

Upper Platte Water Users

N/A

Colorado Water Users

Alan Berryman – Member

Kevin Urie – Alternate

Downstream Water Users

Don Kraus – Member

Brian Barels – Alternate

Executive Director's Office (EDO)

Jerry Kenny, ED

Dave Baasch

Jason Farnsworth

Chad Smith



Welcome & Administrative

Beardsley called the meeting to order at 10:03 AM Central Time. LaBonde had a conflict and could not participate in the meeting. Kenny said after approving the minutes he would like to discuss something generated from the EDO in a couple weeks.

FC Decision – *Schellpeper moved to approve the December 7, 2016 FC minutes; Berryman seconded. Minutes approved.*

Farnsworth said the EDO would be proposing to adjust its strategy for acquiring contract services for weed spraying in 2017. The Program has enough property and enough issues that we need more formal noxious weed spraying services. A bid package is being developed and refined and the EDO would like to distribute that via email for approval when it is ready. Kraus asked what the budget item is for that. Farnsworth said is partially in LP-2, partially in LP-4. Kraus asked if this includes phragmites. Farnsworth said no, this is just for routine weed spraying as land management.

FC Decision – *Electronic approval for that is acceptable.*

PRRIP ISAC Agreements

Smith discussed the 2017-2019 ISAC agreements. Kraus asked if this agreement includes having ISAC members participate in the 2017 GC pallid sturgeon workshop. Smith said yes. Beardsley asked if the agreements are just for 2017 or for the whole period 2017-2019. Smith said the agreements are for 2017-2019 but the money associated with the agreements only pertains to 2017.

FC Decision – *Kraus moved to recommend the 2017-2019 PRRIP ISAC Agreements on to the GC for review and approval; Odell seconded. Recommendation approved.*

PRRIP Predator Trapping

Baasch discussed the 2017 predator trapping agreement. Smith discussed recent conversations with Sellers about the equipment language. Sellers suggested amending the agreement language to say any equipment purchased under the agreement shall remain the property of the USDA because it is not equipment that the Program wants, needs, or can manage. Smith and Baasch agreed to amend the agreement language.

FC Decision – *Sellers moved to approve the 2017 amendment as amended with equipment language by the FC; Kraus seconded. Agreement approved.*

PRRIP Habitat Availability Assessments

Baasch discussed the agreement for habitat availability assessments in 2017 and minor date corrections to language in the agreement. Urie asked if this will be a topic of discussion with the TAC so there is a possibility this might be reduced or eliminated in the future. Baasch said there will be discussion about this at the next TAC meeting and there may be discussion at that time about reducing this effort.

FC Decision – *Urie moved to approve the 2017 RBJV agreement as presented with the understanding this effort may be subject to reduction based on TAC input; Odell seconded. Agreement approved.*

PRRIP Speidell Seeding

Farnsworth discussed the proposed seeding of a couple projects on Speidell property near Kearney.

FC Decision – *Odell moved to approve the 2017 seeding agreement; Schellpeper seconded. Agreement approved.*



Set the next FC meeting for March 1, 2017 at 10:00 AM Central Time.

Meeting adjourned at 10:35 AM Central Time.

Summary of Action Items/Decisions from January 23, 2017 FC Meeting

- 1) Approved the December 7, 2016 FC meeting minutes.
- 2) Agreed to an electronic vote on the upcoming weed spraying bid package.
- 3) Recommended the 2017-2019 ISAC agreements to the GC for review and approval.
- 4) Approved the 2017 predator trapping agreement, as amended.
- 5) Approved the 2017 RBJV agreement.
- 6) Approved to the 2017 Speidell seeding agreement.