



PLATTE RIVER RECOVERY IMPLEMENTATION PROGRAM
Finance Committee Conference Call Minutes
 June 3, 2013

Meeting Attendees

Finance Committee (FC)

State of Wyoming

Harry LaBonde (Member)

State of Colorado

Suzanne Sellers – Member

State of Nebraska

Jim Schneider – Member

Bureau of Reclamation (BOR)

Gary Campbell – Member

Brock Merrill

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service)

Eliza Hines – Alternate

Environmental Entities

John Heaston – Member

Colorado Water Users

Alan Berryman – Member

Downstream Water Users

Don Kraus – Member

Welcome and Administrative

FC Chair Campbell officially called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. Central time. The group proceeded with introductions. No agenda modifications offered.

LaBonde moved to approve the April 19, 2013 FC minutes; Schneider seconded. Minutes approved.

Geomorphology/Vegetation Monitoring & Data Analysis

Farnsworth discussed the contract amendment for geomorphology/vegetation monitoring and associated data analysis. Kenny said there is money available in line item IMRP-2 because the item for grassland vegetation monitoring came in well under budget. Campbell asked what was given to the contractor when we were advertising the project. Farnsworth said part of the issue was a difference in reporting forms from the original contractor and also changes in vegetation monitoring data reporting, both of which complicated efforts to complete data analysis. So, waiting to do data analysis until Year 4 of monitoring led to some of the complications. Campbell asked if this could have been reasonably foreseen by the contractor through the RFP process. Farnsworth said no.

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Heaston moved to approve the contract amendment; Kraus seconded. **Contract amendment approved.**

Sediment Augmentation Pilot-Scale Management Action

Smith discussed the contract amendment for implementation of the sediment augmentation pilot-scale management action. Kraus asked if this extra effort should have been anticipated. Smith said the very dry conditions were not anticipated, so this is not something the contractor could have been aware of. Kenny said the extreme dry conditions and the spotlight on the project dictated an additional level of oversight. Kraus asked if any impacts on third parties occurred, and whether monitoring was now complete. Smith said no impacts occurred on third parties, and that most monitoring would be complete when the second round of implementation was complete, likely in the next two weeks.

LaBonde moved to approve the contract amendment; Heaston seconded. **Contract amendment approved.**

Hydrologic Monitoring Telemetry System

Kenny and Griebing discussed the telemetry system Invitation for Bid. LaBonde asked how many wet meadow sites are under consideration. Kenny said two sites (Fox and Binfield), and the bid is expected to come in around \$50,000.

Campbell moved to approve posting the Invitation for Bid; Schneider seconded. **FC approved posting the Invitation for Bid.**

PRRIP Indexing

Merrill discussed the latest version of the indexing spreadsheet. The sheet includes the correct expenditures numbers (all expenses since 2007) and the correct funds total is now about \$200 million.

Sellers moved to recommend the Governance Committee approve the revised indexing methodology; Heaston seconded. **Motion approved.**

Closing Business

Kenny said we have reached the threshold of expenditures in the 2013 budget so moving forward we are now back to the classic proportional funding until directed otherwise.

The next FC meeting is from 3:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. Central time on July 15, 2013.

FC meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m. Central time.

Summary of Action Items/Decisions from June 3, 2013 FC meeting

- 1) Approved the April 19, 2013 FC minutes.
- 2) Approved the geomorphology/vegetation monitoring and data analysis contract amendment.
- 3) Approved the sediment augmentation pilot-scale management action contract amendment.
- 4) Approved posting the Invitation for Bid for the hydrologic monitoring telemetry system.
- 5) Approved a motion recommending the GC approve the revised indexing methodology.