



**PLATTE RIVER RECOVERY IMPLEMENTATION PROGRAM**  
**Land Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes**  
**May 16, 2017**

**Meeting Participants**

**Land Advisory Committee (LAC)**

**State of Wyoming**

Lee Arrington, Alternate, Wyoming State Engineer's Office

**State of Colorado**

Suzanne Sellers – Member, Colorado Water Conservation Board (by phone)

**State of Nebraska**

Melissa Mosier – Alternate, Nebraska Department of Natural Resources (by phone)

**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)**

Dave Raffety – Member, TBNRD Landowner

**Local Nebraska Rep. – Joint CPNRD/TBNRD**

John Thorburn – Member, TBNRD

**Executive Director's Office (EDO)**

Jerry Kenny, Executive Director

Bruce Sackett

Justin Brei

Tim Tunnell

Jason Farnsworth

**Other Participants**

None



**Welcome and Administrative**

Chairman Czaplewski called the meeting to order at 9:00 am Central Time and the group proceeded with introductions.

Czaplewski asked for agenda modifications. None were offered.

Czaplewski asked for the LAC's recommendation on the minutes of the February 14, 2016 meeting, as amended by Rabbe.

**Shadle made a motion to approve the minutes from February 14, 2016 LAC meeting, as amended. The motion was seconded by Rabbe and passed unanimously.**

**Land Offering Reviews**

**Shadle moved to go into executive session with LAC members, alternates, and technical staff to review details of land offerings. The motion was seconded by Merrill. The motion carried and the committee entered executive session at 9:05 a.m.**

**Shadle moved to come out of executive session. Merrill seconded and the motion carried. The committee came out of executive session at 10:20 a.m**

**Thorburn moved, seconded by Arrington, to accept the evaluation team's recommendation on all offerings as follows:**

- **To recommend that the GC continue to pursue tracts 1701, 1702, and 1710.**
- **To recommend that the GC no longer pursue tracts 1709, 1711, 1712.**

**Motion passed unanimously.**

The LAC chose not to take any official action on excess lands discussed during executive session. These will be reviewed and acted upon by the Governance Committee.

**Public Forum**

Chairman Czaplewski asked for public comments, none were offered.

**The next meeting of the LAC was scheduled for Wednesday, August 23, 2017 at 9:00 AM central time.**

**Public Access Program Review**

The LAC received a summary presentation of the 2016-2017 Platte River Recreation Access (PRRA) Program season from Justin Haahr, Nebraska Game and Parks Commission.

Following the presentation, Rabbe reported on the last meeting of the PRRA public meeting and subcommittee meeting. The PRRA received two public comment letters, and four members of the public attended the meeting. All comments received were positive. The subcommittee



discussed potential additions and changes to the PRRRA for the 2017-2018 season. The LAC reviewed the suggested changes.

**Merrill moved to recommend that the Public Access Policy closure dates be changed to match the USFWS recommendations for whooping cranes (March 6 – April 29, and October 9 – November 15). Motion seconded by Arrington and passed unanimously.**

**Rabbe moved to recommend the following changes to the PRRRA for the 2017-2018 season:**

- **The PRRRA subcommittee will make an annual decision whether or not to hold a public meeting on a case by case basis based on feedback during the year. Written comments will always be accepted.**
- **Add PRRIP Tract 2012004 to the PRRRA for all uses except deer hunting, with a maximum of two users.**
- **All rifle deer lottery users will be advised that sites have the potential to be closed in the case of a late migration season, with closure as-needed based on reported sightings in the valley.**

**Motion seconded by Arrington and passed unanimously.**

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Chairman Czaplewski at 11:00 a.m.