

NPBRT Meeting Minutes: 1-18-22

Members/Liaisons present

Aleigh Aurin (CSU Extension)
*Mike Allnutt
*Wade Alnutt
*Jimmer Baller
Paula Belcher
*Jim Dustin
*Mark Hackleman
*Bryce Russell
*Kari VanValkenberg
*Pat VanValkenberg
*Barbara Vasquez
*Ty Wattenberg (Chair)
*Rick Wyatt

Members on zoom

*Kari VanValkenberg

Non-RT members present

April and Dustin Cochrane
Coy Meyring
Deb Heeney
Debbie Alpe

Non-RT members on zoom

Beth Albrecht
Michael Hein
Dan Henrich
Amy Honholz
Russ Sands (CWCB)
Kara Sobieski (Wilson Water Group)
Robert Sakata (CWCB Board member)
Sam Stein (CWCB)
Kat Weismiller (CWCB)

Members/Liaisons not present

*Carl Trick
*Coby Corkle
*Randy Miller
*Rick Wyatt
Christopher Old (USFS)

(*NPBRT voting members)

This meeting was multimodal with people attending physically as well as by zoom. Thanks to Sam Stein & for Aleigh Aurin for the support for remote participation.

1-Agenda Review

Agenda accepted as distributed with one change. Deb Heeney will review all the water control infrastructure projects in the basin installed in collaboration between NRCS, JCWCD, Owl Mountain Partnership and the North Platte Basin Roundtable in the past decade.

2) Review/Approval of draft minutes for Oct 2021 meeting.

Approved

3) Finalize North Platte Basin BIP Update

Kara Sobieski, Wilson Water Group

Kara opened the review of the NPB BIP public comments. The BRT is acknowledging the recommendations but chooses not to make the changes.

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4) Owl Mountain Partnership WSRF Grant Application

Deb Heeney & Deb Alpe

The project includes improvements on three ditches:

- the Leonard Ditch on the Illinois River with Edson and Ann Howard
- the Seymour No. 1 Ditch on the Grizzly Creek with Spicer Ranch (Coy Meyring)
- the Nairin Ditch on the Little Grizzly with April & Dustin Cochrane on the Norman Musk Trust.

The total cost of the project is \$368,270, with \$203,178 requested from WSRF funds. The land owner and NRCS match totals 46% (36% from NRCS and 10% from the landowners).

After explaining the projects and taking any questions, Ty called for a vote. The RT recommended the project with all voting members present approving except Wade (abstained).

5) North Park's Wild Flood Control

Deb Heeney, NRCS

See attached power point presentation. Deb gave a tour of all the water control structures that have been installed with the collaboration of NRCS, Jackson County Water Conservancy District, Owl Mountain Partnership and the North Platte Basin Roundtable over the past decade. The RT gave her a round of applause for her years of work.

6) Old Business

NPBRT Membership openings

CPW liaison open: David Graff has left CPW and our liaison position is open.

USFWS liaison open: Tara Wertz moved from Arapaho to the Malheur National Wildlife Refuge
Education and Outreach Coordinator: open

Barbara explained that the Dust-on-Snow grant application presented by John Derry, Exec. Dir, Center for Snow and Avalanche Studies, at our Oct meeting which our RT declined was approved by the other 8 RTs and has been funded by the CWCB.

7) New Business

Ty noted that new business development proposals involving water may be coming to the RT in the future. Since the Colorado Water Plan and our own BIP is quite broad, we may start to receive some untraditional proposals.

Next meeting

Next meeting set for **Tuesday Mar.15** from 6:30-8:30 pm in the basement of the SCD building.

8) Meeting adjourned