

**PLATTE RIVER RECOVERY IMPLEMENTATION PROGRAM (PRRIP -or- Program)****2025 Q1 Finance Committee (FC) Virtual Meeting** *(held online via Teams)*

Thursday, May 15, 2025

PRRIP Finance Committee Meeting Attendees		
Name	Affiliation	Member or Alternate
Department of the Interior		
Brock Merrill	Bureau of Reclamation (USBR) – 2025 FC Chair	Member
State of Wyoming		
David Ray	Wyoming Water Development Office (WWDO)	Alternate
State of Colorado		
Kara Scheel	Colorado Water Conservation Board (CWCB)	Alternate
State of Nebraska		
Jennfer Schellpeper	Department of Natural Resources (DNR)	Alternate
Upper Platte Water Users		
n/a		
Colorado Water Users		
Kyle Whitaker	Northern Water	Member
Downstream Water Users		
n/a		
Environmental Entities		
Ele Nugent	Ducks Unlimited (DU)	Alternate
Executive Director's Office (EDO)		
Jason Farnsworth	Executive Director	
Chadwin Smith, Ph.D.	Science Policy Coordinator	
Other Participants		
n/a		

**WELCOME & ADMINISTRATIVE**

Introductions – Merrill called the meeting to order at 12:03 PM Central Time. The Teams participant list will be used to record meeting attendees.

FC BUDGET ACTION ITEMS

Smith summarized the FY25 PRRIP Procurement Table and the discussion item for today.

PRRIP Public Outreach

Farnsworth summarized the process of contracting with Astralis United from Texas for help with PRRIP Public Outreach services. Farnsworth summarized the problems with that contractor getting work started once they were under contract, including a missed meeting and ending the kick-off meeting early. The EDO terminated the contract and we need to find a contractor to help with this work. Farnsworth recommends that the work be moved to existing PRRIP contractor DJ Case (contractor for PRRIP website and database issues) instead of re-issuing the RFP and going through the selection process again. Nugent asked if the initial contractor was paid and if there is money remaining in the budget to pay for services by a new contractor. Farnsworth said nothing has been paid and the approved budget remains.

The Finance Committee agrees with moving the contract to DJ Case to perform the PRRIP Public Outreach work.

FC MEETING REVIEW & WRAP-UP

Action Items & Meeting Feedback – None.

2025 FC Virtual Meetings (all meetings will be in Teams from 10:00-11:00 AM Central Time):

- Tuesday, August 26, 2025
- Tuesday, November 4, 2025
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FC MEETING END

Meeting adjourned at 12:19 PM Central Time.

Summary of Action Items/Decisions from the 2025 Q2 FC Virtual Meeting:

- 1) Approved moving the PRRIP Public Outreach work to DJ Case, an existing PRRIP contractor.