

**PLATTE RIVER RECOVERY IMPLEMENTATION PROGRAM (PRRIP -or- Program)****Finance Committee (FC) Virtual Meeting\_ August 2024 (Q3) (held online via Teams)**

Tuesday, August 27, 2024

PRRIP Finance Committee Meeting Attendees		
Name	Affiliation	Member or Alternate
<b>Department of the Interior</b>		
Brock Merrill	Bureau of Reclamation (USBR) – 2024 FC Chair	Member
<b>State of Wyoming</b>		
David Ray	Wyoming Water Development Office	Alternate
<b>State of Colorado</b>		
Emily Zmak	Colorado Water Conservation Board (CWCB)	Alternate
<b>State of Nebraska</b>		
Jennifer Schellpeper	Department of Natural Resources (DNR)	Member
<b>Upper Platte Water Users</b>		
n/a		
<b>Colorado Water Users</b>		
n/a		
<b>Downstream Water Users</b>		
Dave Zorn	Central Nebraska Public Power & Irrigation District (CNPPID)	Alternate
<b>Environmental Entities</b>		
Rich Walters	The Nature Conservancy (TNC)	Member
Ele Nugent	Ducks Unlimited (DU)	Alternate
<b>Executive Director's Office (EDO)</b>		
Jason Farnsworth	Executive Director	
Chadwin Smith, Ph.D.	Science Policy Coordinator	
Tim Tunnell	Land Plan Coordinator	
<b>Other Participants</b>		
n/a		

**WELCOME & ADMINISTRATIVE**

**Introductions** – Merrill called the meeting to order at 10:01 AM Central Time. The Teams participant list will be used to record meeting attendees. Merrill mentioned he wanted to discuss a potential government shutdown before the FC meeting concludes.

**Agenda** – No modifications offered.

**Minutes:**

**FC MOTION:** Ray moved and Schellpeper seconded to approve the Q2 2024 FC Virtual Meeting minutes. Minutes approved.

**FC BUDGET ACTION ITEMS**

Smith summarized the 2024 PRRIP Procurement Table and updated the FC on the status of several items.

**Tract 2024002 Tree Removal**

Tunnell summarized the need for tree removal at Tract 2024002, the associated RFQ, and the implications on the FY24 PRRIP budget. Zorn asked if Tunnell made contact with the nearby landowner and his “handshake” agreement for hunting. Tunnell said yes, that person is supportive of this project for opening up the area and improving hunting. Zorn said he and Jim Jenniges were on the river last week and it appears there is a brand new waterfowl hunting blind on the property. Tunnell said his conversation led him to believe there had not been hunting there in many years but he will double-check. Merrill asked if this is the extent of tree clearing on this property. Tunnell said yes.

**FC MOTION:** Zorn moved and Zmak seconded to approve the Tract 2024002 Tree Removal RFQ. Motion approved.

**FC MEETING REVIEW & WRAP-UP**

**Action Items & Meeting Feedback** – None.

**2024 FC Virtual meetings:**

All meetings will be in Teams from 10:00-11:00 AM Central Time.

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**FC MEETING END**

Meeting adjourned at 10:12 AM Central Time.

**Summary of Action Items/Decisions from the Q3 2024 FC Virtual Meeting:**

- 1) Approved the Q2 2024 FC virtual meeting minutes.
- 2) Approved the Tract 2024002 Tree Removal RFQ.