

**PLATTE RIVER RECOVERY IMPLEMENTATION PROGRAM (PRRIP -or- Program)****Governance Committee (GC) Virtual Special Session***Monday, December 18, 2023*

Drue DeBerry, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service – 2024 GC Chair

Jason Farnsworth, PRRIP Executive Director (ED) – Moderator

PRRIP Governance Committee (GC) Special Session Attendees Monday, December 18, 2023		
Name	Affiliation	Member or Alternate
Department of the Interior		
Brock Merrill	Bureau of Reclamation (USBR)	Member
Drue DeBerry	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS)	Member
Mark Porath	USFWS	Alternate
Matt Rabbe	USFWS	Alternate
State of Wyoming		
Brandon Gebhart	Wyoming State Engineer	Member
Jason Mead	Wyoming Water Development Office	Alternate
Barry Lawrence	Wyoming Water Development Office	Alternate
State of Colorado		
Emily Zmak	CWCB	Alternate
Kara Scheel	CWCB	Alternate
State of Nebraska		
Jesse Bradley	Department of Natural Resources (DNR)	Alternate
Jennifer Schellpeper	DNR	Alternate
Upper Platte Water Users		
Dennis Strauch	Pathfinder Irrigation District	Member
Bob Mehling	Goshen Irrigation District	Alternate
Colorado Water Users		
Kyle Whitaker	Northern Water	Member
Downstream Water Users		
Devin Brundage	Central Nebraska Public Power & Irrigation District (CNPPID)	Member
Kent Miller	Twin Platte Natural Resources District (TPNRD)	Member
John Shadle	Nebraska Public Power District (NPPD)	Member
Lyndon Vogt	Central Platte Natural Resources District (CPNRD)	Member
Environmental Entities		
Rich Walters	The Nature Conservancy (TNC)	Member
Brice Krohn	The Crane Trust	Member
Melissa Mosier	Audubon Nebraska (virtual)	Member
Executive Director's Office (EDO)		
Jason Farnsworth, BCES	Executive Director	
Chadwin Smith, Ph.D.	Science Policy Coordinator	
Tim Tunnell, M.S.	Land Plan Coordinator (virtual)	
Malinda Henry, Ph.D.	Science Plan Coordinator	



Justin Brei, P.E.	Water Resources & Engineering Coordinator
Ed Weschler, E.I.T.	Junior Civil Engineer
Libby Casavant, P.E.	Hydraulic Engineer (virtual)
Other Participants	
Barry Lawrence	Wyoming Water Development Office
Caitlin Kingsley	Nebraska DNR
Jim Jenniges	NPPD

#1	WELCOME & ADMINISTRATIVE	Agenda Item Objective: Greetings, roll call, review agenda.
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Introduction – Chair DeBerry called the meeting to order at 12:00 PM Central Time. Attendance was recorded via the Teams participant list.

Agenda – No modifications offered.

#2	EXECUTIVE SESSION	Agenda Item Objective: GC member discussion of sensitive land, water, and policy items.
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GC MOTION: Miller moved and Strauch approved to enter Executive Session. Motion approved, GC entered Executive Session at 12:02 PM Central Time. **Motion approved.**

GC MOTION: Scheel moved and Whitaker seconded to exit Executive Session. Motion approved, GC exited Executive Session at 12:53 PM Central Time. **Motion approved.**

#3	EXECUTIVE SESSION MOTIONS	Agenda Item Objective: GC consideration of motions discussed during Executive Session.
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GC MOTION: Whitaker moved and DeBerry seconded to authorize the EDO to develop a purchase contract for and acquire Tract 2024001 as non-complex property that would count toward the First Increment Land Milestone but not toward the Extension plus-up, with a closing date on or after April 1, 2024. **Motion approved.**

#4	GC MEETING REVIEW & WRAP-UP	Agenda Item Objective: Discuss action items, meeting feedback, and upcoming meeting schedule.
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2024 GC Meeting Schedule:

- 1) **2024 PRRIP Science Plan Reporting Session:** February 20-22, 2024 @ Omaha, NE
- 2) **March 2024 GC Quarterly Meeting:** March 11-12, 2024 @ Kearney, NE
- 3) **June 2024 GC Quarterly Meeting:** June 11-12, 2024 @ Cheyenne, WY
- 4) **2024 Summer ISAC Meeting:** July 16-18, 2024 @ Kearney, NE
- 5) **September 2024 GC Quarterly Meeting:** September 10-11, 2024 @ Kearney, NE
- 6) **GC Virtual Special Session on FY2025 Budget & Work Plan:** Wednesday, November 13, 2024; 10:00 AM-12:00 PM Central Time via Teams
- 7) **December 2024 GC Quarterly Meeting:** December 3-4, 2024 @ Loveland, CO

GC MEETING END	12:45 PM Central Time
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Summary of Action Items/Decisions from December 2023 GC Special Session:

- 1) Directed the EDO to develop a purchase contract for and acquire Tract 2024001 as non-complex property that would count toward the First Increment Land Milestone but not toward the Extension Plus-Up, with a closing date on or after April 1, 2024.