

**PLATTE RIVER RECOVERY IMPLEMENTATION PROGRAM (PRRIP -or- Program)****Finance Committee (FC) Virtual Meeting_Q1 2024** *(held online via Teams)*

Tuesday, February 27, 2024

PRRIP Finance Committee Meeting Attendees		
Name	Affiliation	Member or Alternate
Department of the Interior		
Brock Merrill	Bureau of Reclamation (USBR) – 2024 FC Chair	Member
Matt Rabbe	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS)	Alternate
State of Wyoming		
Jason Mead	Wyoming Water Development Office	Alternate
David Ray	Wyoming Water Development Office	Alternate
State of Colorado		
Emily Zmak	Colorado Water Conservation Board (CWCB)	Alternate
State of Nebraska		
Tom Riley	Department of Natural Resources (DNR)	Member
Upper Platte Water Users		
n/a		
Colorado Water Users		
n/a		
Downstream Water Users		
Devin Brundage	Central Nebraska Public Power & Irrigation District (CNPPID)	Member
Environmental Entities		
Rich Walters	The Nature Conservancy (TNC)	Member
Executive Director's Office (EDO)		
Jason Farnsworth	Executive Director	
Chadwin Smith, Ph.D.	Science Policy Coordinator	
Malinda Henry, Ph.D.	Science Plan Coordinator	
Justin Brei, P.E.	Water Resources & Engineering Manager	
Other Participants		
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.

2024 FC Chair – Merrill discussed options for the 2024 Chair. Zmak said Colorado would support re-appointing Merrill to another year as Chair. Mead said Wyoming would support that as well.

FC MOTION: *Zmak moved and Mead seconded to appoint Merrill as 2024 FC Chair. Motion approved.*

Minutes:

FC MOTION: *Riley moved and Brundage seconded to approve the Q4 2023 FC Virtual Meeting minutes. Minutes approved.*

FC BUDGET ACTION ITEMS

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

Predator Trapping

Henry summarized the 2024 scope of work and budget for USDA/APHIS predator trapping at tern/plover nesting sites.

FC MOTION: *Zmak moved and Rabbe seconded to approve the 2024 scope of work and budget for PRRIP predator trapping. Motion approved.*

Remote Sensing Data Collection

Brei summarized the Remote Sensing Data Collection RFP and the approach to securing a new three-year contract for this work.

FC MOTION: *Riley moved and Zmak seconded to approve recommending GC review and approval of the multi-year Annual LiDAR & Aerial Photography RFP. Motion approved.*

FC MEETING REVIEW & WRAP-UP

Action Items & Meeting Feedback – None.

Merrill discussed the potential for a government shutdown at the end of this week (on March 1, 2024). The FC, including representatives of the Signatories, agreed to the following actions items that will be transmitted to the GC on Thursday, February 29, 2024 in the event a federal government shutdown appears imminent:

- 1) Seek electronic approval to expend only State funds if the Federal government shuts down and until the shutdown ends.
- 2) Seek electronic approval of the Annual LiDAR & Aerial Photography RFP and request the GC appoint a Proposal Selection Panel.



- 3) Inform the GC that if a federal government shutdown does occur and extends into the week of March 4, the GQ Quarterly Meeting scheduled on March 11-12, 2024, in Kearney, NE will be cancelled.

2024 FC Virtual meetings:

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

- Tuesday, May 28, 2024
- Tuesday, August 27 2024
- Tuesday, November 5, 2024

FC MEETING END

Meeting adjourned at 10:26 AM Central Time.

Summary of Action Items/Decisions from the Q1 2024 FC Virtual Meeting:

- 1) Appointed Brock Merrill as 2024 FC Chair.
- 2) Approved the Q4 2023 FC virtual meeting minutes.
- 3) Approved the 2024 scope of work and budget for PRRIP predator trapping.
- 4) Approved sending the multi-year Annual LiDAR & Aerial Photography RFP to the GC for review and approval.