



PLATTE RIVER RECOVERY IMPLEMENTATION PROGRAM (PRRIP -or- Program)

Finance Committee (FC) Virtual Meeting

Thursday, July 14, 2022

Meeting held online via Teams

Finance Committee (FC)

State of Wyoming

Brandon Gebhart

Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation)

Brock Merrill

State of Colorado

Emily Zmak

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service)

Mark Porath

Matt Rabbe

State of Nebraska

Tom Riley

Environmental Entities

John Denton

Upper Platte Water Users

n/a

Colorado Water Users

n/a

Downstream Water Users

n/a

Executive Director's Office (EDO)

Jason Farnsworth, ED

Justin Brei

Chad Smith

Ed Weschler



WELCOME & ADMINISTRATIVE

Introductions – Riley called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM Central Time. Smith read the participants list from Teams.

Agenda – No modifications offered.

Minutes:

FC Motion: *Gebhart moved and Merrill seconded to approve the January 26, 2022 FC Virtual Meeting minutes. Minutes approved.*

FC Budget Action Item Table – Farnsworth summarized the action item, the Sediment Augmentation Bid Package.

PRRIP SEDIMENT AUGMENTATION

Brei and Weschler summarized the proposed work and bid package for the FC. Riley asked about measurement and payment, wondering if the EDO plans a before and after survey. Brei said we pay on plan quantities for Program projects, the project quantities are estimated ahead of time using LiDAR data. We typically do not pay off measured quantities, this project will be paid according to the plan quantity (amount to be cut ~ 43,700 cubic yards). Riley asked about adjustments in fuel costs due to inflation. Brei said we were shocked last year with a very low bid (\$1/yard), this bid package includes a higher estimate of \$3/yard to account for potential inflated fuel costs. Zmak asked if the current contractor will apply again. Brei said that contractor is working on a large project in Jackson Hole so we don't expect them to bid again.

FC Motion: *Gebhart moved and Zmak seconded to approve the 2022 PRRIP Sediment Augmentation Bid Package. Bid package approved.*

FC MEETING REVIEW & WRAP-UP

Action Items & Meeting Feedback – None.

Next FC Meeting – Farnsworth said we will need another FC meeting in September or October to review the draft FY23 PRRIP budget and work plan. The EDO will distribute a Doodle poll to assist with scheduling that meeting this fall.

Porath asked if anyone had looked into alternative funding for prescribed fire as discussed during the last FC meeting. Farnsworth said he knows Tim Tunnell in the EDO has begun those discussions, Farnsworth will get an update on that and pass along any insight to the FC.

FC MEETING END

Meeting adjourned at 1:15 PM Central Time.

Summary of Action Items/Decisions from July 14, 2022 FC Virtual Meeting

- 1) Approved the January 26, 2022 FC virtual meeting minutes.
- 2) Approved the 2022 PRRIP Sediment Augmentation Bid Package.