

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

Tuesday, August 8, 2023

PRRIP Finance Committee Meeting Attendees		
Name	Affiliation	Member or Alternate
<b>Department of the Interior</b>		
Brock Merrill	Bureau of Reclamation (USBR) – 2023 FC Chair	Member
Matt Rabbe	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS)	Alternate
<b>State of Wyoming</b>		
Brandon Gebhart	Wyoming State Engineer	Member
David Ray	Wyoming Water Development Office (WWDO)	Alternate
<b>State of Colorado</b>		
Amy Ostdiek	Colorado Water Conservation Board (CWCB)	Member
Emily Zmak	CWCB	Alternate
<b>State of Nebraska</b>		
Jesse Bradley	Department of Natural Resources (DNR)	Alternate
<b>Upper Platte Water Users</b>		
n/a		
<b>Colorado Water Users</b>		
n/a		
<b>Downstream Water Users</b>		
Devin Brundage	Central Nebraska Public Power & Irrigation District (CNPPID)	Member
<b>Environmental Entities</b>		
n/a		
<b>Executive Director's Office (EDO)</b>		
Jason Farnsworth	Executive Director	
Chadwin Smith	Science Policy Coordinator	
Tim Tunnell	Land Plan Coordinator	
<b>Other Participants</b>		
n/a		



## **WELCOME & ADMINISTRATIVE**

**Introductions** – Merrill called the meeting to order at 10:03 AM Central Time. The Teams participant list will be used to record meeting attendees.

**Agenda** – No modifications offered.

### **Minutes:**

**FC MOTION:** *Brundage moved and Bradley seconded to approve the May 30, 2023 FC Virtual Meeting minutes. Minutes approved.*

## **FC BUDGET ACTION ITEMS**

Smith summarized the 2023 PRRIP FC Procurement Table, the action item for today, and upcoming items for FC review. Rabbe asked about additional complexes being included under the in-channel diking work that are listed in the RFQ but are not noted in the Procurement Table. Smith said Tunnell's RFQ and plan of work is controlling and he can address this later in the FC meeting today.

## **FY23 PROCUREMENT UPDATE**

Farnsworth summarized:

- **North Platte Chokepoint Engineering Services RFP** – Anderson Consulting Engineers now under contract evaluating alternatives to increase capacity at the Choke Point. Anderson is meeting with the PRRIP Chokepoint Workgroup next week to discuss an initial screening analysis.
- **Recapture Reconnaissance Study RFP** – The Selection Panel selected Leonard Rice Engineers to conduct this work. Their budget came in high so the EDO asked them to take a hard look at their proposed budget and see if they come back with any savings. We will work to get it as tight as we can and then will go back to ask the GC for a line item budget increase if necessary. Bradley asked when the kick-off meeting for this project would be. Farnsworth said most likely after the September 2023 GC meeting.
- **Lower Platte River Modeling RFP** – The Selection Panel selected HDR after interviewing three different consultants. Work is underway to develop a detailed scope and budget for this project with the selection consultant.

## **PRRIP PEER REVIEW**

Smith summarized the contract form for PRRIP peer reviewers to be used for the Wet Meadow Hydrology Report Peer Review and the Sediment Augmentation Synthesis Report Peer Review.

**FC MOTION:** *Brundage moved and Gebhart seconded to approve the 2023 PRRIP Peer Review Contract Form. Motion approved.*

## **IN-CHANNEL DISKING**

Tunnell summarized the 2023 in-channel diking RFQ and associated contract form. Tunnell said we did add the Rowe Sanctuary Reach to this year's diking work under a management agreement with Audubon Nebraska, it has been a while since we have done diking work in this segment and the existing approved budget should cover this work as well. Brundage asked about the potential interaction of this work with evaluation of the germination suppression flow releases. Farnsworth said yes because we are looking at the whole reach, but we will focus diking on areas where vegetation is so established that we



cannot learn much more in terms of germination suppression flows on that vegetation. We will reset those areas and then continue learning in the future with additional germination suppression releases.

**FC MOTION:** *Gebhart moved and Rabbe seconded to approve the 2023 PRRIP In-Channel Disking RFQ and Contract Form. Motion approved.*

#### **FC MEETING REVIEW & WRAP-UP**

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

#### **Upcoming 2023 FC meetings (all meetings virtual in Teams):**

- Thursday, November 2, 2023; 10:00-11:30 AM Central Time

#### **FC MEETING END**

Meeting adjourned at 10:29 AM Central Time.

#### **Summary of Action Items/Decisions from August 8, 2023, FC Virtual Meeting**

- 1) Approved the May 30, 2023 FC virtual meeting minutes.
- 2) Approved the 2023 PRRIP Peer Review Contract Form.
- 3) Approved the 2023 PRRIP In-Channel Disking RFQ and Contract Form.