

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

Tuesday, February 21, 2023

PRRIP Finance Committee Meeting Attendees		
Name	Affiliation	Member or Alternate
Department of the Interior		
Brock Merrill	Bureau of Reclamation (USBR) – 2023 FC Chair	Member
Mark Porath	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS)	Member
State of Wyoming		
Brandon Gebhart	Wyoming State Engineer	Member
David Ray	Wyoming Water Development Office (WWDO)	Alternate
State of Colorado		
Amy Ostdiek	Colorado Water Conservation Board (CWCB)	Member
Emily Zmak	CWCB	Alternate
State of Nebraska		
Jesse Bradley	Department of Natural Resources (DNR)	Alternate
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		
Bill Taddicken	Iain Nicolson Audubon Center at Rowe Sanctuary	Member
Executive Director's Office (EDO)		
Jason Farnsworth	Executive Director	
Chadwin Smith	Science Policy Coordinator	
Seth Turner	Water Plan Coordinator	
Justin Brei	Engineering/Colorado Coordinator	
Other Participants		
n/a		



WELCOME & ADMINISTRATIVE

Introductions – Farnsworth called the meeting to order at 11:02 AM Central Time. The Teams participant list will be used to record meeting attendees.

Farnsworth noted Merrill previously agreed to move from Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Chair to Finance Committee (FC) Chair in 2023.

FC Motion: *Brundage moved and Bradley seconded to elect Brock Merrill (USBR) as 2023 FC Chair.*
Merrill elected.

Agenda – No modifications offered.

Minutes:

FC Motion: *Brundage moved and Gebhart seconded to approve the July 14, 2022 FC Virtual Meeting minutes.* Minutes approved.

2023 FC Procurement Table – Smith summarized the table, the action item for today, and upcoming items for FC review.

Procurement Update:

Farnsworth summarized the status of two open procurement items:

- Prescribed Fire Management Services RFP – The RFP closes at the end of this week. One contractor participated in the pre-proposal meeting on February 10, 2023. We expect that contractor to submit a proposal, we will see if any additional submissions arrive by the closing date.
- Chemical Application Services RFB – The RFB closes at the end of March. Several contractors participated in the pre-bid meeting on February 10, 2023. We anticipate contracting with more than one entity to complete chemical application services based on timing and location.

NORTH PLATTE CHOKEPOINT

Turner summarized the North Platte Chokepoint Engineering Services RFP and recent discussions with the North Platte Chokepoint Planning Workgroup and the Water Advisory Committee (WAC). Taddicken asked about Bullet Point #3 showing going all the way through the chokepoint. Turner said we generally mean the Highway 83 bridge and a few miles upstream and downstream. For modeling purposes, we would extend below the diversion. Taddicken asked to spell that out in the parameters in the RFP. Turner and Farnsworth agreed he would make that change. Bradley said there could be operational benefits from Perkins County Canal that maybe should be included. Turner said this RFP is qualifications-based and once the contractor is selected we will work with them to refine the actual scope of work. At that point, we will integrate the Perkins County Canal project in some way. Bradley said the RFP should say we want a contractor that is aware of system operations, infrastructure, etc. Turner said that is included. Brundage said holistic impacts to operations should be part of the considerations.

Farnsworth said the selection will be qualifications-based but the first task would be a scoping task with the EDO and North Platte Chokepoint Planning Workgroup to make sure a tight scope is crafted that captures these ideas.



FC Motion: *Brundage moved and Taddicken seconded to approve the 2023 North Platte Chokepoint Engineering Services RFP as amended by the FC. RFP approved, pending GC review of the scope and appointment of a Proposal Selection Panel in March 2023.*

FC MEETING REVIEW & WRAP-UP

Action Items & Meeting Feedback – None.

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

- Tuesday, May 30, 2023; 10:00-11:00 AM Central Time
- Tuesday, August 8, 2023; 10:00-11:00 AM Central Time
- 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 February 21, 2023 FC Virtual Meeting

- 1) Elected Brock Merrill (USBR) 2023 FC Chair.
- 2) Approved the July 14, 2022 FC virtual meeting minutes.
- 3) Approved the 2023 North Platte Chokepoint Engineering Services RFP as amended by the FC, pending GC review of the scope and appointment of a Proposal Selection Panel in March 2023.