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

**Governance Committee (GC) Quarterly Meeting – Kearney, NE**

Executive Director’s Office (EDO) Conference Center

*Tuesday, March 7 & Wednesday, March 8, 2023*

Tom Riley, State of Nebraska – 2023 GC Chair

Jason Farnsworth, PRRIP Executive Director (ED) – Moderator

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| **PRRIP Governance Committee (GC) Meeting Attendees**  **Day #1 – Tuesday, March 7, 2023** | | |
| **Name** | **Affiliation** | **Member or Alternate** |
| **Department of the Interior** | | |
| Brock Merrill | Bureau of Reclamation (USBR) | Member |
| Steve Small | U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) – *2023 Vice Chair* | Member |
| Mark Porath | USFWS | Alternate |
| **State of Wyoming** | | |
| Brandon Gebhart | Wyoming State Engineer | Member |
| **State of Colorado** | |  |
| Amy Ostdiek | Colorado Water Conservation Board (CWCB) | Member |
| Emily Zmak | CWCB | Alternate |
| Kara Scheel | CWCB | Alternate |
| **State of Nebraska** | | |
| Tom Riley | Department of Natural Resources (DNR) – *2023 Chair* | Member |
| Jennifer Schellpeper | DNR | Alternate |
| **Upper Platte Water Users** | | |
| Dennis Strauch | Pathfinder Irrigation District | Member |
| Bob Mehling | Goshen Irrigation District | Alternate |
| Owen Williams | (virtual) | Alternate |
| **Colorado Water Users** | | |
| Kyle Whitaker | Northern Water | Member |
| Deb Freeman | Trout Raley | Alternate |
| Jason Marks | Denver Water | Alternate |
| **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 |
| Brandi Flyr | Central Platte Natural Resources District (CPNRD) | Alternate |
| **Environmental Entities** | | |
| Rich Walters | The Nature Conservancy (TNC) | Member |
| Melissa Mosier | Audubon Great Plains | Alternate |
| **Executive Director’s Office (EDO)** | | |
| Jason Farnsworth, BCES | Executive Director | |
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| Kaley Keldsen, M.S. | Spatial Biologist | |
| Michael Steele | Biological Technician | |
| Jonathan Wentz | Biological Technician | |
| Ed Weschler | Water Resources Engineer | |
| Libby Casavant, M.S. | Hydraulic Engineer (virtual) | |
| Helen Davis, M.S. | Geospatial Analyst (virtual) | |
| Sarah Fancher, Ph.D. | Fluvial Geomorphologist (virtual) | |
| **Other Participants** | | |
| Jennifer Hoeting, Ph.D. | Independent Scientific Advisory Committee (ISAC) (virtual) | |
| David Galat, Ph.D. | ISAC (virtual) | |
| Matt Rabbe | USFWS | |
| Ryan Kelly | Nebraska DNR | |
| Tom Wilmoth | BWJ Law Group | |
| Lalit Jha | JEO | |
| Dan Fricke | JEO | |
| Matt Pillard | HDR | |
| Jeff Shafer | NPPD | |
| Dan Bigbee | EA | |
| Cory Steinke | CNPPID | |
| Mike Drain | CNPPID | |
| Dave Zorn | CNPPID | |
| Mike Archer | Nebraska Game and Parks Commission (NGPC) | |
| Jonathan Mohr | LRE Water | |
| Tom Smrdel | GEI (virtual) | |
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| **#1** | **WELCOME & ADMINISTRATIVE** | **Agenda Item Objective:** Greetings, roll call, review agenda. |

**Introduction** – Chair Riley called the meeting to order at 2:00 PM Central Time. The in-person and virtual groups proceeded with introductions.

**Agenda** – No modifications offered.

**Minutes****:**

GC MOTION: *Ostdiek moved and Merrill seconded to approve the December 2022 GC Quarterly Meeting minutes.* Minutes approved.

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| **#2** | **COMMITTEE UPDATES** | **Agenda Item Objective:** General update on recent work of PRRIP Advisory Committees. |

**Land Advisory Committee (LAC)** – Zorn provided an update on the latest LAC activities. The LAC last met on February 22, 2023. LAC recommended GC approval of the 2022 PRRIP Land Work Report. The LAC discussed the 2022 vegetation assessment report; need to update the restoration management framing document; update on the Northern Long-Eared Bat up-listing; land item to be discussed in Executive Session; and Tract 2022001 Management Plan.

**Water Advisory Committee (WAC)** *–* Steinke provided an update on the latest WAC activities. The WAC last met on February 7, 2023. Steinke elected Chair, Scheel elected Vice Chair. The WAC discussed accounting and operations updates; seepage repair at Elwood Reservoir and construction of a new E65 canal and siphons; VESPR report on the North Platte chokepoint and the associated RFP; tour in May.

**Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)** – Scheel provided an update on the latest TAC activities. The TAC last met on January 18. Scheel was elected TAC Chair. The TAC discussed science on-boarding; approved the 2022 tern/plover report; approved the 2022 fall whooping crane monitoring report; discussed WC data analysis; updated on the NLEB. The next TAC meeting is April 12

**Finance Committee (FC)** – Merrill provided an update on the latest FC activities. The FC last met on February 21. The FC discussed the North Platte Chokepoint Engineering Services RFP and received an update on the Prescribed Fire and Chemical Application Services selection processes. The next FC meeting is May 30.

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| **#3** | **PRRIP OUTREACH** | **Agenda Item Objective:** General update on PRRIP outreach activities. |

**PRESENTATIONS**

From Program-sponsored pallid sturgeon projects:

* Dr. Ed Heist from Southern Illinois University Carbondale presented twice in this period:
* Middle Basin Pallid Sturgeon meeting on January 19th, 2023. Title: “A New Generation of Molecular Markers for Pallid Sturgeon Conservation.”
* Missouri River Recovery Program Science Staff Meeting on Feb 7th-9th, 2023. Information gained using legacy SNP and microsatellite genetic markers and current use of SNP markers together with GTseq analyses to identify pallid sturgeon larvae from the Missouri River.
* Dr. Mark Pegg from the University of Nebraska Lincoln presented at the Middle Basin Pallid Sturgeon meeting on Jan 19th, 2023, as well. Title: Pallid sturgeon biology in the Platte River and its Tributaries. Update on Program-supported pallid sturgeon habitat and spawning research.
* Jenna Ruoss and Chris Pullano - graduate students under Dr. Mark Pegg and Dr. Jonathan Spurgeon at University of Nebraska Lincoln gave poster/presentations at:
  + The Nebraska American Fisheries Society Meeting and 83rd Midwest Fish and Wildlife Conference held February 12th-15th, 2023. Poster. Title: Monitoring Pallid Sturgeon in the Lower Platte River and its Tributaries.
* On February 28th,2023 Jason Farnsworth presented to the University of Wyoming Master’s Capstone Class on experience navigating science-policy nexus in large-scale species recovery program.

**EXHIBITS/SPONSORSHIPS**

* The Program exhibited at the Colorado Water Congress in Aurora, Colorado on January 25th-27th, 2023. 200 contacts were made.

**UPCOMING PRESENTATIONS/EXHIBITS/SPONSORSHIPS**

* On March 23rd, 2023, Malinda Henry and Jason Farnsworth are participating in the Nebraska Water Leaders Academy Panel on Platte & Republican Basin Issues in Kearney.
* On March 27th, 2023, Jason Farnsworth is presenting a Program update to the Senior College of Central Nebraska.

**MEDIA COVERAGE/OTHER**

* With crane migration happening now, The Program is hosting individuals and groups from Colorado, Wyoming and Nebraska in Program blinds.

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| **#4** | **PRRIP BUDGET** | **Agenda Item Objective:** General update on current status of FY22 budget. |

**FY22 Budget/Expenditure Recap** – Farnsworth provided an FY22 recap and highlighted individual line items that were overbudget in FY22.

**PRRIP FY23 Budget** – Farnsworth provided a status update on the FY23 budget.

**FY23 Procurement** – Smith summarized major procurement items for the March and June GC meetings. Turner summarized the scope of the North Platte Chokepoint Engineering Services RFP.

**North Platte Chokepoint Engineering Services RFP** – Turner summarized the RFP scope. The GC appointed the following Proposal Selection Panel for this RFP: *Carrie Roberts (Environmental Entities), Bill Brewer (Wyoming), Tom Riley (Nebraska), Cory Steinke (Downstream Water Users), Kara Scheel (Colorado), Jason Marks (Colorado Water Users).*

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| **#5** | **PRRIP SCIENCE PLAN** | **Agenda Item Objective:** Discussion recent Science Plan implementation activities. |

**Fall 2022 Whooping Crane (WC) Monitoring Report & 2022 Tern/Plover Monitoring Report** – Bruggeman summarized both reports. Marks asks if losses due to predation count as take. Bruggeman and Henry said yes and that is something we have to report to the Service. Flyr asked what happens if take triggers are met. Rabbe said it would cause a re-consultation to investigate further. Henry asked the GC about their preferences for the tern/plover report, the large size of the report had the TAC recommending splitting the report into two pieces. Henry said the EDO preferred to keep it together. The GC agreed. Riley suggested more regular reporting of monitoring and research results, and other scientific endeavors, to keep the GC up to date throughout the year.

GC MOTION: *Gebhart moved and Ostdiek seconded to approve both reports with edits summarized by the EDO.* Reports approved.

**MEETING BREAK – 3:19 PM Central Time**

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| **#6** | **PRRIP INDEPENDENT SCIENCE** | **Agenda Item Objective:** Latest update from the ISAC and information on selecting a new ISAC member and PRRIP Peer Review. |

**ISAC** – Hoeting provided a presentation from the ISAC related to recent discussions at the 2023 PRRIP Science Plan Reporting Session.

**ISAC Selection Panel** – The GC appointed Brock Merrill (USBR) to replace Matt Rabbe (USFWS).

**Peer Reviewer Selection Panel** – The GC directed Smith to use the existing ISAC Selection Panel (Merrill, Riley, Freeman, Lawrence, Taddicken, Hoeting) to serve as the Peer Reviewer Selection Panel as well.

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| **#6** | **PRRIP SCIENCE & POLICY** | **Agenda Item Objective:** Discuss integration of non-Program science into Program work. |

Smith led a discussion with the GC on how to keep track of and evaluate science generated outside of the Program. Key discussion points:

* The utility of a process or specific criteria for what non-Program science to integrate with Program science – general consensus was to take items on a case-by-case basis and not develop a specific written process or evaluation criteria.
* When to elevate discussion of non-Program science to the GC – general consensus was to focus the discussion at the TAC level but keep the GC informed (maybe on a quarterly basis when reporting on Science Plan activities).
* How to keep track of non-Program science over time – general consensus that a place should be made in the State of the Platte Report for recoding new non-Program science since last year and summarizing what that publication, report, etc. says relative to Program goals/objectives, the Extension Science Plan, Big Questions, target species, and the implementation and assessment of Program management actions.

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| Lyndon Vogt | Central Platte Natural Resources District (CPNRD) | Member |
| **Environmental Entities** | | |
| Bill Taddicken | Iain Nicolson Audubon Center at Rowe Sanctuary | Member |
| Rich Walters | The Nature Conservancy (TNC) | Member |
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| Dan Fricke | JEO | |
| Matt Rabbe | USFWS | |
| Jim Jenniges | NPPD | |
| Melissa Mosier | Audubon Nebraska | |
| Mike Drain | CNPPID | |
| Dave Zorn | CNPPID | |
| Mike Archer | Nebraska Game and Parks Commission (NGPC) | |
| Melissa Dirr Gengler | Historical Resources Group (HRG) (virtual) | |
| Matt Pillard | HDR (virtual) | |
| Tom Smrdel | GEI | |
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| **#8** | **WELCOME & ADMINISTRATIVE** | **Agenda Item Objective:** Greetings, roll call, review agenda. |

**Introduction** – Chair Riley called the meeting to order at 8:02 AM Central Time. The in-person and virtual groups proceeded with introductions.

**Agenda Modifications** – none offered.

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| **#9** | **NORTHERN LONG-EARED BAT (NLEB)** | **Agenda Item Objective:** Greeting |

Small summarized the latest process related to the up listing of the NLEB and what initial implementation issues and tools will look like over the next year. Freeman asked if with the up listing to endangered and the 4D exceptions are not allowed, what is the legal mechanism by which those exemptions will now be available? Small said no longer with 4D, the approach is novel and there are some unknowns about the implications. Freeman asked if the concept is the Service will use its judgment whether something will amount to take (what might be allowable under the take provision). Rabbe said Porath will touch base on this with a presentation and then he would re-visit this afterward.

Porath said this year will be a novel approach, it won’t be an extension of 4D measures but the conservation measure-related coverage will still be there. That is why the Service has developed interim analysis and guidance to get through this. Rabbe said there was a previous programmatic consultation with Reclamation around 2016 and at that point relied on the 4D rule. That consultation will be null and void as of March 31 and they will have to move forward with a new consultation with this new interim framework. Small said there will be a public process and engagement as new tools are developed over the next year during this interim period. Freeman asked from the standpoint of the Program we will presumably need to do a limited re-opener on things related to the NLEB. Rabbe said yes in the Extension Biological Opinion the Service referenced the 2016 programmatic consultation, so things moving forward will need to be re-evaluated with the new framework. Freeman asked if the Service is blocking out a roadmap to help the Program avoid take. Porath said as long as activities don’t change, the Program will be fine. But if something changes or if different management is proposed, that will trigger the need to re-evaluate.

Farnsworth said his take on what the Program needs to do for the next year is to follow the guidance we have been following, but we will need to be prepped to change that process after the next year. We are operating on an avoidance paradigm where we don’t clear trees until August, but our understanding is that timeframe will get pushed past November 1. That will leave a very limited window to do work on the river. Farnsworth said he thinks we should implement acoustic monitoring now to build an awareness of the presence/absence of bats and to develop a repeatable monitoring protocol that would all be built into the FY24 PRRIP budget to help the Program move forward. Porath said that would be a good step and any monitoring should be in accordance with the current guidelines. Drain asked about the impact of white nose syndrome. Porath said any efforts that can be made to better understand the bat community would be a benefit.

Freeman asked if the Service has a survey protocol for how much surveying needs to be done to be able to do tree work within the season. Porath said yes and they have been accepted for several years. Marks asked if the Program could work with the avoidance window of April 1 through November 1. Farnsworth said it depends on the work and the size of the project, but most of our large tree-clearing projects are complete at this point. The Program can adapt to this if some fine-tuning tree work along the channel needs to be done over time. Whitaker asked if acoustic monitoring is done how you distinguish between different bat species. Farnsworth said Helen Davis in the EDO has experience doing acoustic surveys for bats and has explained that software exists to differentiate species based on collected acoustic data. Rabbe said the Service will come back to the Program with the Determination Key to help with understanding of the process and the implications for the Program.

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| **#10** | **WATER ACTION PLAN (WAP)** | **Agenda Item Objective:** Update on recent WAP implementation activities. |

Turner provided a status update on WAP projects. The CNPPID irrigator lease (on Page 2 of the Water Milestone Summary) is in the final year of the 5-year lease agreement. That will need to be discussed again with the GC, likely at the September GC meeting.

Turner provided a status update on construction of the recapture network at Cottonwood Ranch. Construction and pressure testing is complete, the EDO conducted a walk-through of the project this Monday and only a few small items were identified as needing resolved. Since we are in shortages for the near future, the wells will be turned back soon to pump recaptured groundwater.

Turner asked for GC input on members for the Scoring Subcommittee and to offer any updates for membership in case the Subcommittee convenes later this year if necessary. Turner asked the GC to email him any membership changes by the end of March.

Turner discussed the Expanded Recapture RFP. It will seek a contractor to conduct a feasibility study for additional recapture efforts including Elwood. The pilot study is complete and we know recapture is feasible, we need to investigate conveyance capacity in Plum Creek related to Elwood. There is a Recapture Working Group that will help develop a Scope of Work, that group will meet at the end of March. The WAC will review the RFP in early May and then will be in front of the Finance Committee in late May for review and approval. The GC will see the RFP in June to review the scope and appoint a Proposal Selection Panel. Taddicken asked why Elwood is a great place to put water because it takes a long time to get to the river and it leaks. Turner said it is good from a storage standpoint, and there is a large volume (about 40,000 AF) of Program recharge water in the aquifer that could be pumped out to return water to the river. With a gravity outlet from Elwood, we would also have the capability to release water directly back to the river during periods of shortage depending on Plum Creek conveyance capacity.

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| **#11** | **LAND PLAN** | **Agenda Item Objective:** Update on recent Land Plan implementation activities. |

**Land Milestone Summary** – Tunnell summarized recent Land Plan activities.

**2022 PRRIP Land Work Report** – Tunnell highlighted key pieces of the 2022 Land Work Report. Farnsworth and Tunnell said we now have a fire contractor under contract and we should be able to do some burning this year so the GC will see some fire expenditures.

**Tract 2021001 Management Plan** – Tunnell summarized planned activities at this tract (at the Chapman Complex).

GC MOTION: *Merrill moved and Ostdiek seconded to approve the Tract 2021001 Management Plan.* Plan approved.

**PRRIP Facilities Workgroup** – Tunnell summarized the recommendations of the Facilities Workgroup:

* Quonset at Dyer Property – discontinue use, leave in place or demolish.
* Lodge at Dyer Property – solicit bids to move lodge off property or solicit bids to demolish.
* Bartels cabin – maintain as temporary accommodation as needed.
* Leaman building – maintain and re-evaluate at the end of the Extension.
* Meyer Farm homesite and buildings – keep homesite and attempt to move house/barn off of property by offering to prior owner family or taking sealed bids. Demolish along with other structures (except machine shop and hay shed) only if unable to find someone willing to remove.
* Office of the Executive Director – identify and purchase existing commercial space in or near Kearney that can be retrofitted to meet Program needs.

Whitaker asked about the current term of the EDO office lease. Farnsworth said 2024 is the last year of the current lease term.

GC MOTION: *Vogt moved and Strauch seconded to adopt the recommendations of the Facilities Workgroup.* Recommendations approved.

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| **#12** | **PUBLIC COMMENT** | **Agenda Item Objective:** Public comment period on PRRIP activities. |

None offered.

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| **#13** | **EXECUTIVE SESSION** | **Agenda Item Objective:** GC member discussion of sensitive land, water, and policy items. |

GC MOTION: *Gebhart moved and Brundage seconded to enter Executive Session.* GC entered Executive Session at 9:25 AM Central Time.

GC MOTION: *Gebhart moved and Merrill seconded to exit Executive Session.* GC exited Executive Session at 9:39 AM Central Time.

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| **#14** | **EXECUTIVE SESSION MOTIONS** | **Agenda Item Objective:** GC consideration of motions discussed during Executive Session. |

None offered.

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| **#15** | **GC MEETING REVIEW & WRAP-UP** | **Agenda Item Objective:** Discuss action items, meeting feedback, and upcoming meeting schedule. |

**Action Items and Meeting Feedback** – Riley reminded the GC to keep thinking about non-Program science and related policy issues. There is an opportunity for upcoming site visits with the LAC and WAC so GC should participate if interested.

Upcoming GC meetings:

* **June 2023 GC Quarterly Meeting:**

June 13-14, 2023 *@ Cheyenne, WY*

* **September 2023 GC Quarterly Meeting:**

September 12-13, 2023 *@ Kearney, NE*

* **2023 Fall ISAC Meeting:**

October 10-12, 2023 *@ Kearney, NE*

* **GC Virtual Special Session on FY2024 Budget & Work Plan:**

November 8, 2023

10:00 AM-12:00 PM Central Time *via Teams*

* **December 2023 GC Quarterly Meeting:**

December 5-6, 2023 *@ Denver, CO*

* **2024 PRRIP Science Plan Reporting Session:**

February 20-22, 2024 *@ Omaha, NE*

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| **GC MEETING END** | 9:41 AM Central Time |

**Summary of Action Items/Decisions from March 2023 GC Quarterly Meeting**

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2. Appointed a Proposal Selection Panel for the North Platte Chokepoint Engineering Services RFP: Carrie Roberts (Environmental Entities), Bill Brewer (Wyoming), Tom Riley (Nebraska), Cory Steinke (Downstream Water Users), Kara Scheel (Colorado), Jason Marks (Colorado Water Users).
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6. Directed the ISAC Selection Panel to also serve as the Peer Reviewer Selection Panel.
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