



**PLATTE RIVER RECOVERY IMPLEMENTATION PROGRAM
Land Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
In Person PRRIP Conference Room & Teams Conference Call
October 19, 2022**

Meeting Participants

Land Advisory Committee (LAC)

State of Wyoming

Jay Smith, Member, Wyoming Water Development Office

State of Colorado

Kara Scheel, Member, State of Colorado (Online)

State of Nebraska

Ted LaGrange – Member, Nebraska Game & Parks Commission (online)

Kaitlin Kingsley, Nebraska DNR (online)

Jean Eichhorst, Nebraska DNR

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS)

Matt Rabbe – Member, USFWS

U.S. Bureau of Reclamation (USBOR)

Brock Merrill – Member, USBOR (online)

Power Districts

Dave Zorn –Member (Chair), Central Nebraska Public Power & Irrigation District

John Shadle, Nebraska Public Power District (online)

Environmental Entities

Tim Smith - Crane Trust

Melissa Moser –Member (Vice-Chair), Audubon Rowe Sanctuary (online)

Local Nebraska Rep. – Central Platte Natural Resources District (CPNRD)

Lyndon Vogt – CPNRD

Local Nebraska Rep. – Tri-Basin Natural Resources District (TBNRD)

None

Local Nebraska Rep. – Joint CPNRD/TBNRD

None

Executive Director's Office (EDO)

Tim Tunnell

Jason Farnsworth

Other Participants

Joshua Wiese, Crane Trust (online)

Cody Wagner, Audubon Rowe Sanctuary

**Welcome and Administrative**

Chairman Zorn called the meeting to order at 9:01 am Central Time. Roll call of members who were attending in-person at the PRRIP conference room and Tunnell recognized members attending virtually. Zorn asked for agenda modifications. None offered. Zorn asked for additional items or edits to minutes from August 24 LAC meeting. None offered. Motion to approve by Matt Rabbe. Second by Jay Smith. Motion carries, minutes approved.

General Update and Other Committee Coordination

Merrill updated the group on the TAC. Their last meeting was on October 12 in Kearney and main Land topics of discussion were the Tract 2021001 Meyer Estate Management Plan and update on violet planting on the Speidell tract in the Ft. Kearny Complex. Received updates on germination suppression, sediment augmentation, and species updates on 2022 LT/PP monitoring & predator management. Discussed aspects of the WC riverine roost site selection analysis and reviewed the 2023 Science Budget and Work Plan.

Farnsworth updated the group on GC & WAC. GC meeting in Kearney in September 13. Land items that were approved included: IWL swap on Meyer, O'Brien land use agreement, and Babb lease. GC/FC meeting scheduled on November 9 for 2023 budget review and approval. December 6 GC afternoon meeting followed by a field trip to Chimney Hollow reservoir hosted by Denver Water. Topics of interest on water; several water agreements are being retooled but will have a recharge agreement for December GC meeting that will take care of Elwood & Phelps recharge for rest of extension. Planning to transition to do additional technical work to understand how recharge water from Elwood makes its way back to the river.

Tunnell reviewed the Land Milestone Summary.

Meyer Estate Land Management Plan

Tunnell gave an overview of the Meyer Estate Land Management Plan. Wagner asked if there are plans to clear any trees in the accretion ground. Discussion centered on clearing for fence line and access to river only and to leave a buffer of trees along transmission line. Maintain previously cleared area along river and manage accretion and wet meadow as buffer. Check to see if transmission line is marked. If not marked, make arrangement to do so. Motion to forward plan as is to GC by Vogt and seconded by Rabbe. Motion passed unanimously.

2023 Land Budget Overview

Tunnell gave an overview of 2023 land related budget line items and discussion of estimated expenditure for each line item and estimated income per complex. Zorn asked for the LAC's recommendation on the 2023 Land Plan Budget. Smith made a motion to approve the 2023 Land Plan Budget and move to GC. Motion seconded by Vogt and passed unanimously.

Executive Session

There were no agenda items requiring discussion during executive session.

Reorganize Officers

Zorn opened floor for nomination as chair and vice-chair. Currently Zorn as Chair and Mossier as Vice Chair. Tunnell reported that Cody Wagner has replaced Melissia Mossier as LAC rep for Audubon.



99 Rabbe made a motion to keep Zorn as currently appointed and appoint Wagner as Vice Chair. Motion
100 seconded by Merrill and passed unanimously.
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102 **Public Forum**

103 Chairman Zorn asked for public comments, none were offered.
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105 The next LAC meeting is planned for February 22, 2023. Details will be provided prior to the meeting
106 including a schedule of LAC meetings for 2023. With no further business, the meeting was adjourned by
107 Chairman Zorn at 10:01 a.m. CDT