



**PLATTE RIVER RECOVERY IMPLEMENTATION PROGRAM
Land Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
Teams Conference Call
April 5, 2021**

Meeting Participants

Land Advisory Committee (LAC)

State of Wyoming

Jay Smith, Alternate, Wyoming State Engineer's Office

State of Colorado

JoJo La – Member, Colorado Water Conservation Board

State of Nebraska

Ted LaGrange – Member, Nebraska Game & Parks Commission
Elizabeth Esseks, Nebraska

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

John Thorburn - TBNRD

Local Nebraska Rep. – Joint CPNRD/TBNRD
None

Executive Director's Office (EDO)

Tim Tunnell
Jason Farnsworth
Bridget Barron
Bruce Sackett

Other Participants

None

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS)

Matt Rabbe – Member, USFWS

U.S. Bureau of Reclamation (USBOR)

Brock Merrill – Member, USBOR

Power Districts

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

Environmental Entities

Josh Wiese - Alternate Crane Trust
Tim Smith - Crane Trust
Melissa Moser – Member, Audubon Rowe Sanctuary
Bryan O' Connor – Nebraska Game & Parks Commission

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

Lyndon Vogt – Member, CPNRD

**Welcome and Administrative**

Chairman Zorn called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm Central Time and the group proceeded with introductions.

Zorn asked for agenda modifications. None were offered.

Zorn asked for the LAC's recommendation on the minutes of the February 1, 2021 LAC meeting.

Matt Rabbe made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 1, 2021 LAC meeting. Motion seconded by Brock Merrill and passed unanimously.

General Update and Other Committee Coordination

Merrill updated LAC on the activities of the TAC. TAC will next meet April 14, 2021.

La updated LAC on the activities of the WAC. A new chair was elected and they have been focused on updating the water projects.

Jason provided GC update. Special call on Thursday April 8, 2021 to deal with land issues.

2020 PRRA Subcommittee Report

Information and discussion (Matt Rabbe, USFWS and Chair of the PRRA Sub-committee,)

Matt reviewed the annual public comments following the 2020 hunting season. No items rose to the need to change anything for 2021. Sub-committee recommended no change for 2021. Matt will present to the GC at the June 2021 meeting and explain the LAC decided to make no recommendation for any changes.

2101 and 2102 Land Reviews

Information and discussion (Tim Tunnell, ED Office,)

Tim Tunnell reviewed the field review of parcel #2101 and 2102 just upstream of 2020001 (Robinson) in the Chapman Bridge Segment. Some discussion over the land and power lines in the area. The lines and potential bird strikes are somewhat protected by the trees along the east side of the lines. The trees provide a natural barrier if they remain present. Ted LaGrange added that wetlands are in good shape. Very little work is needed to maintain a wide channel in this portion of the river. Some cedar control appears to be needed in the future. The review team recommended pursuing both tracts of land. John Shadle asked that Jim Jenniges comments on the property be recalled for the record.

On Mar 24, 2021, at 9:48 AM, Jenniges, James J. <jjjenni@nppd.com> wrote:

Bruce,

I will try and attend, however, we have some other issues that may take precedence. If I do not make it here are my initial thoughts. The river portion seems like a no brainer unless there is a property dispute or some such thing, but what would be the plan for the house and farm ground? The overall cost is pretty high for river ground but is not out of line at all with farm ground prices. Is there an option of buying it all then reselling some of the farm ground and house?

Motion by Brock Merrill to recommend to the GC continued pursuit of tracts #2101 and 2102. Seconded by Jay Smith.

Motion passed with no objections.



Public Forum

Chairman Zorn asked for public comments, none were offered.

The next LAC meeting is planned for May 2021. A Doodle Poll will be sent to the committee members for the best date.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Chairman Zorn at 1:52 p.m.