



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

Governance Committee (CC) Virtual Special Session

Thursday April 8, 2021; 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM CDT

Meeting held online via MS Teams.

Governance Committee (GC)

State of Wyoming

Brandon Gebhart – Alternate

Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation)

Brock Merrill – Member (2021 GC Vice Chair)

State of Colorado

Don Ament – Member (2021 GC Chair)

JoJo La – Alternate

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service)

Steve Small – Member

Matt Rabbe – Alternate

State of Nebraska

Tom Riley – Member

Environmental Entities

Rich Walters – Member

Melissa Mosier – Alternate

Upper Platte Water Users

Dennis Strauch – Member

Bob Mehling – Alternate

Owen Williams – Alternate

Colorado Water Users

Alan Berryman – Member

Deb Freeman – Alternate

Kyle Whitaker – Alternate

Jason Marks – Alternate

Downstream Water Users

Devin Brundage – Member

Kent Miller – Member

Lyndon Vogt – Member

John Shadle - Alternate

Other Participants

Brian Hollis - Reclamation

Tom Econopouly – Service

Executive Director's Office (EDO)

Jason Farnsworth, ED

Bridget Barron

Justin Brei

Malinda Henry

Bruce Sackett

Chad Smith

Tim Tunnell



WELCOME & ADMINISTRATIVE

Introductions – Chair Don Ament called the meeting to order at 10:04 AM Central Time.

Agenda – No modifications offered.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Riley moved and Small seconded to enter Executive Session. GC entered Executive Session at 10:05 AM Central Time.

Merrill moved and Gebhart seconded to exit Executive Session. GC exited Executive Session at 10:45 AM Central Time.

EXECUTIVE SESSION MOTIONS

GC Motion – *Small moved and Riley seconded to authorize the EDO to finalize the Purchase Option Agreement for Tract 2101 including a \$100,000 down payment; to seek appraisal of Tracts 2101 and 2102; and to subsequently negotiate the acquisition of Tract 2101 as complex habitat as recommended by the LAC, for later approval by the GC and consideration of the property counting toward the Extension plus-up acres. Motion approved.*

GC MEETING REVIEW & WRAP-UP

La noted there were no member of the public attending the GC Virtual Special Session so no public comment was offered.

Action Items & Meeting Feedback – None offered.

2021 GC Meetings:

- GC *Virtual* Quarterly Meeting – **June 9, 2021**
- GC *In-Person* Quarterly Meeting – **September 14-15, 2021** @ Kearney, NE
- GC *Virtual* Special Session – **November 10, 2021**; discussion of FY22 budget and work plan
- GC *In-Person* Quarterly Meeting – **December 7-8, 2021** @ Denver, CO

GC MEETING END

Meeting adjourned at 11:56 AM Central Time.

Summary of Action Items/Decisions from April 8, 2021 GC Virtual Special Session

- 1) Authorized the EDO to finalize the Purchase Option Agreement for Tract 2101 including a \$100,000 down payment; to seek appraisal of Tracts 2101 and 2102; and to subsequently negotiate the acquisition of Tract 2101 as complex habitat as recommended by the LAC, for later approval by the GC and consideration of the property counting toward the Extension plus-up acres.