



**PLATTE RIVER RECOVERY IMPLEMENTATION PROGRAM**  
**Land Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes**  
**Teams Conference Call**  
**February 1, 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 - Alternate, Nebraska Department of Natural Resources

**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  
Cody Miller - 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

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

None

**Local Nebraska Rep. – Joint CPNRD/TBNRD**

None

**Executive Director's Office (EDO)**

Bruce Sackett  
Tim Tunnell  
Jason Farnsworth  
Kevin Werbylo

**Other Participants**

None



**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 November 3, 2020 LAC meeting.

Ted La Grange made a motion to approve the minutes from the November 3, 2020 LAC meeting. Motion seconded by Jay Smith and passed unanimously.

**General Update and Other Committee Coordination**

Merrill updated LAC on the activities of the TAC. TAC is focusing on the Adaptive Management Working Group meetings.

La updated LAC on the activities of the WAC.

Farnsworth provided GC update. Budget call will be held next week. March meeting is scheduled to be a ½ day virtual call.

Sackett provided the LAC with an update on the current land objective status.

**2020 Land Work Report**

*Information and discussion* (Tim Tunnell, ED Office,)

Tim explained the land work report. The final numbers brought the 2020 work in under budget.

**Lexington Pit Management Plan**

*Information and discussion* (Tim Tunnell, ED Office,)

Tim Tunnell explained the proposed Restoration and Maintenance Plan for the Lexington pit and the need to proceed to allow for adequate time to complete necessary work before nesting season begins.

Motion by Ted LaGrange to recommend to the GC acceptance of the Lexington Pit Restoration and Maintenance Plan. Seconded by Matt Rabbe.

**Motion passed with no objections.**

**Lowe Boundary Line Agreement**

*Information and discussion* (Jason Farnsworth, ED)

Jason Farnsworth explained the present work done with the neighbor (Steve Lowe) to the south side of 2015001 (Speidel tract). If agreed upon this will settle any question of PRRIF south boundary with Lowe and allow for work in this braid of the Platte River to keep the vegetation from growing up and restricting flows in the river. It will also fix a permanent location of the boundary for future discussions. When completed it will go directly to the GC for approval.

**Cottonwood Ranch recapture Network**

*Information and discussion* (Kevin Werbylo, ED Office)

Kevin Werbylo explained the 2010001 (Cottonwood Ranch) recapture network and plans for 2021 operation.



**2003 Land Review**

*Information and discussion* (Bruce Sackett, ED Office,)

Bruce Sackett presented the field review of parcel #2003 just south of 2020001 (Robinson) in the Chapman Bridge Segment. There was some discussion over the use of aerial drone videos and their added value for conducting land reviews.

Motion by Matt Rabbe to recommend to the GC continued pursuit of tract #2003. Seconded by Brock Merrill.

**Motion passed with no objections.**

**Reorganize Officer**

**Information and discussion, and action (Dave Zorn, LAC Chair ) Discuss LAC Vice Chair vacancy and need for action to replace.**

**1. MOTION by Lyndon Vogt to recommend Melissa Mosier as LAC vice chair. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ted La Grange.**

**2. Motion passed with no objections.**

**Public Forum**

Chairman Zorn asked for public comments, none were offered.

**The next LAC meeting is planned for early April, 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 2:46 p.m.