



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

**Governance Committee (CC) Virtual Special Session**

Tuesday, November 10, 2020: 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM CDT

*Meeting held online via MS Teams*

**Governance Committee (GC)**

**State of Wyoming**

Brandon Gebhart – Alternate

**State of Colorado**

Don Ament – Member

JoJo La – Alternate

**State of Nebraska**

Jesse Bradley – Member

Jennifer Schellpeper - Alternate

**Upper Platte Water Users**

Dennis Strauch – Member

Owen Williams – Alternate

**Downstream Water Users**

Devin Brundage – Member

John Shadle – Alternate

Lyndon Vogt – Member

Kent Miller – Member

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

Jason Farnsworth, ED

Bridget Barron

Justin Brei

Patrick Farrell

Scott Griebeling

Malinda Henry

Bruce Sackett

Chad Smith

Tom Smrdel

Tim Tunnell

Seth Turner

Kevin Werbylo

**Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation)**

Brock Merrill – Alternate

**U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service)**

Tom Econopouly – Alternate

**Environmental Entities**

Brice Krohn – Member

Bill Taddicken – Member

**Colorado Water Users**

Alan Berryman – Member

Kyle Whitaker – Alternate

Jason Marks – Alternate

**Other Participants**

Mirko Kruse – Trout Raley (CO Water Users)

**WELCOME & ADMINISTRATIVE**

**Introductions** – Gebhart called the meeting to order at 10:03 AM Central Time.

**Agenda** – No modifications.

**Minutes** – No edits offered.

**PRRIP FY21 Budget**

Farnsworth summarized the FY21 Budget and Work Plan and EDO staff provided line item details. Group discussion:

- Administration section – no Qs.
- Land section – no Qs.
- Water section:
  - Econopouly – when will we find out how many CNPPID irrigators signed up? Turner – in January or February of next year; Brundage – sign-up is underway, to date 170 acres signed up, program closes December 11.
- AMP section:
  - La – how was the pallid sturgeon (PS) research budget number calculated? Farnsworth – there is an ongoing PS genetics research study on the Missouri River that is coming to an end; we have a proposal from that researcher for a three-year study to continue that work, this amount would fund the first year of that research.
  - La – is this the EDO recommendation over doing another version of the Stage Change Study? Farnsworth – yes, we have a draft memo that we are cleaning up that we will provide soon to the GC that discusses how we got to this point.
  - La – Service, am I correct that you are talking internally about the idea of using research like this to meet the Program’s contribution to PS? Econopouly – yes, we are talking about that but have no timetable for a decision; could we spend this money on a different research project if necessary? Farnsworth – yes.
  - Shadle – is there any talk about looking at cycling off any of the current ISAC members and bringing on new members? Smith – yes, that is a priority discussion topic for 2021 and we will be talking with the GC about that at some point next year.

**GC MEETING REVIEW & WRAP-UP**

Action Items & Meeting Feedback – None.

**Upcoming Meetings:**

- GC Quarterly Meeting – **December 02, 2020; 9:30 AM Central Time start** (virtual in MS Teams)
- 2021 Virtual AMP Reporting Session – **February 2021** (specific dates TBD)

**GC MEETING END**

Meeting adjourned at 11:17 AM Central Time.