



**PLATTE RIVER RECOVERY IMPLEMENTATION PROGRAM (PRRIP or PROGRAM)
Governance Committee (GC) Special Session Minutes**

Tuesday, February 18th, 2020

Note: All times Central.

Governance Committee (GC)

State of Wyoming

Harry LaBonde – Member (2020 Vice Chair)

Brandon Gebhardt – Alternate

State of Colorado

Don Ament – Member

JoJo La – Alternate

State of Nebraska

Jeff Fassett – Member

Upper Platte Water Users

Dennis Strauch – Member

Bob Mehling – Alternate

Downstream Water Users

Mark Czaplewski – Member

John Shadle – Alternate

Kent Miller – Member

Executive Director's Office (EDO)

Jason Farnsworth, ED

Justin Brei

Chad Smith

Kevin Werbylo

Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation)

Chris Beardsley – Member

Brock Merrill – Alternate

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service)

Tom Econopouly – Alternate

Matt Rabbe – Alternate

Environmental Entities

Rich Walters – Member

Colorado Water Users

Alan Berryman – Member

Jason Marks – Alternate



Welcome & Administrative

The group proceeded with roll call. LaBonde called the meeting to order at 3:03 PM Central Time.

PRRIP Cottonwood Ranch Broad-Scale Recharge (BSR) Project

Farnsworth, Werbylo, and Brei discussed the status of the Meyers construction claim related to this project. The EDO is asking the GC to approve a change order of \$600,000 to cover weather-related costs incurred by the contractor. In exchange, Meyers will release any future claims related to the project. The EDO is also asking for a \$600,000 increase in the approved FY20 budget amount for PRRIP budget line item WPRT-3. Ament asked how much legal fees we have expended on this negotiation. Farnsworth said about \$5,000, Werbylo said HDR spent an additional \$18,000 on related technical analyses. LaBonde said this is about where he thought we would land on this after negotiation.

GC Decision – *Fassett moved and Rabbe seconded to approve the BSR project Meyers claim change order for a total of \$600,000. Change order approved.*

Werbylo explained the amount of budget overage for PRRIP budget line item WPRT-3 in relation to this issue. The rounded total overage cost is \$653,000. The current approved budget amount is \$52,000 so the new approved total would be \$705,000. La asked about the \$34,000 in outstanding change orders. Werbylo said that happened over the summer and we thought that would be paid in 2019 but the change order negotiations took so long that the 2019 budget is now closed.

GC Decision – *Strauch moved and Beardsley seconded to approve increasing the approved and available funding in FY2020 PRRIP budget line item WPRT-3 to \$705,000. Budget increase approved.*

Future Meetings & Closing Business

Upcoming 2020 GC meetings:

- GC Quarterly Meeting – **March 10-11, 2020** @ Kearney, NE
- GC Quarterly Meeting – **June 09-10, 2020** @ Cheyenne, WY
- GC Quarterly Meeting – **September 15-16, 2020** @ Kearney, NE
- GC Special Session (FY21 Budget/Work Plan) – **November 10, 2020** (conference call/webinar only)
- GC Quarterly Meeting – **December 01-02, 2020** @ Denver, CO
- 2021 PRRIP AMP Reporting Session – **February 2021** @ Omaha, NE (specific dates TBD)

Meeting adjourned at 3:26 PM Central Time.

Summary of Action Items/Decisions from February 18, 2020 GC Special Session

- 1) Approved the Meyers claim change order of \$600,000.
- 2) Increased approved and available funding in FY20 PRRIP budget line item WPRT-3 to \$705,000.