



PLATTE RIVER RECOVERY IMPLEMENTATION PROGRAM (PRRIP or Program)
Finance Committee (FC) Meeting Minutes
 June 27, 2019

Finance Committee (FC)

State of Wyoming

Andrea O'Dell – Alternate

Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation)

Chris Beardsley – Member

Brock Merrill – Alternate

State of Colorado

JoJo La – Member

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service)

N/A

State of Nebraska

Jennifer Schellpeper – Alternate

Environmental Entities

N/A

Upper Platte Water Users

Dennis Strauch – Member

Colorado Water Users

Alan Berryman – Member

Rich Belt – Alternate

Downstream Water Users

Mark Czaplewski – Member

Devin Brundage – Member

Executive Director's Office (EDO)

Jason Farnsworth, ED

Chad Smith, DED

Tom Smrdel

Kevin Werbylo

**Welcome & Administrative**

Farnsworth called the meeting to order at 10:33 AM Central Time and completed a roll call. Farnsworth said the FC need to elect a Chair and Vice Chair.

FC Decision – *Czaplewski nominated Beardsley for Chair and he accepted. No objections, Beardsley named 2019 FC Chair.*

FC Decision – *Brundage nominated La for Vice Chair and she accepted. No objections, La named 2019 FC Vice Chair.*

FC Decision – *Czaplewski moved to approve the February 13, 2019 FC minutes; Schellpeper seconded. Minutes approved.*

PRRIP Sediment Augmentation

Smrdel discussed plans for sediment augmentation in the south channel along Jeffrey Island in 2019. La asked if there will be additional costs anticipated out of this line item. Smrdel said there are no other anticipated costs this year.

FC Decision – *Odell moved to approve the sediment augmentation bid package; Strauch seconded. Bid package approved.*

PRRIP Broad-Scale Recharge (BSR) Project

Werbylo discussed the BSR project at Cottonwood Ranch and the need for a contract amendment. Czaplewski asked how confident Werbylo is that the work will be completed by August 15. Werbylo said he is confident the work will be substantially completed by then but not fully done. Mid- to late September is more likely for full completion. The EDO is OK with that given the tough working conditions. That means HDR will likely ask for another extension but that won't require additional money. Beardsley asked where the additional money for this amendment is coming from. Werbylo said from remaining funds in this line item and there is ample budget available to cover the additional money. Czaplewski and Beardsley said they appreciated the EDO is going to try to avoid additional funding requests for any future extensions.

FC Decision – *Czaplewski moved to approve the BSR contract amendment; Schellpeper seconded. Contract amendment approved.*

PRRIP Wetland Mitigation

Werbylo discussed the wetland mitigation project that is part of the land deal associated with the Lakeside slurry wall project. La said she did not see any short- or long-term monitoring in the bid package to ensure the wetland seeding is successful. Werbylo said the plan is to do that monitoring internally for 5-7 years and the bid package is just for construction and seeding. La asked if it is unusual to include monitoring for this in a bid package. Farnsworth said in these situations we will work with the seed supplier to get the best seed type that will work on the site. Brundage asked when the work will be done. Werbylo said the goal for completion is in the late summer or early fall this year.

FC Decision – *La moved to approve the wetland mitigation bid package; Strauch seconded. Bid package approved.*

PRRIP Budget

Farnsworth discussed issues related to budgeting across years, especially for projects like BSR and Elwood recharge that result in bills that come in late or the pacing of work means that a previous year's work land



the following year and then a line item shows up as over budget because those late expenditures were not planned during budget development. The GC dealt with these specific cases at the last quarterly meeting by approving the movement of available funds between budget line items. The EDO would like advice from the FC for how to deal with these cross-year budget issues. Beardsley said that we should make note of these instances in the FC minutes and those can then be discussed with the GC. Odell asked how this is shown and explained in the budget. Farnsworth said this is noted in the budget wrap-up that is presented to the GC as a look-back on the previous year's budget. Beardsley asked that an abbreviated version of this wrap-up be included in future FC minutes. Farnsworth agreed.

Czaplewski offered his thanks to Beardsley and La for agreeing to serve as FC officers in 2019. The next FC meeting will be set via Doodle poll.

Meeting adjourned at 11:16 AM Central Time.

Summary of Action Items/Decisions from June 27, 2019 FC Meeting

- 1) Elected Beardsley as FC Chair and La as FC Vice Chair.
- 2) Approved the February 13, 2019 FC minutes.
- 3) Approved the sediment augmentation bid package.
- 4) Approved the BSR contract amendment.
- 5) Approved the wetland mitigation bid package.