



PLATTE RIVER RECOVERY IMPLEMENTATION PROGRAM
Land Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
Conference Call
August 15, 2016

Meeting Participants

Land Advisory Committee (LAC)

State of Wyoming

Harry LaBonde, Member, Wyoming Water
Development Office

State of Colorado

Suzanne Sellers – Member, Colorado Water
Conservation Board
Kevin Uri – Alternate, Denver Water

State of Nebraska

Ted LaGrange – Member, Nebraska Game & Parks
Commission

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 – Member, Central Nebraska Public Power
& Irrigation District
John Shadle – Member (Vice-Chair), Nebraska Public
Power District

Environmental Entities

Andrew Pierson – Member, Audubon Rowe Sanctuary

**Local Nebraska Rep. – Central Platte Natural
Resources District (CPNRD)**

Mark Czaplewski – Member (Chair), CPNRD

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

None

Local Nebraska Rep. – Joint CPNRD/TBNRD

None

Executive Director's Office (EDO)

Jerry Kenny, Executive Director
Bruce Sackett
Justin Brei
Tim Tunnell

Other Participants

None



1 **Welcome and Administrative**

2 Chairman Czaplewski called the meeting to order at 9:15 am Central Time and the group
3 proceeded with introductions.

4 Czaplewski asked for agenda modifications, none were requested.

5 Czaplewski asked for the LAC's recommendation on the minutes of the February 23, 2016
6 meeting.

7 **LaBonde made a motion to approve the minutes from May 23, 2016 LAC meeting. The**
8 **motion was seconded by Shadle and passed unanimously.**

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10 **Land Action Items**

11 Sackett discussed tract 1603, a fee title auction offering on a parcel of land near Wood River,
12 NE. This tract is being considered as non-complex habitat to be developed into an off-channel
13 sand & water nesting site. Sackett said that ideally the Program would find a contractor in need
14 of fill material to perform the work in trade for the material, similar to how Leaman East Pit was
15 constructed in 2011. To-date, Leaman East has had very good nesting numbers. Shadle asked if
16 having two sites very close together was a bad thing. Farnsworth said that plovers, especially,
17 are territorial and only a small number will nest on Leaman East. Having another site nearby
18 would be useful.

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20 **Urie moved to forward tract 1603 to the Governance Committee with a recommendation to**
21 **pursue acquisition as non-complex habitat. Motion seconded by LaGrange and passed**
22 **unanimously.**

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24 **Public Forum**

25 Chairman Czaplewski asked for public comments, none were offered.

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27 **Closing Business**

28 **The next meeting of the LAC will be scheduled as-needed.**

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30 With no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Chairman Czaplewski at 9:45 a.m.