



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

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

3 Thursday April 8, 2021; 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM CDT

4 *Meeting held online via MS Teams.*

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6 **Governance Committee (GC)**

7 **State of Wyoming**

8 Brandon Gebhart – Alternate

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10 **State of Colorado**

11 Don Ament – Member (2021 GC Chair)

12 JoJo La – Alternate

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14 **State of Nebraska**

15 Tom Riley – Member

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18 **Upper Platte Water Users**

19 Dennis Strauch – Member

20 Bob Mehling – Alternate

21 Owen Williams – Alternate

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24 **Downstream Water Users**

25 Devin Brundage – Member

26 Kent Miller – Member

27 Lyndon Vogt – Member

28 John Shadle - Alternate

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30 **Executive Director’s Office (EDO)**

31 Jason Farnsworth, ED

32 Bridget Barron

33 Justin Brei

34 Malinda Henry

35 Bruce Sackett

36 Chad Smith

37 Tim Tunnell

**Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation)**

Brock Merrill – Member (2021 GC Vice Chair)

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

Steve Small – Member

Matt Rabbe – Alternate

**Environmental Entities**

Rich Walters – Member

Melissa Mosier – Alternate

**Colorado Water Users**

Alan Berryman – Member

Deb Freeman – Alternate

Kyle Whitaker – Alternate

Jason Marks – Alternate

**Other Participants**

Brian Hollis - Reclamation

Tom Econopouly – Service



1 **WELCOME & ADMINISTRATIVE**

2 **Introductions** – Chair Don Ament called the meeting to order at 10:04 AM Central Time.

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4 **Agenda** – No modifications offered.

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6 **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

7 *Riley moved and Small seconded to enter Executive Session. GC entered Executive Session at 10:05 AM*  
8 **Central Time.**

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10 *Merrill moved and Gebhart seconded to exit Executive Session. GC exited Executive Session at 10:45 AM*  
11 **Central Time.**

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13 **EXECUTIVE SESSION MOTIONS**

14 **GC Motion** – *Small moved and Riley seconded to authorize the EDO to finalize the Purchase Option*  
15 *Agreement for Tract 2101 including a \$100,000 down payment; to seek appraisal of Tracts 2101 and*  
16 *2102; and to subsequently negotiate the acquisition of Tract 2101 as complex habitat as recommended*  
17 *by the LAC, for later approval by the GC and consideration of the property counting toward the Extension*  
18 *plus-up acres. **Motion approved.***

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20 **GC MEETING REVIEW & WRAP-UP**

21 La noted there were no member of the public attending the GC Virtual Special Session so no public  
22 comment was offered.

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24 **Action Items & Meeting Feedback** – None offered.

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26 **2021 GC Meetings:**

- 27 ○ GC *Virtual* Quarterly Meeting – **June 9, 2021**  
28 ○ GC *In-Person* Quarterly Meeting – **September 14-15, 2021** @ Kearney, NE  
29 ○ GC *Virtual* Special Session – **November 10, 2021**; discussion of FY22 budget and work plan  
30 ○ GC *In-Person* Quarterly Meeting – **December 7-8, 2021** @ Denver, CO

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32 **GC MEETING END**

33 Meeting adjourned at 11:56 AM Central Time.

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35 **Summary of Action Items/Decisions from April 8, 2021 GC Virtual Special Session**

- 36 1) Authorized the EDO to finalize the Purchase Option Agreement for Tract 2101 including a \$100,000  
37 down payment; to seek appraisal of Tracts 2101 and 2102; and to subsequently negotiate the  
38 acquisition of Tract 2101 as complex habitat as recommended by the LAC, for later approval by the  
39 GC and consideration of the property counting toward the Extension plus-up acres.