



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

Governance Committee (GC) Special Session – virtual meeting in Microsoft Teams

Tuesday, April 4, 2023

Tom Riley, State of Nebraska – 2023 GC Chair

Jason Farnsworth, PRRIP Executive Director (ED) – Moderator

PRRIP Governance Committee (GC) Special Session Attendees Tuesday, April 4, 2023		
Name	Affiliation	Member or Alternate
Department of the Interior		
Brock Merrill	Bureau of Reclamation (USBR)	Member
Drue DeBerry	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) – 2023 Vice Chair	Member
Matt Rabbe	USFWS	Alternate
State of Wyoming		
Brandon Gebhart	Wyoming State Engineer	Member
Jason Mead	Wyoming Water Development Office	Alternate
State of Colorado		
Amy Ostdiek	Colorado Water Conservation Board (CWCB)	Member
Emily Zmak	CWCB	Alternate
Kara Scheel	CWCB	Alternate
State of Nebraska		
Tom Riley	Department of Natural Resources (DNR) – 2023 Chair	Member
Upper Platte Water Users		
n/a		
Colorado Water Users		
Kyle Whitaker	Northern Water	Member
Deb Freeman	Trout Raley	Alternate
Downstream Water Users		
Dave Zorn	Central Nebraska Public Power & Irrigation District (CNPPID)	Alternate
Kent Miller	Twin Platte Natural Resources District (TPNRD)	Member
John Shadle	Nebraska Public Power District (NPPD)	Member
Lyndon Vogt	Central Platte Natural Resources District (CPNRD)	Member
Environmental Entities		
Brice Krohn	The Crane Trust	Member
Executive Director’s Office (EDO)		
Jason Farnsworth, BCES	Executive Director	
Chadwin Smith, Ph.D.	Science Policy Coordinator	
Tim Tunnell, M.S.	Land Plan Coordinator	
Seth Turner, P.E.	Water Plan Coordinator	
Malinda Henry, Ph.D.	Science Plan Coordinator	
Other Participants		
Jeff Shafer	NPPD	



#1	WELCOME & ADMINISTRATIVE	Agenda Item Objective: Greetings, roll call, review agenda.
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Introduction – Chair Riley called the meeting to order at 10:05 AM Central Time. The Teams virtual attendance list will be used to record meeting attendees.

Agenda – No modifications offered.

#2	PUBLIC COMMENT	Agenda Item Objective: Public comment period on PRRIP activities.
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None offered.

#3	EXECUTIVE SESSION	Agenda Item Objective: GC member discussion of sensitive land, water, and policy items.
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GC MOTION: *Merrill moved and Ostdiek seconded to enter Executive Session. GC entered Executive Session at 10:07 AM Central Time.*

GC MOTION: *Merrill moved and Gebhart seconded to exit Executive Session. GC exited Executive Session at 11:04 AM Central Time.*

#4	EXECUTIVE SESSION MOTIONS	Agenda Item Objective: GC consideration of motions discussed during Executive Session.
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GC MOTION: *Krohn moved and Ostdiek seconded to authorize the EDO to pursue acquisition of Tract 2301 at public auction. Motion approved.*

#5	GC MEETING REVIEW & WRAP-UP	Agenda Item Objective: Discuss action items, meeting feedback, and upcoming meeting schedule.
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Action Items and Meeting Feedback – None offered.

Upcoming GC meetings:

- **June 2023 GC Quarterly Meeting:**
June 13-14, 2023 @ *Cheyenne, WY*
- **September 2023 GC Quarterly Meeting:**
September 12-13, 2023 @ *Kearney, NE*
- **2023 Fall ISAC Meeting:**
October 10-12, 2023 @ *Kearney, NE*
- **GC Virtual Special Session on FY2024 Budget & Work Plan:**
November 8, 2023; 10:00 AM-12:00 PM Central Time *via Teams*
- **December 2023 GC Quarterly Meeting:**
December 5-6, 2023 @ *Denver, CO*
- **2024 PRRIP Science Plan Reporting Session:**
February 20-22, 2024 @ *Omaha, NE*

GC MEETING END	11:05 AM Central Time
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43 **Summary of Action Items/Decisions from April 2023 GC Special Session**

- 44 1) Authorized the EDO to seek acquisition of Tract 2301 at public auction.