

**Platte River Recovery Implementation Program  
Technical Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes  
Platte River Whooping Crane Maintenance Trust – Alda, NE  
September 11, 2007**

**Updates**

Jim Jenniges provided an update on the implementation of the forage fish monitoring protocol over the summer and mentioned that some revision of the protocol may be necessary to reflect the experiences of the monitoring crew.

**Program Peer Review**

The group discussed peer review generally and agreed the vegetation monitoring protocol is ready for peer review following revisions made as a result of the protocol workshop in Denver in August. TAC members agreed to send names of potential peer reviewers for the vegetation monitoring protocol to Chad Smith by September 21.

**Program Reporting**

Felipe Chavez-Ramirez said that we need to determine an internal process for reporting in advisory committees and to the GC for the status of RFPs and ensuring RFPs are reviewed by the appropriate committees and/or sub-groups as a part of the development process. Jenniges said the TAC Chair (or chair of the appropriate committee) should provide a report at every GC meeting about upcoming RFPs and related projects. The consensus from the TAC was that this approach would work. Strickland added that a form or checklist should be developed that could be added to each RFP reflecting the appropriate course of committee approval required before the RFP can be finalized and advertised. Smith agreed to develop that form/checklist.

Jenniges said that the Program needs to develop a consisted RFP format, and we should consider advertising RFPs for longer terms, especially for projects related to long-term monitoring. Mike Besson said he would send examples of RFPs and contracts from Wyoming.