Welcome and Administrative
Scott Woodman called the meeting to order at 9:00 am Central Time and the group proceeded with introductions. Woodman asked for agenda modifications and none were provided.

Harry LaBonde made a motion to approve the January 15, 2009 minutes without revision. The motion was seconded by Mark Czaplewski and approved.

GC Meeting Update
Mark Czaplewski gave a brief update on the February GC meeting held in Kearney, NE. Czaplewski reported that the GC approved the purchase of an airboat and an Argo ATV to aid Program field activities. Chad Smith gave the GC a presentation on adaptive management activities.
Czaplewski reported that the GC accepted the LAC recommendations to proceed with appraisals and negotiations for Tracts 0845, 0849, and 0850. The GC also approved Tracts 0803, 0842, and 0847 to enter the contract phase.

**Appoint Committee to Outline Land Exchange Program and Future Land Plans**

Bruce Sackett informed the LAC of a GC request to outline a process and guidelines for buying Program lands intended for trade. Sackett requests a subcommittee of the LAC to meet and discuss this process before the next LAC meeting. This committee would be charged with becoming educated in the land trading process and specifically 1031 exchange processes, and to create strict guidelines for the acquisition of trade lands for the Program. Once the process and guidelines are established they will be presented first to the LAC for approval, then forwarded to the GC.

Sackett recommended the following people serve on the committee: Greg Wingfield, John Shadle, Scott Woodman, Larry Reynolds, John Heaston, and Bruce Sackett.

Ted Kowalski made the motion to appoint the committee with the recommended membership. The motion was seconded by Mark Czaplewski and approved.

The committee will provide a progress report to the LAC at the May meeting.

**Update on Land Management**

Tim Tunnell introduced the Wyoming Property and Cottonwood Ranch Management Plans. Tunnell updated the LAC on work already done or planned for these properties in 2009. Chad Smith talked briefly about the properties' role in the Adaptive Management Plan and plans for channel widening and construction of nesting islands on the properties. Mark Czaplewski said that management plans should incorporate new tracts and be constructed at a complex level as opposed to an individual tract level. Jason Farnsworth said that the Land Plan requires each tract to have a management plan, but agreed that future acquisitions in a complex should be considered when the plans are created. John Thorburn suggested that five years could be too long a timeframe for these plans and that the LAC should be informed of activities more frequently. Bruce Sackett explained that these management plans present broader long-term objectives, and that the LAC will see annual work plans with more detail for each tract on a yearly basis. Thorburn said that the LAC may be the face of the Good Neighbor Policy, but it is a Program-wide responsibility so the LAC should stay informed of other committee actions. Chairman Woodman agreed and expressed interest especially in the adaptive management activities. Jenniges offered to show Cottonwood Ranch activities on-site to interested members. Smith and Farnsworth agreed to give short TAC/AMWG and WAC updates later in the meeting and at future meetings.

Chairman Woodman brought the group back to the Wyoming Property and Cottonwood Ranch Management Plans. Harry LaBonde moved approval of the Wyoming Property Management Plan. Motion seconded by John Shadle and approved.
Ted LaGrange expressed concerns about design of the bridge on the Cottonwood Ranch Property. Tunnell said the details have not been decided and that engineering design is scheduled for 2009. LaGrange said to ensure designs for any infrastructure consider possible future plans so as not to become a hindrance. John Shadle suggested a structural change to the document - moving the responsibilities to section II with no changes to the content. John Shadle moved approval of the Cottonwood Ranch Management Plan with the Responsibilities moved to section II. Motion seconded by Mark Czaplewski and approved.

Other Committee Coordination Information
Chad Smith talked about the ties between adaptive management and land acquisition. Smith gave an overview of planned adaptive management implementation sites.

Smith invited any interested LAC members to an Adaptive Management Working Group workshop on mechanical actions on July 7-8, 2009 at the Executive Director's Office in Kearney, NE. The workshop will be focused on creating objectives and experimental design for mechanical actions on sand pits, off-channel sand and water habitat, and wet meadows. Contact Smith for more information.

Jason Farnsworth gave an update on Water Advisory Committee activities. Farnsworth reported the WAC is still working on a process for acquisition of water rights. Farnsworth also reported the WAC is investigating the possibility of pumping groundwater to the river or to storage in order to augment river flows. The WAC will also begin preliminary feasibility investigations on two potential reregulation reservoir sites.

Public Comment/Closing Business
Chairman Woodman asked for public comments. None were offered.

The next meeting of the LAC will be held in Kearney, Nebraska at the Executive Director’s Office on Wednesday, May 20, 2009 at 9:00 a.m. CST.

Executive Session
Brock Merrill moved to go into executive session to review details of land offerings. The motion was seconded by Harry LaBonde. The motion carried and the committee entered executive session at 10:27 a.m.

Ted Kowalski moved to come out of executive session. Harry LaBonde seconded and the motion carried. The committee came out of executive session at 11:40 a.m.

The meeting was adjourned by Chairman Woodman at 11:43 a.m.