



PLATTE RIVER RECOVERY IMPLEMENTATION PROGRAM
Governance Committee Meeting Minutes
Ramada Inn – Kearney, NE
March 9-10, 2010

Tuesday, March 9, 2010

Executive Director’s Office (ED Office)

Jerry Kenny – Executive Director
Chad Smith
Beorn Courtney
Jason Farnsworth
Bruce Sackett
Justin Brei
Tim Tunnell

Governance Committee (GC)

Brian Barels – Nebraska Public Power District
Alan Berryman – Northern Colorado Water Conservancy District
Mike Besson – State of Wyoming
Kevin Urie – Denver Water
Ted Kowalski – Colorado Water Conservation Board
Mark Czaplewski – Central Platte Natural Resources District
Don Kraus – Central Nebraska Public Power and Irrigation District
Mike Purcell – State of Wyoming
Harry LaBonde – State of Wyoming
John Lawson – Bureau of Reclamation, Chair
Jim Schneider – Nebraska DNR
Norm DeMott – Upper Platte River Water Users
Dennis Strauch – Pathfinder Irrigation District
Michael Thabault – U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
Greg Wingfield – U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
Bill Taddicken – Audubon Rowe Sanctuary
John Heaston – The Nature Conservancy
George Williams – Upper Platte River Water Users

Participants

Pat Engelbert – HDR
Mike Drain – Central Nebraska Public Power and District
Brock Merrill – Bureau of Reclamation
Cory Steinke – Central Nebraska Public Power and Irrigation District
Matt Lindburg – Brown & Caldwell
Dan Bigbee – EA
Jim Jenniges – Nebraska Public Power District
Rich Walters – The Nature Conservancy
Doug Hallum – Nebraska DNR
Kevin Prior – Olsson Associates



48 Matt Rabbe – U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
49 Larry Schulz – ED Office contractor
50 Mark Pegg – University of Nebraska - Lincoln
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52 Welcome & Administrative

53 Lawson called the meeting to order and the group proceeded with introductions. Lawson asked for
54 agenda modifications; none offered. Berryman moved to approve the December 2009 GC minutes;
55 DeMott seconded. **Minutes approved.** Kenny said Wingfield would be stricken from the attendance list
56 at the February 2010 GC Special Session. Purcell moved to approve the February 2010 GC Special
57 Session minutes; Kowalski seconded, adding that Wingfield's name needs to be removed from several
58 places in the minutes. **Minutes approved.**

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60 Kenny circulated a membership list for the GC to review and make modifications if necessary by the end
61 of the meeting on Wednesday, March 10.
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63 Program Committee Updates

64 *Land Advisory Committee (LAC)*

65 Czaplewski provided an update on the latest LAC activities. The LAC last met on January 29 in Kearney.
66 Most of the discussion was related to Program land management activities and the LAC took action
67 several Program land management plans. The next LAC meeting is April 9 in Kearney.
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69 *Water Advisory Committee (WAC)*

70 Steinke provided an update on the latest WAC activities. Courtney provided an update to the Water
71 Action Plan and the WAC approved. The ED Office is moving forward on permitting that includes
72 potential Water Action Plan projects. The WAC approved the J-2 Re-Regulating Reservoir Prefeasibility
73 Study. Steve Smith from the ED Office provided an update on potential groundwater recharge projects.
74 Kenny provided an update on water management incentives scoping underway by the Flatwater Group
75 and University of Nebraska experts. The next WAC meeting is in May in Ogallala and that agenda will
76 include depletions plans updates.
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78 *Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)*

79 Besson provided an update on the latest TAC activities. The TAC had two meetings since the last GC
80 meeting in December 2009. Discussion at the January 2010 meeting included Program monitoring
81 protocols, tern and plover annual reporting, initial report from the tern and plover foraging habits study,
82 whooping crane monitoring report, forage fish monitoring report, geomorphology/in-channel vegetation
83 monitoring report, water quality monitoring report, PRRIP Responses to 2009 ISAC Findings, and
84 Program land management plans.
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86 At the March 3 meeting, the TAC approved revisions to the tern and plover and water quality monitoring
87 protocols. The TAC discussed and recommended the FC approve the Cottonwood Ranch OCSW & Flow
88 Consolidation Conceptual Design RFP. Chad Smith provided a presentation on AMP implementation
89 activities and next steps on prioritizing and sequencing hypotheses. The TAC then held a long
90 conversation on wet meadows and agreed to do an information review on wet meadows without
91 refinement of the wet meadows Conceptual Ecological Model (CEM). The RFP focuses on gathering wet
92 meadows information and the TAC will work on taking that information and using it to help establish
93 next steps on wet meadows.
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95 Kraus asked if wet meadows would be discussed during the GC meeting. Kenny said the only item on the
96 agenda relates to approval of the RFP Proposal Selection Panel. Kraus asked about the discussion at the
97 TAC regarding the Program's McCormick Tract. Besson said the focus was on whether to clear trees on
98 the parcel, if that land could be restored to wet meadows, and how it relates to other surrounding
99 properties.

100 *Finance Committee (FC)*

101 Purcell provided an update on the latest FC activities. The FC met on February 10 and approved the next
102 phase of the J-2 reservoir geotechnical contract and the Sediment Augmentation Feasibility Analysis
103 contract amendment. The FC recommended spending Program funds on the geomorphology/in-channel
104 vegetation monitoring atlas if the funds could be moved from another existing Program budget line item.
105 The FC approved the Directed Vegetation Research RFP.

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108 The FC met again the morning of March 9 to discuss the indexing of Program funds. The FC approved
109 the recommendations from Lawson and seeks support of the GC at the meeting today. The FC also
110 approved the Cottonwood Ranch OCSW RFP. The ED Office will work with the FC to develop standard
111 consultant contract language.

112 **Program Outreach Update**

113 *Presentations*

- 114 • Bruce Sackett and Tim Tunnell hosted an appreciation with the landowners that were kind
115 enough to help us this year at river Anchor Points on December 10, 2009 at the Kearney office.
116 The Program's geomorphology and vegetation contractors gave a presentation to the landowners
117 on the years activities.
- 118 • Justin Brei presented on GIS and the Program to the Holdrege Rotary Club on January 28, 2010.
- 119 • Jerry Kenny and Beorn Courtney presented on the Program's Water Plan at Colorado Water
120 Congress on January 29, 2010.
- 121 • Bruce Sackett and Jason Farnsworth presented on the Program's Land Plan at the Holdrege Water
122 Conference on February 4, 2010.
- 123 • Chad Smith and David Baasch presented on the Adaptive Management Plan at the Tern & Plover
124 Annual Meeting in Lincoln, Nebraska on February 23, 2010.
- 125 • Jerry Kenny presented on the Program to the Central Plains Irrigation Conference in Kearney,
126 Nebraska on February 23, 2010. The conference rotates among the states of Colorado, Kansas,
127 and Nebraska and has an audience of producers and agricultural industry personnel.
- 128 • Jerry Kenny presented on the Program to the Nebraska Legal Professionals Association Spring
129 Seminar in Grand Island, Nebraska on March 6, 2010.

130 *Future Presentations*

- 131 • Chad Smith will be presenting on the Program at the annual Rivers & Wildlife conference in
132 Kearney, Nebraska on March 20, 2010.
- 133 • Chad Smith will be presenting on the Program to the UNL Lifetime Learning course on April 27,
134 2010.
- 135 • Jerry Kenny will be presenting on the Program to the North Platte NRD board on March 18, 2010
136 in Oshkosh, NE.

141 *Exhibits/Sponsorships*

- 142 • The Program had a poster exhibited at the Colorado Water Congress on January 28 & 29, 2010.
143 We made 163 direct contacts with attendees over the course of those two days. The estimated
144 overall attendance was 500 people.
- 145 • The Program had a poster exhibited at the Tern & Plover Annual Meeting in Lincoln, Nebraska
146 on February 23, 2010.
- 147 • The Program had a poster exhibited at the annual CAMNet rendezvous in Tucson, Arizona on
148 March 7, 2010.
- 149 • The Program will have an exhibit at Rivers & Wildlife on March 20, 2010 in Kearney, Nebraska.
- 150 • The Program will have exhibits and materials at both the Nebraska Nature and Visitors Center
151 and Rowe Sanctuary during migration season.

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153 *Press Coverage*

- 154 • David Freeman's book, tentatively titled *Negotiating New Environmental Governance on the*
155 *Platte River Basin Water Commons: Mobilizing Water Users to Implement the Endangered*
156 *Species Act*, has been accepted for publication and is scheduled to be published in October 2010.

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158 **AMP Implementation Update**

159 Smith provided a presentation on the results of the February 2010 AMP Reporting Session in Denver,
160 PRRIP responses to the 2009 ISAC Findings, and next steps on AMP implementation. Thabault asked
161 about the context for some of the tern and plover numbers and how the Program is going to consider
162 looking at Platte River birds in the context of the larger population. Smith said that is a challenge that the
163 ED Office and technical representatives of the Program continue to assess. Smith noted one example of
164 how to address context is to collect tern and plover data and analyze it by plugging that data into a
165 population model that can reflect how the Platte River population is faring, but that can also reflect what
166 is happening with the larger population (Missouri River, Niobrara River, etc.). Kowalski said he thought
167 the meeting went very well, provided a great opportunity for horizontal communication, and is a session
168 that should continue in the future.

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170 **AMP Monitoring Protocols**

171 Smith provided a brief summary of how changes were made to the tern and plover and water quality
172 monitoring protocols. **Czaplewski moved to approve the tern and plover monitoring protocol; Urie**
173 **seconded. Approved.**

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175 **Purcell moved to approve the water quality monitoring protocol; Heaston seconded. Approved.**

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177 **FY 2010 Program Budget and Contract**

178 Kenny provided an update on the Program budget, with graphics showing Program budgets and
179 expenditures over time, as well as breakdowns of annual expenditures by administration, land, water, and
180 adaptive management. Kenny discussed the Program's current financial status report, which included a
181 final tally for FY 2009 expenditures. Purcell asked what qualifies for Unliquidated Obligations (UO).
182 Kenny said those are contract commitments. Lawson asked if UO becomes a liability for the following
183 year. Kenny said that is correct. Barel asked why \$2.1 million was budgeted for IMRP activities in
184 2009, but only \$1.9 million was spent. Kenny said it was the result of several items: No money was
185 spent on monitoring a Short-Duration High Flow (SDHF); reduced spending from IMRP-2 on research
186 activities; no money was spent on tern and plover monitoring; the wet meadows information review
187 stalled until 2010; etc. Monitoring was accomplished, but there was a budget savings as Program staff



188 and Program cooperators performed some of the work. Kraus asked about the status of the Database
189 Management System. Farnsworth said the contractor is completing the content management portion,
190 which will mean that for the next GC meeting, GC members will be able to access meeting documents
191 through the web site. The scientific data repository piece is still in development.

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193 *Sediment Augmentation Feasibility Analysis contract amendment*

194 Kenny discussed the need for amending the Sediment Augmentation contract to allow for an extension of
195 the model being developed under that contract. The amount of \$10,000 would be shifted from PD-12 to
196 PD-13. Purcell moved approval; Thabault seconded. **Budget shift approved.**

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198 Purcell asked about the status of shifting funds in the budget for the purposes of developing the
199 geomorphology/in-channel vegetation monitoring atlas. Kenny said the ED Office is not yet comfortable
200 moving money in the budget for this project and will continue to assess the possibility throughout the
201 year.

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203 **Program RFPs**

204 The GC discussed the recommended Proposal Selection Panels for three Program RFPs:

205 *Directed Vegetation Research*

206 **Recommended panel:** C. Smith, Farnsworth, Jenniges, Drain, Czaplewski, Fritz, Harner

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208 *Cottonwood Ranch OCSW & Flow Consolidation Conceptual Design*

209 **Recommended panel:** Farnsworth, Jenniges, C. Smith, Rabbe, Besson, Urie, Goltl, Heaston

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211 *Wet Meadows Information Review:*

212 **Recommended panel:** C. Smith, Baasch, Czaplewski, Heaston, Rabbe, Jenniges, Hallum, Fritz, Urie

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214 Taddicken moved to approve the Proposal Selection Panels; Kowalski seconded. **Panels approved.**

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216 **Indexing of Program Funds**

217 Lawson discussed the proposal for indexing Program funds for inflation. Consultation and coordination
218 with the Department of the Interior (DOI) Office of the Solicitor and states of Colorado and Wyoming has
219 resulted in the development of a methodology that has been approved by the DOI and is acceptable to the
220 two states. Indexing will be based on the Bureau of Reclamation's Construction Cost Trends (CCT). All
221 land acquisition costs will be indexed using CCT Nebraska Land Index, water conservation/supply
222 projects will be based on the CCT General Property Index, and all other Program costs will be based on
223 the Federal Salary Index, since they are primarily staff driven.

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225 Of the cash contributions, funding which remains to be expended each October 1st will be indexed and
226 NOT the remaining balance of Program funding to be appropriated. The first index will be applied on
227 October 1, 2009 per guidance from the DOI Office of the Solicitor. In order to maintain the established
228 cost share equality between Federal and State contributions, an index adjustment will also be applied to
229 the cash equivalent water and land contributions provided by the States. The cash contribution index ratios
230 will also be applied to the cash equivalent contributions in order to maintain the cost share equality.

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232 Kowalski asked why Lawson did not take the state contributions out. Lawson said page 2 of Program
233 Document Attachment #1 says includes the state contributions as well so they need to stay in the
234 calculation. Reclamation approves of and supports this indexing process. **Kowalski moved to support**



235 **the indexing process; Purcell seconded.** Kowalski said Colorado has a little bit of heartburn because of
236 what is specified in the legislation when it was passed, especially in light of Colorado sending its
237 contributions into the Nebraska Community Foundation (NCF) for the Program. Nevertheless, Lawson
238 has provided a clear and understandable template for talking to the Colorado General Assembly about the
239 state’s contributions to the Program. Colorado believes there is a risk in terms of whether interest will
240 cover the contributions. It seems odd to apply an inflationary index to contributions of land and water.
241 Purcell said the reason is the 50/50 cost-share and the need to stick with that 50/50 split as outlined in the
242 federal statute. In addition, water contributions are annual contributions and as such are annual payments
243 just like money.

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245 Besson asked how the Program is going to deal with the interest in the NCF. Lawson said the federal
246 government cannot use interest on those dollars and the federal share is based on annual appropriations.
247 Besson said there will still be interest earned by Wyoming with their quarterly payments to the Program.
248 Lawson agreed and said Wyoming receives that interest. Czaplewski said there does not seem to be a lot
249 of room for play in the “other” category, which contains administration and monitoring/research. Lawson
250 said we are using indices to retain the 2005 buying power. Kraus said the Program still has to live within
251 a budget.

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253 **Motion approved (approved methodology attached).**

254 **Water Action Plan Scoring Status Update**

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256 Lawson discussed the recent work of the sub-group working on issues related to Water Action Plan
257 scoring. Work has continued with the ED Office and Don Anderson (formerly of the U.S. Fish and
258 Wildlife Service) to develop a scoring proposal that can be brought back to the GC for approval. The
259 sub-group asked the ED Office and Anderson to use the J-2 reservoir project as an example to show how
260 it would score. The sub-group held a conference call to discuss this example and work continues on
261 refining the process. Once that is complete, the sub-group will report to the GC on alternatives for
262 consideration. Lawson expects to report to the GC during the June meeting. The expectation is that the
263 GC will be presented with a scoring plan for the J-2 project, but each project will likely require its own
264 specific scoring process.

265 **Miscellaneous Program Business**

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267 Kenny said every year in Nebraska in June there is a Cattlemen’s Ball that is a fundraiser for cancer
268 research. The event in 2009 was held on property owned by the Platte River Whooping Crane
269 Maintenance Trust. The 2010 event will be near Kearney on property owned by Norris Marshall. One of
270 the planned events is airboat rides. Kenny asked if there is any objection to use of the Program airboat,
271 piloted by Headwaters staff as volunteers, to assist with providing airboat rides at the Ball. The Program
272 will not be charged for gas, and current insurance will cover use of the boat. Heaston asked what happens
273 if the airboat is broken. Kenny said insurance will cover it, as well as any potential injuries. Heaston
274 asked what the problem would be with having staff serve on billable time to the Program to ensure they
275 are fully covered by proper insurance. Kenny said he would not be opposed to that.

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277 Heaston moved to have Program staff serve on billable time to the Program during this event and to
278 authorize use the Program airboat. Berryman seconded. **Motion approved.**

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280 Meeting adjourned at 4:57 p.m. Central time.

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Wednesday, March 10, 2010

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Welcome and Introduction

Lawson called the meeting to order and the group proceeded with a roll call.

Re-regulating Reservoir Agreement

Kenny presented an agreement between CNPPID and PRRIP concerning feasibility analysis of CNPPID reregulating reservoirs. The agreement provides a framework for advancing the J-2 Return/Elwood regulating reservoir(s) through full feasibility. The agreement outlines responsibilities, future steps, and commits CNPPID to contributing \$30,000 toward the analysis. The agreement will terminate on June 30, 2011 or completion of the feasibility studies, whichever occurs sooner. Purcell moved to approve the agreement and Kowalski seconded. **The motion was approved with Kraus abstaining.**

2009 Tiered Platte River Biological Opinions

Rabbe provided a summary of 2009 tiered United States Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) Section 7 consultations for projects seeking ESA coverage for water-related activities through the PRRIP. 24 consultations were completed in 2009. Eighteen were in Colorado, two in Nebraska and four in Wyoming. The Service also worked with the State of Colorado to develop a memorandum of understanding (MOA) outlining how federal depletions will be handled consistently with Colorado's depletions plan. The Service is also working with other federal agencies and the State of Wyoming to develop similar MOAs.

Lower Platte River Stage Change Study

Engelbert and Pegg gave a presentation on the results of the Lower Platte Stage Change Study performed for the Program by HDR in association with TetraTech and the University of Nebraska at Lincoln (UNL). In general, the hydrologic analysis, hydraulic modeling, and habitat classification work conducted for the study indicated that Program diversions or retiming of flows in the central Platte would likely not have a negative impact on pallid sturgeon in the lower Platte River. Relative change in lower Platte habitat for pallid sturgeon would be very small to undetectable and thus these changes should not provide additional stress to the population. Impacts could occur if Program diversions occur during times of extremely low flow in the lower Platte and the impacts would likely be in the form of reduced lateral channel connectivity, although Pegg noted that longitudinal connectivity was maintained even at these low flows. Those impacts could be avoided by monitoring flows in the lower Platte and not diverting or retiming flows when lower Platte flows fall below approximately 4,000 cfs.

Purcell asked if pallid sturgeon use the lower Platte. Pegg indicated that approximately 70 pallid sturgeon were caught on the lower Platte last year during an ongoing shovelnose sturgeon research project. Three of the pallid sturgeon were caught above the mouth of the Elkhorn River. Czaplewski asked what the Program's next step will be regarding the pallid sturgeon. Kenny explained that the Program committed to performing a literature review, stage-change study, and conducting water quality monitoring in the lower Platte. Those items have been completed and the Program is now at a decision-point, and consensus needs to be reached on what, if anything, needs to be done next. Lawson indicated that next steps should be discussed at the June GC meeting. Thabault requested that Program staff prepare a summary memorandum that provides information regarding the results of the work done to-date and outlines the limitations and information gaps associated with that work; further, the document should provide guidance with respect to risk management regarding potential GC decisions related to the pallid sturgeon. In general, the GC should be able to use the memorandum to determine if the Program has adequately



329 tested the hypothesis of whether or not Program actions in the central Platte would negatively impact the
330 pallid sturgeon in the lower Platte. Barrels requested that the memorandum be completed in time for
331 discussion at the June GC meeting. **The ED office will prepare a pallid sturgeon summary**
332 **memorandum for the GC.**
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334 Land Management Plans

335 Sackett introduced the 5-year Land Management Plans and gave a brief overview of the structure of the
336 Complex plans, which include individual tract operations and maintenance plans, as well as 1-year work
337 plans contained in the appendices of each Complex plan. Farnsworth described AMP activities that will
338 occur in the Elm Creek Complex under the proposed plan. A Flow-Sediment-Mechanical experiment will
339 take place from the Elm Creek bridge to the Kearney Canal Diversion. This includes clearing and
340 leveling islands to an elevation that can be overtopped at flows around 3,000 cfs. The Program intends to
341 test the theory that it can maintain target species habitat with the use of sediment augmentation and
342 control of river flows. Barrels said NPPD would like a better understanding of the effects on NPPD assets.
343 Farnsworth said that NPPD has been involved in TAC discussions to this point, and the ED Office will be
344 working with NPPD to insure understanding before any action takes place. In the Elm Creek Complex
345 downstream of the Kearney Canal Diversion, a bird response experiment will be constructed. The goal of
346 this experiment is to assess species response to a variety of available habitat characteristics such as island
347 sizes, heights above water, and distance to disturbance. Lawson asked about expected future operations
348 and maintenance costs within the complex. Farnsworth said barring any major flood events causing
349 problems with in-channel experiments, operations and maintenance would likely be limited to
350 maintenance of islands, invasive species control off-channel, other land maintenance activities, and would
351 likely be in the \$20,000-\$30,000 per year range.
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353 Sackett then gave an overview of the Fort Kearny Complex plan. Farnsworth discussed management and
354 restoration activities planned for this Complex, including: a second bird response experiment, possible
355 relocation of a power distribution line near the river channel on 2009004, the potential involvement of
356 2008001 in the upcoming directed vegetation research, and the preparation of the sandpit peninsula on
357 2009008 for the upcoming nesting season.
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359 Farnsworth then discussed activities to take place under the proposed 2009003 Operations and
360 Maintenance Plan. Since at the time of acquisition, 2009003 was not associated with any other Program
361 or partner lands, a complex plan was not yet developed. Activities on 2009003 include conversion of
362 poor cropland areas (old food plots) back to grass, some in-channel vegetation clearing, clean-up of
363 cedars, logged cottonwood stumps, and other woody vegetation in riparian area, and the potential clearing
364 of invasive woody vegetation in the area north of the channel. In addition, the mobile home that was
365 located on the property as been sold and will be moved off the property. The hunting lodge is being
366 maintained and will house the USGS team performing the Program's Tern and Plover Foraging Habits
367 study this summer.
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369 Heaston asked why we planned to keep the grain bins on 2009003, indicating they are a tax and insurance
370 liability and of limited use to the Program. Heaston would like the Program to consider their removal.
371 Sackett said they provide some use to the Program, which has entered into crop share agreements with
372 some tenants of Program cropland, as well as potential for some rent income and good neighbor benefits.
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374 Thabault asked why rehabilitation of the old slough on 2009003 (the track faintly visible on aerial
375 photography) was not considered. Farnsworth said it is an issue of water level and channel degradation.



376 Just upstream of the slough there is a large Tri-basin NRD groundwater drain that is 10-15 feet below
377 ground level which controls the groundwater level in the area. In addition, output of the water would be
378 an issue, as the historic slough track continues south to the cropland off Program lands.

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380 Barels requested some synthesis to how Program FSM and MCM activities are being tackled across the
381 associated habitats. Farnsworth said that is already under way in the form of experimental design
382 documents for those activities.

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384 Strauch asked if any invasive removal activities have cost shares available. Czaplewski said CPNRD has
385 cost sharing for prescribed burns. Tunnell said the Program is working with CPNRD to perform
386 prescribed burns on Program lands where needed.

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388 Sackett then discussed the 2008002 1-year work plan. The 5-year plan for 2008002 (Cottonwood Ranch)
389 was approved in 2009.

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391 Heaston moved to approve the 5-year and 1-year plans as presented, including the Elm Creek Complex
392 plan (with associated tract plans for 2009002 and 2009005), the Elm Creek Complex 2010 work plan, the
393 Fort Kearny Complex plan (with associated tract plans for 2009001 and 2009004), The Fort Kearny 2010
394 work plan, the 2009003 Operations and Maintenance plan, the 2009003 2010 work plan, and the 2008002
395 2010 work plan. Thabault seconded. **Land plans approved.**

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397 **Public Comment**

398 Lawson asked for public comment. None was offered.

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400 **Executive Session**

401 Berryman moved to enter Executive Session to discuss land issues; Czaplewski seconded. **GC entered**
402 **Executive Session at 10:40 a.m. Central time.**

403 Purcell moved to end Executive Session; Berryman seconded. **GC ended Executive Session at 11:40**
404 **a.m. Central time.**

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406 **Future Meetings & Closing Business**

407 Upcoming GC meetings are scheduled for:

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409 June 8-9, 2010 @ Cheyenne, WY
410 September 14-15, 2010 @ Kearney, NE
411 December 7-8, 2010 @ Denver, CO

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413 **Meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m. Central time.**

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415 **Summary of Action Items/Decisions from March 2010GC meeting**

- 416 1) Approved December 2009 GC minutes
417 2) Approved February 2010 GC Special Session minutes.
418 3) Approved Tern and Plover Monitoring Protocol
419 4) Approved Water Quality Monitoring Protocol
420 5) Approved shifting \$10,000 from budget item PD-12 to budget item PD-13.
421 6) Approved selection panels for three RFPs: directed vegetation research, Cottonwood Ranch OCSW &
422 flow consolidation conceptual design, and wet meadows information review.



- 423 7) Approved proposed process for indexing Program funds.
- 424 8) Approved use of Program Staff and Program airboat at Cattleman’s Ball fundraiser in June.
- 425 9) ED office will prepare a pallid sturgeon summary memorandum for the June 2010 GC meeting.
- 426 10) Approved land plans for Elm Creek Complex, Fort Kearny Complex, and 2009003.