



1 **PLATTE RIVER RECOVERY IMPLEMENTATION PROGRAM**
2 **Land Advisory Committee Conference Call Minutes**
3 **Executive Director's Office – Kearney, NE**
4 **February 24, 2012**

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7 **Attendees**

- 8 Mark Czaplewski, Chair, Central Platte Natural Resources District (by phone)
9 Bruce Sackett - ED Office (by phone)
10 Tim Tunnell - ED Office
11 Jerry Kenny - ED
12 Matt Rabbe - U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service (by phone)
13 Ted LaGrange – Nebraska Game & Parks Commission (by phone)
14 Harry LaBonde - State of Wyoming, Wyoming State Engineer’s Office (by phone)
15 John Heaston – The Nature Conservancy (by phone)
16 John Shadle - Nebraska Public Power District (by phone)
17 Suzanne Sellers – State of Colorado, Colorado Water Conservation Board (by phone)

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19 **Welcome and Administrative**

20 Chairman Czaplewski called the meeting to order at 2:00 pm Central Time and the group proceeded
21 with introductions.

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23 Czaplewski identified a single item agenda over the excess land memo developed by the subcommittee
24 and asked for additional items, none were offered.

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26 **Recommendation for Memo selling excess land at 2009008**

27 Heaston opened the discussion of the work of the subcommittee and how this was plowing new
28 ground since no Program land has been sold to date. Because this is in effect running the land
29 acquisition process in reverse it was agreed that appraisals were needed to proceed just as in acquiring
30 land. That information will aid in the final disposition which will be directed by the GC.

31 Discussion occurred over the needed information being passed on to the WAC so they can help with
32 the recommendation concerning the irrigation water on the property.

33 Several questions were opened about the value of the water to the Program. Can this water be banked
34 by the Program for future needs? Are there other ways to capture the water for Program needs? What
35 options are available to be considered?

36 Czaplewski mentioned that Central Platte NRD is able to bank water and this water could be banked in
37 their account under the name of the Program. This water could be sold to CPNRD. Possibly the
38 Program could set up their own water bank. Heaston mentioned that it could be a valuable tool to have
39 a bank of water on hand if the Program needed to use water as a bargaining lever in future completions
40 of additions to downstream land holdings. It may be the needed sweetener to make a deal come
41 together.

42 Discussion occurred over a few words in the Memo advanced by Mark Czaplewski. A second draft
43 adding to Mark’s comments were offered by John Shadle.



45 **Heaston made a motion to recommend advancement of the Memo as amended by Czaplewski**
46 **and Shadle to the GC. Motion seconded by LaBonde and passed unanimously.**
47 **Nebraska’s representative LaGrange abstained from the vote.**
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49 **Closing Business**

50 With no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Chairman Czaplewski at 2:27 p.m.

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