



**PLATTE RIVER RECOVERY IMPLEMENTATION PROGRAM**  
**Land Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes**  
**Conference Call**  
**August 26, 2014**

**Meeting Participants**

**Land Advisory Committee (LAC)**

**State of Wyoming**

Harry LaBonde – Member, Wyoming Water  
Development Commission  
Matt Hoobler – Alternate, Wyoming State Engineer’s  
Office

**State of Colorado**

Suzanne Sellers – Member, Colorado Water  
Conservation Board  
Kevin Urie – Alternate, Denver Water

**State of Nebraska**

Ted LaGrange – Member, Nebraska Game & Parks  
Commission

**U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS)**

Matt Rabbe – Member, USFWS

**U.S. Bureau of Reclamation (USBOR)**

Brock Merrill – Member, USBOR

**Power Districts**

John Shadle – Member (Vice-chair), Nebraska Public  
Power District

**Environmental Entities**

John Heaston – Member, The Nature Conservancy

**Local Nebraska Rep. – Central Platte Natural  
Resources District (CPNRD)**

Mark Czaplewski – Member (Chair), CPNRD

**Local Nebraska Rep. – Tri-Basin Natural Resources  
District (TBNRD)**

None

**Local Nebraska Rep. – Joint CPNRD/TBNRD**

None

**Executive Director’s Office (EDO)**

Bruce Sackett  
Justin Brei  
Jason Farnsworth  
Tim Tunnell  
Chad Smith

**Other Participants**

None



1 **Welcome and Administrative**

2 Chairman Czaplewski called the meeting to order at 9:00 am Central Time and the group  
3 proceeded with introductions.

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5 Czaplewski asked for agenda modifications, none were requested.

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7 Czaplewski asked for the LAC’s recommendation on the minutes of the June 6, 2014 meeting.

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9 **LaBonde made a motion to approve the minutes from the June 6, 2014 LAC meeting, as**  
10 **amended. The motion was seconded by Merrill and passed unanimously.**

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12 **GC Update and Other Committee Coordination Information**

13 *GC Update*

14 Czaplewski updated the LAC on recent GC activities. The GC last met June 10-11 in Cheyenne,  
15 WY. The GC heard a presentation on the status of the J-2 Reservoir project by CNPPID. Dave  
16 Marmorek from the ISAC gave a presentation on some of their recent activities. The GC heard  
17 the 2013 summary for the Platte River Recreation Access Program and approved the 2014  
18 amendments, adding some acres to the Program and increasing the number of acceptable uses on  
19 many sites. John Heaston gave a presentation on the Platte River Habitat Partnership. The  
20 Partnership is intended to perform habitat work similar to the PRRIP (phragmites clearing,  
21 increasing channel conveyance, habitat construction), but primarily on private lands. The GC  
22 was asked to provide funding match for a grant to expand this Partnership. The GC approved  
23 allocating funds for 2015, subject to FC approval of the final details. CPNRD would host the job  
24 position created by this grant.

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26 In other land items, the GC also chose to cease pursuit of tract 1402.

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28 The next GC meeting is September 9 & 10, 2014 in Kearney, NE.

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30 *Other Committee Coordination*

31 Sellers updated the LAC on recent TAC activities. The TAC has been working on development  
32 of the scope of work for peer review of various PRRIP articles and documents, and working to  
33 finalize the roster of reviewers. The scope of work for the special advisors on target flows has  
34 been approved. The TAC approved the 2014 spring whooping crane monitoring report, as well  
35 as a RFP for permitting services. Many TAC members will be participating in the AMP  
36 Reporting Session in Omaha, NE on October 14-15, 2014.

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38 **Land Management Update**

39 Tunnell gave the LAC an update on recent land management activities. A tract by tract update  
40 was detailed in a handout distributed to the LAC.



45 **Land Action Items**

46 Sackett introduced tract 1405 – originally presented as tract 0915 in 2009. This tract is a sandpit  
47 property, being offered again as a lease with a modified boundary from the previous offering.  
48 The LAC discussed the original concerns with the tract: old discarded metal, wood and  
49 equipment lying around causing potential predator issues, poor access (through active part of  
50 sandpit), very short term lease ending in 2019. Heaston also mentioned that the way the  
51 boundary is presented, there is no way to prevent public trespass from the river to the nesting  
52 area.

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54 **Merrill moved to recommend that the GC cease pursuit of tract 1402. Motion seconded by**  
55 **LaGrange. Motion voted on and passed unanimously.**

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57 Sackett then discussed a request by a neighbor to tract 2011001 (East). This neighbor currently  
58 possesses an easement to access his property through PRRIP land. The landowner has requested  
59 to purchase that easement in permanent fee title. The current easement states that if the  
60 landowner ever gains legal access to his property from the north, the easement across PRRIP  
61 land from the west is extinguished.

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63 **Public Forum**

64 Chairman Czaplewski asked for public comments, none were offered.

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67 **Closing Business**

68 **The next meeting of the LAC was scheduled for October 20, 2014 at 2 p.m. Central Time**  
69 **via conference call.**

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71 With no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Chairman Czaplewski at 9:50 a.m.