



PLATTE RIVER RECOVERY IMPLEMENTATION PROGRAM
Land Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
Conference Call
October 20, 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

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

None

**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

John Thorburn – Member, TBNRD

Executive Director’s Office (EDO)

Jerry Kenny, Executive Director
Bruce Sackett
Justin Brei
Jason Farnsworth
Tim Tunnell

Other Participants

None



1 **Welcome and Administrative**

2 Chairman Czapslewski called the meeting to order at 2:00 pm Central Time and the group
3 proceeded with introductions.

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5 Czapslewski asked for agenda modifications, none were requested.

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7 Czapslewski asked for the LAC's recommendation on the minutes of the August 26, 2014
8 meeting.

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10 **LaBonde made a motion to approve the minutes from the August 26, 2014 LAC meeting.**
11 **The motion was seconded by Rabbe and passed unanimously.**

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

14 *GC Update*

15 Czapslewski updated the LAC on recent GC activities. The GC last met September 9 & 10 in
16 Kearney, NE. The GC received an update on J-2 Reservoir progress, and several landowners
17 were present to provide public comment. Comments were received and documented in the
18 minutes. The GC approved allocation of money to offset lost tax income for counties where
19 reservoir land would be acquired.

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21 In other land items, the GC declined an offer to purchase in fee title a current easement on tract
22 2011001. The GC chose to continue pursuit of tract 1404, and chose not to further pursue tract
23 1405. The GC also authorized the EDO to exchange tracts 1406 and 1407 for tract 0832, a
24 parcel in the Kearney to Odessa bridge segment. The GC gave Nebraska Game and Parks
25 Commission a deadline (Noon Central time, November 3, 2014) to proffer written commitment
26 to purchase tract 1221. If the commitment is not offered, the EDO is authorized to sell the
27 property at auction.

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29 The next GC meeting is November 12, 2014 in Denver, CO.

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31 *Other Committee Coordination*

32 Sellers updated the LAC on recent TAC activities. The TAC has not met since the last LAC
33 meeting. Several TAC members travelled to the CAMNET Rendezvous at the Trinity River in
34 California. Sellers said many came away with a good appreciation for how the PRRIP is set up
35 compared to the program at the Trinity River. The TAC has also been reviewing the wetland
36 design for the Liehs wetland, which the LAC will discuss as well.

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38 Kenny gave an update on WAC activities. The WAC met last on August 12. They received
39 updates on water action plan projects, negotiations for leased water, including the possibility of
40 available storage in Elwood Reservoir, and improvements to the Phelps Canal recharge project.
41 The WAC also received a presentation on methods and processes for NDNR permitting.



45 **Land Management Update**

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

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49 **Election of Officers**

50 **Shadle moved to nominate Mark Czaplewski as LAC Chair for 2015, to cease nominations,**
51 **and to unanimously elect Czaplewski as Chair. Motion seconded by LaBonde. Motion**
52 **voted on and passed unanimously.**

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54 **Sellers moved to nominate John Shadle as LAC Vice-Chair for 2015, to cease nominations,**
55 **and to unanimously elect Shadle as Vice-Chair. Motion seconded by LaBonde. Motion**
56 **voted on and passed unanimously.**

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58 **Public Forum**

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

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61 **Closing Business**

62 **The next meeting of the LAC was scheduled for November 17, 2014 at 9 a.m. Central Time.**

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64 With no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Chairman Czaplewski at 2:45 p.m.