



**PLATTE RIVER RECOVERY IMPLEMENTATION PROGRAM**  
**Land Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes**  
**Conference Call**  
**August 15, 2016**

**Meeting Participants**

**Land Advisory Committee (LAC)**

**State of Wyoming**

Harry LaBonde, Member, Wyoming Water  
Development 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**

Dave Zorn – Member, Central Nebraska Public Power  
& Irrigation District  
John Shadle – Member (Vice-Chair), Nebraska Public  
Power District

**Environmental Entities**

Andrew Pierson – Member, Audubon Rowe Sanctuary

**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)**

Jerry Kenny, Executive Director  
Bruce Sackett  
Justin Brei  
Tim Tunnell

**Other Participants**

None



1 **Welcome and Administrative**

2 Chairman Czaplewski called the meeting to order at 9:15 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 February 23, 2016  
8 meeting.

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10 **LaBonde made a motion to approve the minutes from May 23, 2016 LAC meeting. The  
11 motion was seconded by Shadle and passed unanimously.**

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13 **Land Action Items**

14 Sackett discussed tract 1603, a fee title auction offering on a parcel of land near Wood River,  
15 NE. This tract is being considered as non-complex habitat to be developed into an off-channel  
16 sand & water nesting site. Sackett said that ideally the Program would find a contractor in need  
17 of fill material to perform the work in trade for the material, similar to how Leaman East Pit was  
18 constructed in 2011. To-date, Leaman East has had very good nesting numbers. Shadle asked if  
19 having two sites very close together was a bad thing. Farnsworth said that plovers, especially,  
20 are territorial and only a small number will nest on Leaman East. Having another site nearby  
21 would be useful.

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23 **Urie moved to forward tract 1603 to the Governance Committee with a recommendation to  
24 pursue acquisition as non-complex habitat. Motion seconded by LaGrange and passed  
25 unanimously.**

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27 **Public Forum**

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

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30 **Closing Business**

31 **The next meeting of the LAC will be scheduled as-needed.**

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33 With no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Chairman Czaplewski at 9:45 a.m.