



PLATTE RIVER RECOVERY IMPLEMENTATION PROGRAM
Land Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
May 16, 2017

Meeting Participants

Land Advisory Committee (LAC)

State of Wyoming

Lee Arrington, Member, Wyoming State Engineer's Office

State of Colorado

Suzanne Sellers – Member, Colorado Water Conservation Board (by phone)

State of Nebraska

Melissa Mosier – Alternate, Nebraska Department of Natural Resources (by phone)

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)

Dave Raffety – Member, TBNRD Landowner

Local Nebraska Rep. – Joint CPNRD/TBNRD

John Thorburn – Member, TBNRD

Executive Director's Office (EDO)

Jerry Kenny, Executive Director

Bruce Sackett

Justin Brei

Tim Tunnell

Jason Farnsworth

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 offered.

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7 Czaplewski asked for the LAC's recommendation on the minutes of the February 14, 2017
8 meeting, as amended by Rabbe.

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10 **Shadle made a motion to approve the minutes from February 14, 2017 LAC meeting, as
11 amended. The motion was seconded by Rabbe and passed unanimously.**

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13 **Land Offering Reviews**

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15 **Shadle moved to go into executive session with LAC members, alternates, and technical
16 staff to review details of land offerings. The motion was seconded by Merrill. The motion
17 carried and the committee entered executive session at 9:05 a.m.**

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19 **Shadle moved to come out of executive session. Merrill seconded and the motion carried.
20 The committee came out of executive session at 10:20 a.m**

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22 **Thorburn moved, seconded by Arrington, to accept the evaluation team's recommendation
23 on all offerings as follows:**

- 24 - **To recommend that the GC continue to pursue tracts 1701, 1702, and 1710.**
25 - **To recommend that the GC no longer pursue tracts 1709, 1711, 1712.**

26 **Motion passed unanimously.**

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28 The LAC chose not to take any official action on excess lands discussed during executive session. These
29 will be reviewed and acted upon by the Governance Committee.

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31 **Public Forum**

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

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34 **The next meeting of the LAC was scheduled for Wednesday, August 23, 2017 at 9:00 AM
35 central time.**

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37 **Public Access Program Review**

38 The LAC received a summary presentation of the 2016-2017 Platte River Recreation Access
39 (PRRA) Program season from Justin Haahr, Nebraska Game and Parks Commission.

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41 Following the presentation, Rabbe reported on the last meeting of the PRRA public meeting and
42 subcommittee meeting. The PRRA received two public comment letters, and four members of
43 the public attended the meeting. All comments received were positive. The subcommittee



44 discussed potential additions and changes to the PRRRA for the 2017-2018 season. The LAC
45 reviewed the suggested changes.

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47 **Merrill moved to recommend that the Public Access Policy closure dates be changed to**
48 **match the USFWS recommendations for whooping cranes (March 6 – April 29, and**
49 **October 9 – November 15). Motion seconded by Arrington and passed unanimously.**

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51 **Rabbe moved to recommend the following changes to the PRRRA for the 2017-2018 season:**

52 - **The PRRRA subcommittee will make an annual decision whether or not to hold a**
53 **public meeting on a case by case basis based on feedback during the year.**

54 **Written comments will always be accepted.**

55 - **Add PRRIP Tract 2012004 to the PRRRA for all uses except deer hunting, with a**
56 **maximum of two users.**

57 - **All rifle deer lottery users will be advised that sites have the potential to be**
58 **closed in the case of a late migration season, with closure as-needed based on**
59 **reported sightings in the valley.**

60 **Motion seconded by Arrington and passed unanimously.**

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62 With no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Chairman Czaplewski at 11:00 a.m.