

SUMMARY
Lower Platte River Basin Water Management Plan Coalition
Management Committee Meeting March 27, 2018, 10:30 to 1:30 P.M.
Offices of Lower Platte South NRD

Members In Attendance: P. Zillig (LPSNRD), M. Sousek (LENRD), R. Callan (LLNRD), M. Petermann (PMRNRD), D.Schueth (UENRD), D. Andersen (LPNNRD), A. Baum (ULNRD), J. Schellpeper (NeDNR)

Others In Attendance: S. Rock (HDR), J. Engel (HDR), G Aldridge (LPSNRD), P. Woodward (PMRNRD), D. Potter (LPSNRD), D. Wilcox (NARD), D. Ehrman (LPSNRD), D. Schulz (LPSNRD), S. Nevison (UENRD), T. Naprstek (LLNRD), J. Bradley (NeDNR), B. Bruckner (LENRD), J. Fassett (NeDNR), L. Rogers (FYRA Engineering), L. Schultz (LLNRD), K. Cameron (ENRWA)

I. Chair Callan called the meeting to order at 10:35 a.m.

II. Summary of Last Coalition Technical Committee Meeting

- Naprstek (Technical Committee Chair) provided a summary update of the January technical committee meeting. The committee's efforts to discuss annual reports formatting as well as the committee's recommendation that a scope be prepared for presentation to the Management Committee were highlighted. It was noted that a detailed summary of the committee meeting was emailed to all members.
- Bradley (NeDNR) provided the committee with an update on new proposed hydrologically connected area (HCA). It is expected that the preliminary HCA update will be finalized and available by the end of summer. The final product will be delivered and discussed with the Technical Committee, however it is anticipated that any changes won't impact the current 1st increment of the basin plan.

III. Member Review of Annual Reports

- Members reviewed annual reports, respectively: Naprstek (LLNRD), Ehrman (LPSNRD), Woodward (PMRNRD), Nevison (UENRD), Schellpeper (NeDNR), Bruckner (LENRD), Andersen (LPNNRD), Baum (ULNRD). Question and answer session on the annual reports ensued. There was discussion regarding acres being banked following transfers, as well as issues related to the difference between certified acres vs actual irrigated acres and the impact of that discrepancy to accounting streamflow in the basin. There was also discussion regarding the reporting of full consumptive uses of new depletions, it was requested that the current year reports not be modified but changes be implemented on reports in future years.

IV. Draft Scope Review & Discussion

- Engel (HDR) provided an overview of the draft scope prepared for the committee at the recommendation of the Technical Committee. The 6-task series scope proposes to support the work of the Coalition to develop a database to compile, store and report data. There was general support from members of the committee. It was discussed that there will need to be two separate contracts for the scope, with work to be done under a USGS Grant and work specific to the Coalition to be split. HDR will work with members to compile a detailed breakout of those specific contract items and estimated costs. It was discussed that following that work, the information would be shared and discussed via email with the committee.

V. FY 18-19 Budget Discussion

- Wilcox (NARD) provided the group with updated financials for the Coalition. With no FY 17-18 Income and FY 17-18 Expenses totaling \$8.48. Total Coalition income (FY13-FY18) totals \$680,832.86 with expenses totaling \$356,814.57 for a net of \$324,018.29. It was discussed that approximately \$40,000 would be required to finish out existing contract scope with HDR. While the expenses of the proposed amendment to the scope with HDR have not been compiled yet, it is estimated that costs will be well below the current balance. It was recommended and supported by members of the management committee that the board not assess dues for FY 18-19. Once estimated cost for the proposed scope is compiled within the next 2 weeks, a budget will be distributed to committee members for review. The budget will then be presented to the board for action at the April annual meeting. It was noted that the Coalition budget has carried a \$250,000 line item for Plan Implementation for the last 2 years but given the extra time to complete the plan there have been no implementation expenses to date.

VI. April Annual Meeting Discussion

- The agenda for the April 20th annual meeting was discussed. The committee agreed that the technical committee would work to summarize the annual reports for the meeting with the technical committee providing the board a general overview of all annual reports. Other proposed agenda items discussed included: Dues/Budget, Scope Update, Lower Platte Consortium and Dean Eisenhower presentation.

VII. Other

- There was no other business.

VIII. Public Comment

- There was no Public Comment.

IX. Chair Callan Adjourned the meeting at 1:17 p.m.