

SUMMARY

**Lower Platte River Basin Water Management Plan Coalition
Basin Wide Plan Coalition Annual Board Meeting
April 20, 2018 1:30 pm
Offices of Lower Loup NRD
2620 Airport Rd, Ord, NE**

Board Members Present: Jim Adams (LLNRD), Dennis Schultz (LENRD), Rich Tesar (PMRNRD), Jesse Bradley (NeDNR), Chip Whitaker (UENRD), Greg Osborn (LPSNRD), John Winkler (PMRNRD), Dave Kathol (LENRD), Don Jacobson (LPSNRD), Larry Feala (LPNNRD), Henry Thone (LLNRD), Tim Andersen (ULNRD), Bobbie Jo Christensen (ULNRD), Bob Hilger (LPNNRD), Curtis Gotschall (UENRD),

Others: A. Baum (ULNRD), D. Schueth (UENRD), P. Woodward (PMRNRD), M. Petermann (PMRNRD), R. Callan (LLNRD), D. Andersen (LPNNRD), D. Wilcox (NARD), P. Zillig (LPSNRD), M. Sousek (LENRD), S. Nevison (UENRD), J. Engel (HDR), D. Schulz (LPSNRD), T. Naprstek (LLNRD)

- I. Introductions – Chair Hilger (LPNNRD) called the meeting to order at 1:33 p.m. Roll call was taken, and a quorum was present with each member represented. Notification of publication in the Lincoln Journal Star was provided and a copy of the open meetings act was made available. All attendees introduced themselves and indicated who they represented.
- II. Eisenhower (UNL) gave a presentation on conservation practices and the impact of land use and cropping impacts to water use.
- III. Callan (LLNRD) Management Committee Chair, provided a summary of discussion from the last (March) Management Committee Meeting and referenced a summary of the meeting. It was reported that each Coalition member had approved the Interlocal Agreement with the purpose of adoption of the basin wide plan. Bradley (NeDNR) provided discussion highlighting that details regarding how split of allowable depletions from the plan would be addressed through individual NRD/NeDNR IMPs.
- IV. Naprstek (LLNRD) Technical Committee Chair, provided a review of member annual reports and total depletions. Copies of each of the 8-member annual reports were available and a summary of total annual depletions was provided.
- V. Engel (HDR) provided an overview of the draft scope prepared for the committee at the recommendation of the Management and Technical Committees. 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.
- VI. Wilcox (NARD) provided the group with updated financials for the Coalition. Total Coalition income (FY13-FY18) was \$680,832.86 with expenses totaling

\$356,814.57 for a net of \$324,018.29. 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. A budget for FY 18-19 was presented to the board. There was discussion that approximately \$40,000 would be required to finish out existing contract scope with HDR and the existing funds would cover the cost of the proposed scope amendment for development of a database tool. It was discussed that the management committee recommendation was that the board not assess dues for FY 18-19. A motion was made by Adams (LLNRD) and seconded by Winkler (PMRNRD) to approve the Financials and FY19 budget – Following a roll call vote the motion carried all in favor.

- VII. Engel (HDR) provided the group with a presentation highlighting work of the Lower Platte River Consortium.
- VIII. Adjourn – With no other business or public comments Chair Hilger called the meeting adjourned at 3:04 p.m.

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