



PLATTE RIVER RECOVERY IMPLEMENTATION PROGRAM (PRRIP or Program)
Finance Committee (FC) Meeting Minutes
 February 13, 2019

Finance Committee (FC)

State of Wyoming

Harry LaBonde – Member (Chair)

Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation)

Chris Beardsley – Member

Brock Merrill – Alternate

State of Colorado

JoJo La – Member

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service)

Tom Econopouly – Alternate

State of Nebraska

Jeff Fassett – Member

Environmental Entities

N/A

Upper Platte Water Users

Dennis Strauch – Member

Colorado Water Users

Alan Berryman – Member

Rich Belt – Alternate

Downstream Water Users

Mark Czaplewski – Member

Devin Brundage – Member

Executive Director's Office (EDO)

Jason Farnsworth, ED

Chad Smith, DED

Dave Baasch

Tim Tunnell

**Welcome & Administrative**

LaBonde called the meeting to order at 10:03 AM Central Time. Smith completed a roll call.

La requested a change in the November 06, 2018 minutes to identify her as a FC member. Smith agreed to make the edit.

FC Decision – *La moved to approve the November 06, 2018 FC minutes as amended; Beardsley seconded. Minutes approved.*

PRRIP Independent Scientific Advisory Committee (ISAC)

Smith discussed the 2019 amendments for ISAC members. La asked about ISAC involvement in 2019 and whether that is an increase in effort, and how the ISAC will be addressing pallid sturgeon this year. Smith said a summer meeting for the ISAC is typical but has not happened in the last couple of years because of a different pattern of ISAC work. The meeting this summer will be focused on ISAC input on updated the AMP. As per GC direction, pallid sturgeon issues will be caught up in the AMP update process. La asked about deliverables. Smith said the ISAC will provide the typical deliverable of a final report to the GC that should be available by March of the following year.

FC Decision – *Strauch moved to approve the 2019 ISAC contract amendments; Fassett seconded. Contract amendments approved.*

PRRIP Predator Trapping

Smith discussed the 2019 agreement for predator trapping on Program properties. LaBonde asked what form of trapping this is. Baasch said generally live trapping that are dog-proof but when cyanide is used then all access to sites is restricted. Czaplewski said in the bottom two paragraphs in Page 1 there is a misspelling of the Dippel Tract. Baasch said that edit would be made. Czaplewski asked about the agreement period and GC approval. Smith said it is a one-year agreement and FC approval will be final approval of the agreement and trapping will commence. Merrill asked if USDA said why there was a jump in the personnel cost. Baasch said it is related to adding an additional trapping site.

FC Decision – *Czaplewski moved to approve the 2019 predator trapping agreement; Brundage seconded. Agreement approved.*

PRRIP Land Management

Farnsworth discussed the 2019 RFB for chemical application on Program properties. La asked if the RFB anticipates enough budget to cover not only spraying but also associated costs identified in the RFB like maintenance, fencing, etc. Tunnell said yes our budget estimates should be solid. Czaplewski asked if we can still meet the necessary dates. Tunnell said we would get on it as soon as the RFB is approved and we will follow the Procurement Policy to get a contractor on board in the right amount of time.

FC Decision – *Czaplewski moved to approve the 2019 spraying RFB; Strauch seconded. RFP approved.*

Meeting adjourned at 10:28 AM Central Time.

Summary of Action Items/Decisions from February 13, 2019 FC Meeting

- 1) Approved the November 06, 2018 FC minutes.
- 2) Approved the 2019 ISAC contract amendments.
- 3) Approved the 2019 predator trapping agreement.
- 4) Approved the 2019 spraying RFB.