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TO: Integrated Management Subcommittee

DATE: April 14, 2014

FROM: Glenn D. Johnson, General Manager 

SUBJECT: Integrated Management Plan Subcommittee meeting.

The Integrated Management Subcommittee met on Friday, April 11, 2014, at 1:00 PM at the NRD Office in Lincoln. Members present included Dave Potter, Bob Andersen, Daryl Bohac, Ann Bleed, Greg Osborn, Karen Amen, Don Jacobson, Ron Svoboda, and Ron Case. Support staff present included Dan Schulz, Dick Ehrman, Paul Zillig and Glenn Johnson. Jesse Bradley and Amy Zollar from the NE Department of Natural Resources were also in attendance.

A copy of the agenda and materials is attached to the file copy of the minutes. These included a summary of the prioritization exercise done earlier in the planning process on the goals and objectives, rating them on IMPACT and EFFORT. Department staff had identified and highlighted the objectives that appeared to be the highest priority.

The agenda include a review of the purpose of the meeting which was to have a conversation with NDNR about the process and schedule for implementation of the Integrated Management Plan and the general priorities.

Jesse described three main priority areas for the Department, including the Inventory, coordination with the Lower Platte Basin planning effort, and information and education. Under Inventory, he talked about sharing data and information, the importance of working from the same information base, their INSIGHT program, and future ground water modeling. The Department has an RFP out for selecting a consultant to develop a model of the eastern part of the state, to be completed in approximately two years. INSIGHT will provide a good process for monitoring the progress of the IMP and is expected to become the new standard by which the non-fully appropriated basins will be reviewed, annually.

He welcomed discussion with the NRD about the modeling which is primarily of the hydrologically connected areas, but would be open to consider other needs and collaboration. The Department will subsequently be updating the maps of the hydrologically connected areas after the modelling is completed.

The Department feels a high priority need will be to look at possible future water supplies, likely to be sourced from out of the NRD, but within the Lower Platte Basin. The

Department will apply its resources and experience to help identify areas in the subbasins where water supplies are available in greater quantities, and to assist with water banking planning. The joint effort between the Department and the Lower Platte River Basin Coalition in basin-wide water management planning will provide a response to a number of the IMP goals and objectives.

The Department anticipates that the NRD with its strong information and education outreach program will be the lead, but they will look for opportunities for joint efforts.

Jesse noted that the NRD has a number of the ground water controls actively in-place and operational. A surface water control that the Department may consider is to mirror the NRDs efforts through a voluntary surface water use reporting, and moving to mandatory if appropriate. Another area for collaboration discussed was with stream gaging; the Department has a variety of gages and gage types that might be used to fill gaps and expand the information network.

Johnson explained that the adopted IMP included the following several work items for 2014 to be added as plan components:

- Process to collect municipal and rural water district and non-municipal industrial water use
- Procedure to track depletions and gains to streamflows
- Monitoring for changes in water use, water supply, land use, population and water consumption

The subcommittee meeting adjourned at 2:12 PM.

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