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Memorandum

Date: April 24, 2025
To: Platte River Subcommittee and F&P Subcommittee
From: David Potter, Assistant General Manager 
RE: April 23rd Platte River Subcommittee Meeting Minutes.

The Platte River Subcommittee met in person at the District office on Wednesday, April 23, 2025. The only action item was to develop recommendations for the FY26 budget and updates for the FY27-30 Long Range Implementation Plan (LRIP). Subcommittee members in attendance included Gary Hellerich, Gary Aldridge, Chuck Hassebrook, Seth Hawkins, Don Jacobson, and Larry Ruth. Members absent included Christine Lamberty and Suzanne Mealer. Others attending the meeting were Bob Andersen and David Potter. The meeting was called to order by Chair Hellerich at 5:35 p.m. and the agenda was reviewed.

The FY25 accomplishments for each program (Lower Platte River Corridor Alliance and Platte River), the nine-month update of the measurable goal(s), and the Natural Resources Benefits of Practices and Programs Table were reviewed and discussed. Potter provided information on the Alliance and how the two programs work together regarding the budget. Following discussion on the accomplishments, the LRIP and budget status codes and Master Plan goals, desired outcomes and objectives were identified. The subcommittee then discussed the proposed actions and expenditures for FY26 and for FY2027-2030. Potter explained each action item and proposed expenditure for each program and recapped some corresponding FY25 accomplishments and expenditures. The subcommittee discussed in some detail the ice jam agreement, control of invasive species and noxious weeds, Nebraska Land Trust, and the Lower Platte River Restoration and Resiliency Study with USACE. Updated information was received after the proposed LRIP was sent to the subcommittee. Potter identified the following changes to the Platte River program: interlocal agreement with PMRNRD for cameras changed to \$3,500 for FY26-FY30; removal of revenue for maintenance of Western Sarpy/Clear Creek Project for FY26; and removal of expenditure and revenue for USACE agreement with OFWC on Cedar Creek Levee Rehab for FY26. He also noted that there will possibly be future changes to the number of agencies comprising the Lower Platte River Corridor Alliance and annual dues if the legislation to merge NeDNR and NDEE is approved.

With no additional modifications, additions, or deletions, it was moved by Hassebrook, seconded by Hawkins, to submit the final FY 2026 Actions and Budget Requests and the FY 2027-2030 Actions and Proposed Expenditures as presented to the Finance and Planning Subcommittee for inclusion in the first draft of the FY26 Budget and LRIP.

It was moved by Aldridge to amend the motion by changing the proposed expenditure for maintenance of the Western Sarpy/Clear Creek Project for FY26 on document page 23 from \$50,000 to \$0. Motion died from lack of a second.

Main motion was approved 5-1, with Aldridge voting no.

Potter informed and discussed the following items with the subcommittee:

- The next LPRCA meeting will be held on May 9, 2025, at the LPSNRD office starting at 10:00 a.m.
- The Platte River airboat tour will be held on June 6th.
- A copy of the 2024 Tern and Plover Annual Report for the Lower Platte River was distributed to the subcommittee.
- Update and photos of the Platte River Obstruction Project near the railroad bridges. Project should be completed and billed out by end of the fiscal year.

With no further business or discussion, the meeting was adjourned by Chair Hellerich at 6:53 p.m.

Encl.

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