




LOWER PLATTE SOUTH natural resources district

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Memorandum

TO: Board of Directors
DATE: July 14, 2022
FROM: David Potter, Assistant General Manager 
SUBJECT: Integrated Management Subcommittee meeting minutes.

The Integrated Management Subcommittee met virtually (via Zoom) on Monday, July 11, 2022, at 5:00 p.m. Members present included Lisa Lewis, Bob Andersen, Gary Hellerich, Bruce Johnson, Mark Spangler, Anthony Schutz, and Ken Vogel. Members absent included Don Jacobson. Others present were Paul Zillig and David Potter. The meeting was called to order at 5:02 by Chair Lewis.

The only action item was consideration of the Lower Platte River Consortium Interlocal Cooperative Agreement. In August 2016, the District entered into an Interlocal Agreement with Lower Platte North NRD, Papio-Missouri River NRD, City of Lincoln-water, Metropolitan Utilities District (MUD), and the Nebraska Department of Natural Resources (NeDNR) to form the Lower Platte River Consortium. The agreed upon purpose of the Consortium is to (1) evaluate long-term water supplies available to the Lower Platte River sub-basin for enhancing stream flows or aquifer storage to support sustainable public water systems and (2) to implement the Drought Plan. The duration of the agreement was for three (3) years beginning September 27, 2016. In 2019 the agreement was amended to extend the duration to September 27, 2020. In 2020 the agreement was amended to extend it for one more year. In October 2021 it was again amended to extend it to 2022. With some work completed and more work planned by the Consortium, the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement was recently revised. The Consortium voting members recommended approval of the 2022 Agreement and recommended all participating agencies to formally adopt the agreement. The duration of the new agreement will be for one year from the execution date by the last party and may be extended for successive one-year terms by the mutual agreement of all parties, up to ten additional terms. There are no dues associated with the agreement and no other financial obligations are identified at this time.

The study conducted by the Consortium has led to the development of a Drought Contingency Plan. The Lower Platte River Drought Contingency Plan was approved by the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation (BOR) on September 30, 2019 as a requirement of their Water Smart Grand funding and approved by LPSNRD on December 18, 2019 on behalf of the Consortium. Funding was also obtained through the Water Sustainability Fund (WSF). The complete Plan can be found on the LPSNRD website at <https://www.lpsnrd.org/lower-platte-river-consortium>. A tabletop exercise (drought workshop) was held on August 24, 2021 and the Consortium continues to hold regular meetings to discuss drought conditions and possible actions. The last Consortium meeting was held at Lake Wanahoo on June 23, 2022.

The proposed interlocal cooperative agreement was provided to the subcommittee. Terms of the interlocal agreement, future project finances, and updates of the Consortium were discussed. **It was moved by Andersen, seconded B. Johnson and unanimously approved to recommend the Board of Directors authorize the General Manager to approve the Lower Platte River Consortium Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between LPSNRD, LPNRRD, PMRNRD, City of Lincoln, MUD, and NeDNR, subject to legal counsel review.**

With no further business, the subcommittee meeting adjourned at 5:22 p.m.