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Memorandum

Date: February 10, 2023
To: Board of Directors
From: David Potter, Assistant General Manager *DP*
RE: Platte River Subcommittee February 9, 2023 Meeting Minutes.

The Platte River Subcommittee met via Zoom on Thursday, February 9, 2023. Subcommittee members in attendance included Ken Vogel, Gary Hellerich, Don Jacobson, Christine Lamberty, Anthony Schutz, and Ray Stevens. Directors absent included Ron Nolte and Luke Peterson. Assistant Manager David Potter also attended. The meeting was called to order by Chair Vogel at 5:05 p.m. and the agenda was reviewed. The one action item on the agenda for consideration was an **Interlocal Cooperation Agreement with Papio-Missouri River NRD for River Observation Cameras**.

Potter stated that in 2021 cameras were installed at key locations along the Platte River at Columbus, Schuyler, North Bend, Fremont and Leshara. These cameras will allow observation during potential ice jam and flooding situations in the Platte system. Here is a link to the cameras: <https://apps.usgs.gov/hivis/>. PMRNRD has worked with the USGS to install three additional cameras, two on the Elkhorn River at Winslow and West Point and one on the Platte River at Ashland. See the attached map of current and proposed camera locations.

In December 2022, the LPSNRD Board approved an interlocal cooperation agreement with PMRNRD and LENRD for the Elkhorn/Platte River Cameras project. Lower Elkhorn NRD did not approve the interlocal agreement, therefore that agreement was not executed and is void. A revised interlocal agreement has been proposed to cover the costs. The USGS would contribute to each gage and provide the equipment and maintenance while LPSNRD and PMRNRD would split the local cost-share. LPSNRD would provide only half the local share for the camera near Ashland, with PMRNRD providing the other half. The cost is the same for LPSNRD as it was in the agreement considered last December. See the cost breakdown for the three-year agreement below:

	FY23 (Equip & Install)	FY24 (Maintenance)	FY 25 (Maintenance approx. values)
Papio NRD	\$21,479.00	\$7,783.00	\$8,196.00
LPSNRD	\$4,296.00	\$1,557.00	\$1,639.00
USGS	\$23,260.00	\$3,115.00	\$3,280.00
Total	\$49,035.00	\$12,455.00	\$13,115

The Interlocal Cooperation Agreement which reflects this arrangement was provided to the subcommittee and is attached. Also attached is a copy of the previous agreement showing the changes made. The goal was to get the cameras up prior to ice jam season. The camera near Ashland is already functional and can be accessed at:

[https://usgs-nims-images.s3.amazonaws.com/overlay/NE Platte River near Ashland/NE Platte River near Ashland_newest.jpg](https://usgs-nims-images.s3.amazonaws.com/overlay/NE%20Platte%20River%20near%20Ashland/NE%20Platte%20River%20near%20Ashland_newest.jpg)

The subcommittee discussed the benefits of the cameras and information gathered from the ones already in place. The cameras are currently set up to take shots every 15 minutes and past photos are accessible on the HIVIS Dashboard and are also archived by USGS.

It was moved by Stevens, seconded by Hellerich, and unanimously approved to recommend the Board of Directors approve the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement with PMRNRD for the Elkhorn/Platte River Cameras project.

With no further business or discussion, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 5:15 p.m.