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Memorandum

Date: April 10, 2020
To: Platte River Subcommittee
From: David Potter, Assistant General Manager
Subject: April 9, 2020 Platte River Subcommittee Meeting Minutes

The Platte River Subcommittee had a virtual (Go-To) meeting on Thursday, April 9th hosted from the Lower Platte South NRD office. Subcommittee members participating included Milt Schmidt, Karen Amen, Gary Hellerich, Chelsea Johnson, Dan Steinkruger, and Ray Stevens. Members not participating included Don Jacobson and Sarah Wilson. Others participating were Greg Osborn, Paul Zillig and David Potter. The meeting was called to order at 5:35 p.m. by Acting Chair Chelsea Johnson.

The first item was consideration of a USGS stream gage agreement extension or modification between USGS and the Lower Platte River Corridor Alliance (LPRCA). This is the monitoring gage on the Platte River Chute near Camp Ashland that is funded entirely by the Nebraska National Guard through the LPRCA. It's a one-year extension without any cost to the LPRCA or the National Guard due to last year's flooding which compromised the gage(s). **It was moved by Hellerich, seconded by Stevens and unanimously approved to recommend to the Board of Directors a joint funding agreement modification between USGS and LPRCA for the National Guard Platte River Chute Monitoring Gage to extend water quality monitoring for an additional year at no additional cost.**

The second item was the FY2020 Platte River program area accomplishments. Subcommittee members discussed both the LPRCA and Platte River accomplishments with primary focus on the Alliance, the Lower Platte River Watershed Restoration Program, Nebraska Land Trust, ice jam agreement, and stream gages.

The subcommittee reviewed the LRIP and budget codes and master plan visions and objectives associated with the actions and accomplishments.

Following the discussion of the FY2020 Accomplishments, the Subcommittee discussed the FY2021 proposed actions and expenditures and the FY2022-2025 proposed actions and expenditures. There were questions and discussion on support of Tern and Plover Study contribution and Nebraska Land Trust. Hellerich left the meeting at 6:22 p.m. **It was moved by Stevens, seconded by Amen and unanimously approved to submit the final FY2021 actions and budget requests and the FY22-25 actions and proposed expenditures to the Finance and Planning subcommittee for inclusion in the first draft of the FY2021 LPSNRD Budget and LRIP.**

With no further business or discussion, the meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

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