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QUARTERLY MEETING FINAL AGENDA

Tuesday, October 21, 2014 9:00 a.m.

Papio-Missouri River NRD

8901 S 154th Street, Omaha, NE 68138

1. Call to Order / Introductions

Meeting was called to order by Meghan Sittler at 9:03 AM

2. Proof of Legal Notice/Publication

Legal Notice was published in the Omaha World Herald on October 9, 2014

3. Adoption of Agenda [**ACTION**]

Agenda was adopted by consensus.

4. Approval of LPRCA Minutes from August 5th, 2014 Meeting [**ACTION**]

Minutes from the August 5th, 2014 meeting were approved by consensus.

5. Nebraska Archeology—Rob Bozell, Nebraska State Historical Society

Rob Bozell from the Nebraska State Historical Society gave a presentation on Nebraska Archeology and Heritage Management. Bozell presented on the significance of preservation efforts and outlined the processes involved in the identification of archeologically significant sites as well as the legal aspects involved in preserving such sites.

6. Water Quality Monitoring Network & Predictive work—Dave Rus, Matt Moser, USGS

Dave Rus from the USGS Water Science Center gave a presentation updating the progress of the Water-Quality Monitoring Network. Rus gave a quick overview of the history of the monitoring network and reviewed the results from 2014. Rus also gave insight into the future of the Water-Quality Monitoring Network moving forward stating that data collection will continue through the 2015 field season at Shell, Salt, Elkhorn, and Platte sites. Additionally the report will be converted into an interactive website before next field season.

7. DNR Floodplain Programs--Mitch Paine, DNR

Mitch Paine from the Nebraska Department of Natural Resources discussed the following topics:

a. Flood Risk & Comprehensive Planning

-Paine stated that historically the DNR has focused on short term planning when it comes to flood risk management, however long term planning is now becoming

more prevalent. The DNR is now reviewing all comprehensive plans and is comparing how they address long term planning.

b. Nebraska Highwater Sign Initiative

Paine also introduced the Nebraska Highwater Sign Initiative. The Initiative is a partnership with the Nebraska Silver Jackets that will identify locations and place signs to educate the public on flood zones and historical high water levels.

8. LPRCA GIS Needs

Meghan Sittler discussed the GIS needs of the LPRCA moving forward. Sittler introduced ESRI's ArcGIS Online product for consideration as a viable option.

9. Lower Platte River Summit

Meghan Sittler reviewed the tentative plans for the Lower Platte River Summit on November 6th, 2014 at Camp Carol Joy Holling. Sittler introduced the schedule for the day's activities and gave some background on how the theme and activities for this year's Summit were chosen.

10. NRD Integrated Management Plans Update

Glenn Johnson from LPSNRD stated that the LPSNRD IMP is in the process of adding some components that deal with monitoring requirements and emergency drought response. LPSNRD is currently negotiating those services.

Marlin Petermann from Papio-Missouri NRD stated that they were in the process of adopting the ground water control required within the IMP and that the DNR will follow with the surface water control portion.

Petermann also stated that the Lower Platte Basin Water Plan effort has hired HDR and the Flatwater Group to assist with preparing the final goals and objectives. They will hold a management meeting on December 13th, 2014.

11. WRDA Authorized Project Updates

- a. Deadman's Run-** There is a meeting with the Army Corps of Engineers earlier this week looking at phase I environmental impact study. There is an 18 month timeline for a feasibility study. There is a desire to have an expanded public involvement campaign that is beyond what is required in the Corps 205 process.
- b. Sand Creek**
-Sand Creek is currently finishing the re-seeding process. September 5th, 2015 the contracts will close on this project.
- c. Fremont & Schuyler 205**
-Fremont 205 project general investigation revealed that the entire project associated costs are approximately \$50-55 million with an anticipated benefit over the lifetime of the project being approximately \$80 million.

-the Schuyler 205 project had an original projected completion date of November 18th, 2014. Contractors now stating they will not meet that deadline and are anticipating completion in Spring 2015.

d. Western Sarpy Clear Creek

Segment 4B is under construction and segment 5 will be out to bid in early November. The land rights have been negotiated and completion is anticipated for Summer 2015.

e. Lower Platte River Watershed Authority-Continuing to work with the Army Corps of Engineers.

12. Next Meeting Date **[ACTION]**

Wednesday January 21, 2015 at LPNDRD @ 9 AM

13. Public Comment

None

14. Adjourn

Meeting was adjourned at 10:51AM

NOTES

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