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## **Monthly Report for January 2016**

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### **LPRCA Quarterly Meeting**

The LPRCA held its Quarterly Meeting on Tuesday, January 19<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. at LPNDR in Wahoo. Despite the snow and bad roads we had 30 brave souls who made the trek. The primary presentation was provided by Caleb Uerling, who is a graduate student at the UNL School of Natural Resources. Caleb, along with Dr. Marty Hammel and Dr. Mark Pegg, is conducting fish and macroinvertebrate monitoring at Camp Ashland. Other items discussed at the meeting included an update on the recreation plan, initial discussion of the this year's Lower Platte River Summit and LPRCA 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, ice conditions on the Platte River and the potential expansion of the real-time water quality monitoring network to a fifth site at Leshara. The LPRCA has met with MUD regarding partnership on that fifth site and will be discussing this further with the NRDs in the upcoming month. The next Quarterly Meeting is scheduled for May 3, 2016 at 9 a.m. at LPSNRD in Lincoln.

### **Recreation Plan**

In December I presented a summary of the recreation plan to a portion of the City of Ashland's economic development committee, their Mayor and City Clerk. I also met with a member of the Nebraska Airboat Association and Ashland Fire & Rescue about potential new or improved access on Salt Creek. In January we began planning the public meetings. We anticipate beginning with meetings in Ashland, Fremont and Columbus in late February and into March. Meeting dates will be sent to LPRCA members and posted on the LPRCA website when they are finalized. Additional meeting locations and times may be set following those meetings. NGPC and NPS will be helping conduct the meetings as well.

### **Lower Platte River Summit & LPRCA 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

It's once again the year for the Lower Platte River Summit. This year also marks the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the LPRCA. I will be working to arrange a special event, most likely this summer, to celebrate the important work and collaboration that has filled those twenty years. Stay tuned! I would also like to incorporate our anniversary into the Summit and structure presentations, the tour, and other items to look back at the history of the LPRCA, the changes within the Corridor and the watershed, and what may lay ahead. The LPRCA is asking for volunteers to serve on the steering committee to assist with speaker recruitment, advertising, fundraising/sponsorship and attendee recruitment. Please let me know if you are interested in helping put together another successful Summit this fall!

### **Upcoming Events:**

Nebraska Wildlife Society Conference, Kearney: March 8-10.

NARD Washington DC Conference, Embassy Suites, Washington DC: March 11-16

2016 Global Water for Food Conference, April 24-26, Innovation Campus, Lincoln.

LPRCA Quarterly Meeting, May 3, 2016, 9:00 a.m., LPSNRD in Lincoln.