



Lower Platte River CORRIDOR ALLIANCE

MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, October 12, 2010 9:30 a.m.

Location – Papio-Missouri River NRD

8901 S 154th Street, Omaha, NE

1. **CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS:** The meeting was called to order at 9:37 by Meghan Sittler. Introductions were made at this time.
2. **PROOF OF LEGAL NOTICE/PUBLICATION:** Meeting notice was published October 5, 2010 in the *Omaha World Herald*.
3. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA:** The agenda was approved by consensus.
4. **APPROVAL OF LPRCA MINUTES FROM JULY 26, 2010 MEETING:** The minutes were approved by consensus.
5. **CUMULATIVE IMPACT STUDY**
Jeff Greenwald provided an update on the CIS. Data collection was completed during the summer months. USGS is currently analyzing compiling the collected data and field notes. The sediment samples were dropped at the USACE and will be sent to the lab for grain size analysis based on where they were collected. The reports from USGS are anticipated to be delivered by the end of the calendar year.
6. **PRESENTATION: JASON ALEXANDER, USGS “SANDBAR MONITORING PROPOSAL”**
Jason Alexander provided an overview of a proposed work to collect data related to sandbar location and geometry to better understand the formation of sandbars based on river hydrology and geomorphology and relate that information to tern & plover habitat on the Lower Platte River.
7. **RIVER OBSTRUCTION REMOVAL PROJECT AT TWO RIVERS STATE RECREATION AREA**
Don Day (Olsson Associates) provided an overview of cost estimates for the removal at TRA. The estimates were for: 1) use of a causeway; 2) constructing a temporary bridge; 3) using “swamp buggy” equipment to work within the river. The costs for option 2 and 3 are greatly escalated over the use of a causeway. Frank Albrecht will be following up about cost for temporary bridges and we will be working to arrange a meeting with the USACE and USFWS to discussion options.
8. **ENVIRONMENTAL SUITABILITY ANALYSIS**
Matt Pillard from HDR updated everyone on the ESA report, viewer, outreach plan and LSA model.

9. **AERIAL IMAGERY AVAILABILITY:** Brian Henkel from P-MNRD gave an update on the availability of different aerial imagery for the lower Platte River area.

10. WRDA AUTHORIZED PROJECT UPDATES

- a. Antelope Valley: Glenn Johnson stated that currently they are still working towards an operations and maintenance manual.
- b. Sand Creek: Lake Wanahoo is approximately 99% completely. The cover crop is being completed and the county has place crushed rock on top of the dam to allow the roadway to open. Additionally, the recreation construction has started north and west of the dam.
- c. Fremont and Schuyler 205: Stakeholder meetings are continuing with communities and interests surrounding the project sites.
- d. Western Sarpy Clear Creek: Land rights are still being gathered for some segments. The levee on the Sarpy side is under contract. The Corps of Engineers has begun an upstream project on the Saunders County side. Negotiations are beginning for the easement needed with Saunders County to complete the work near the Guard Camp.
- e. Lower Platte River Watershed Authority: The district commander, chief of planning, deputy engineer, deputy chief of planning and others from the USACE spent a day in early October touring LPR project sites and resources with LPRCA representatives. It was very positive day. We will continue to work with them on support for the watershed restoration project.

11: MEMBER UPDATES/CURRENT EFFORTS

None reported

12. OTHER BUSINESS

None reported

13. PUBLIC COMMENT

None made

15. NEXT MEETING DATE

By consensus the next meeting was scheduled for January 18th at 9:30 a.m. at the LPNMRD office.

16. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:54 a.m.