

PLATTE BASIN COALITION (PBC) MEETING

Thursday, February 19, 2026, at 1:00 p.m. Central Time

Virtual Meeting via Zoom Conference

MINUTES

1. Welcome/Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Kent Miller, Chair, at 1:00 PM. As directed by state statute, the Open Meetings Act was displayed during the meeting.

2. Roll Call

PBC ILCA Representatives

Kent Miller, TPNRD	Scott Schaneman, NPNRD
John Thorburn, TBNRD	Lyndon Vogt, CPNRD
Galen Wittrock, SPNRD	Sam Capps, DWEE (Alternate)

Others in Attendance*

Jack Mensinger, DWEE	Caitlin Kingsley, DWEE	Ann Dimmitt, TPNRD
Ryan Reisdorff, SPNRD	Jeff Shafer, NPPD	Travis Preston, NPNRD
Brandi Flyr, CPNRD		

*Shaded areas indicate online attendees.

3. Publication of Meeting Notices ([Attachment 3](#))

- *North Platte Telegraph*: February 12, 2026
- *Sidney Sun-Telegraph*: February 12, 2026
- *Grand Island Independent*: February 12, 2026
- *Kearney Hub*: February 12, 2026
- *Scottsbluff Star Herald*: February 12, 2026

4. Agenda Review and Approval ([Attachment 4](#))

MOTION: *To approve the February 19, 2026, meeting agenda.*

Move: Lyndon Vogt

Second: John Thorburn

Discussion: None.

Motion passed unanimously.

5. Review and Approval of the September 30, 2025, Minutes ([Attachment 5](#))

MOTION: *To approve the December 4, 2025, meeting minutes.*

Move: Galen Wittrock

Second: Scott Schaneman

Discussion: None.

Motion passed unanimously.

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6. Budget Updates

A. Budget

i. FY 2025-2026 (*Attachment 6Ai*)

Caitlin Kingsley (DWEE) reported that there have not been updates to the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 budget (*Attachment 6Ai*) since the December meeting.

ii. Studies (*Attachment 6Aii*)

Caitlin reviewed updates to the Studies budget (*Attachment 6Aii*). New TFG invoices #25-3616) and #25-3615 are highlighted in yellow. HDR's drought planning contracts have been moved to the Completed Studies section.

iii. Operations (*Attachment 6Aiii*)

Caitlin reviewed the annual Operations budget (*Attachment 6Aiii*). South Platte NRD holds the liability insurance policy on behalf of the PBC.

B. Contracts and Agreements

i. Other contracts and agreements

No contracts or agreements were presented.

C. Invoices for Approval

i. Annual Liability Insurance Invoice (*Attachment 6Ci*)

MOTION: To approve the annual liability insurance invoice for the total of \$5,062.00 and the cost per party as shown in the Operations budget memo *Attachment 6Aiii*.

Move: Sam Capps

Second: Lyndon Vogt

Discussion: Caitlin Kingsley (DWEE) reviewed the breakdown of the invoice by party.

Motion passed unanimously.

ii. TFG Invoice for Conservation Study Contract #1574 (*Attachment 6Cii*)

MOTION: To approve TFG invoice #25-3616 for Conservation Study Contract #1574 for \$28,357.50.

Move: John Thorburn

Second: Lyndon Vogt

Discussion: None.

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Motion passed unanimously.

- iii. TFG Invoice for Parcel-Based Modeling Contract #1535 (*Attachment 6Ciii*)

MOTION: To approve TFG invoice #25-3615 for Parcel-Based Modeling Contract #1535 for \$9,963.75.

Move: Galen Wittrock

Second: Scott Schaneman

Discussion: None.

Motion passed unanimously.

- iv. Other invoices

No additional invoices were presented.

D. New Budget Requests

- i. Other budget requests

No new budget requests were presented.

7. Ongoing Project Activities/Operations

A. DWEE

Caitlin reported that the Department will develop and distribute a communications template for drought messaging to the Districts.

B. CPNRD

No update.

C. TBNRD

John Thorburn (TBNRD) stated that the District is not currently operating its augmentation wells or the Platte River Recovery Implementation Program (PRRIP) wells. He also noted that TBNRD is collaborating with CPNRD, DWEE, and FEMA to obtain funding for additional streamgage cameras. The planned locations for these cameras include Odessa, Elm Creek, and Central City, where they will be used primarily for ice jam monitoring.

D. TPNRD

Kent Miller (TPNRD) reported that the NCORPE project will be pumping approximately 5,000 acre-feet of water into the Republican River. He expects this pumping operation to conclude around March 1.

E. NPNRD

No update.

F. SPNRD

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No update.

8. Public Comment

None.

9. 2026 Meetings:

- a. April 2, 2026
- b. June 4, 2026
- c. August 6, 2026
- d. October 1, 2026
- e. December 3, 2026

10. Wrap-up & action items

- a. DWEE will distribute the Conservation Study invoice, which includes a cost-share between the three COHYST NRDs and the Department, via ShareFile.

11. Adjourn 1:10 pm