



# LOWER PLATTE SOUTH

## natural resources district

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## Memorandum

TO: Board of Directors  
 DATE: October 18, 2021  
 FROM: David Potter, Assistant General Manager *DP*  
 SUBJECT: Integrated Management Subcommittee meeting minutes.

The Integrated Management Subcommittee met virtually (via Zoom) on Monday, October 18, 2021, at 12:00 p.m. Members present included Chelsea Johnson, Bob Andersen, Gary Hellerich, Anthony Schutz, and Larry Ruth. Members absent included Bruce Johnson, Don Jacobson, and Mark Spangler. Others present were Paul Zillig and David Potter. The meeting was called to order at 12:06 by Chair C. Johnson.

The only action item was consideration of an amendment to the Lower Platte River Consortium Interlocal Agreement. In August 2016, the District entered into an Interlocal Agreement with Lower Platte North NRD, Pappio-Missouri River NRD, City of Lincoln-water, Metropolitan Utilities District (MUD), and the Nebraska Department of Natural Resources (NeDNR) to form the Lower Platte River Consortium. The agreed upon purpose of the Consortium is to study the long-term water supplies available to the Lower Platte River sub-basin to enhance stream flows or aquifer storage to support during times of drought. The duration of the agreement was for three (3) years beginning September 27, 2016. In 2019 the agreement was amended to extend the duration to September 27, 2020. In 2020 the agreement was again amended to extend the duration for another year. With more work planned by the Consortium, the agreement needs to once again be amended. The purpose of the attached Amendment to the Lower Platte River Consortium is to extend the duration of the agreement for one (1) additional year (2022).

The study conducted by the Consortium has led to the development of a Drought Contingency Plan. The Lower Platte River Drought Contingency Plan was approved by the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation (BOR) on September 30, 2019 as a requirement of their Water Smart Grant funding and approved by LPSNRD on December 18, 2019 on behalf of the Consortium. Funding was also obtained through the Water Sustainability Fund (WSF). The complete Plan can be found on the LPSNRD website at <https://www.lpsnrd.org/lower-platte-river-consortium>. The consortium continues to hold regular meetings and a tabletop exercise (drought workshop) was held at Lake Wanahoo on August 24, 2021.

The proposed amendment was provided to the subcommittee.

**It was moved by C. Johnson, seconded by Ruth and unanimously approved to recommend the Board of Directors authorize the General Manager to approve an Amendment to the Interlocal Agreement for the Platte River Consortium with LPSNRD, LPNDR, PMNRD, City of Lincoln, MUD, and NeDNR extending the agreement for one year, subject to legal counsel review.**

With no further business, the subcommittee meeting adjourned at 12:11 p.m.

## LOWER PLATTE RIVER CONSORTIUM AMENDMENT

DNR Contract # 918

This Amendment to the original agreement is entered into by and between the following members, all of which are political subdivisions of and are situated in the State of Nebraska or an Agency of the State of Nebraska, and are collectively referred to as "Parties".

The Parties to this Amendment are identified as follows:

Nebraska Department of Natural Resources  
Lower Platte South Natural Resources District  
Lower Platte North Natural Resources District  
Papio-Missouri River Natural Resources District  
City of Lincoln  
Metropolitan Utilities District

WHEREAS, the Lower Platte River Basin is geographically large and diverse in its geology, land use, ground and surface water supplies, and water uses. Each of the parties is charged with responsibilities for planning, managing, and/or supplying water resources. These Parties are located and carry out their functions in the lower sub-basin of the Lower Platte River Basin, but much of the water supplies that support these functions are derived from the upper sub-basins of the Lower Platte River Basin. The Parties desire to work together to evaluate the water supplies available to the Lower Platte River subbasin during times of shortages.

WHEREAS the original three-year term of this Interlocal Agreement was extended for an additional year and may be extended again by mutual agreement of the Parties pursuant to Provision 8 of the original Agreement, the Parties now wish to extend the term.

Therefore, in consideration of the mutual covenants expressed herein, good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, the Parties agree to Amendment of the original Agreement as follows:

1. DURATION:

This Agreement to extend the term shall become effective and binding upon its approval by appropriate action of all of the Parties. The term of this Interlocal Agreement shall be one (1) year from the effective date of this amendment, unless further extended by the mutual agreement of all Parties.

2. All other provisions of the original Agreement remain in force.

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**3. DUPLICATE COUNTERPARTS**

This Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts, each of which shall be an original, but all such counterparts shall constitute one and the same instrument. This Agreement Is hereby approved and executed by the following Parties on the dates shown below.

NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

BY: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

METROPOLITAN UTILITIES DISTRICT

BY: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY OF LINCON

BY: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

LOWER PLATTE SOUTH NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT

BY: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

LOWER PLATTE NORTH NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT

BY: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

PAPIO-MISSOURI RIVER NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT

BY: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_