

## N-CORPE

### *Nebraska Cooperative Republican Platte Enhancement Project*

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#### **Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**

**April 16, 2014, 10 a.m.**

**Twin Platte NRD, 111 South Dewey, Second Floor, North Platte, Neb.**

Agendas were sent to all Board Members and all others requesting agendas. Agendas were posted in the following offices: Twin Platte NRD; Lower Republican NRD; Middle Republican NRD; and Upper Republican NRD.

**Board Members Present:** Dave Bartels (Lower Republican NRD Alternate); Benjie Loomis (Middle Republican NRD); and Terry Martin (Upper Republican NRD).

**Others Present:** Kevin Fornoff; Sylvia Johnson; Bob Merrigan; Tim Kahrs; Nelson Trambly; Jack Russell; Jasper Fanning; Dean Large; Kent Miller; Nate Jenkins and Mike Keller.

**Information Sent to Board Members:** Agenda

**Information Available at Board Meeting:** Agenda; minutes of the March 19, 2014 meeting; financial report.

Chairman Terry Martin called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. He turned the meeting over to Jasper Fanning, manager of the Upper Republican NRD. Fanning announced that a copy of the Open Meetings Act was posted in the meeting room. Roll call was taken. Voting representatives from URNRD (Terry Martin); LRNRD (Dave Bartels) and Middle Republican NRD (Benjie Loomis) were present. A voting member of the Twin Platte NRD was absent until Jim Meismer came to the meeting at 10:35 a.m.

#### **Minutes:**

- Martin moved to approve the minutes of the March 19, 2014 meeting as presented. Seconded by Loomis. Roll call vote: 3-yes. 0-no. 1-absent (TPNRD). Motion approved.

**Financial Report:** Fanning reviewed the financial report and April payables. Bartels asked how many bond interest payments will be made each year and Fanning responded two. Any sale of property is required to go towards bond redemption. Fanning said member contributions may be needed mainly because of substantial monthly electric bills. There was a discussion of tax issues. Trambly asked if the real estate could be sold and the right to use of water be retained. Fanning said he believed one option would be to sell the land and retain an easement on the use of the water.

- Bartels moved to approve financial report and payables as presented. Seconded by Martin. Roll call vote: 3-yes. 0-no. 1-absent (TPNRD) Motion approved.

**Construction Status/Progress:** Issues with the system that allows the wells to be operated remotely were being worked on. Twenty eight wells are operable and designed flow was being reached. Work on the last culvert is ongoing and the Board of Appraisers concluded that \$57,300 should be paid for condemnation of the Estermann property to complete crossing work.

#### **Property Management/Operations**

- Cover Crop Bids:** Jenkins said bids for 950 acres worth of sorghum sedan seed had been received. Along with 800 acres worth of seed already on-hand, 13 circles that need to be seeded can be completed. Five of the circles will be seeded this spring, the other eight possibly later. The low bid was from Sexson Farms.
- Bartels moved to approve accepting the low bid from Sexson Farms. Seconded by Loomis. Roll call vote: 3-yes. 0-no. 1-absent (TPNRD). Motion approved

- b.) Facilities Sale/Lease:** Jenkins said sale closing on two dryland circles near the golfball had been completed. Closing on the Kason potato facility is scheduled for May 12 and closing on the Wallace potato facility is scheduled for May 30.
- c.) Vehicle/Equipment Needs:** Fanning said another work vehicle, likely with a flatbed, is needed onsite. The truck needs to be equipped with tools including a welder and generator. A second truck was also discussed for transportation and work purposes. The Lower Republican NRD has a ¾ ton truck that may be available. Fanning recommended buying vehicles because of the discount government entities get. Two part-time helpers and the current fulltime employee may require a total of two additional vehicles.

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Fanning said a fuel shuttle is also needed as well as a power valve turner.

In the future a couple tractors and mowers may be needed. One-hundred-fifty horsepower tractors would suffice.

On fields where there is a good cover crop Fanning suggested spraying to control weeds.

- Martin moved to authorize the managers to acquire two trucks for NCORPE and equipment needed to equip one as a service truck. Seconded by Meismer. Roll call vote: 4-yes. 0-no. Motion approved.

There was discussion of the need for a disc.

- Martin moved to authorize the purchase of a fuel trailer, small disc and power valve exerciser. Seconded by Meismer. Roll call vote: 4-yes. 0-no. Motion approved.

Large asked about when more pivots would be sold. Fanning said the fall might be the best time to sell some, after NCORPE had an idea of how much grass seed could be purchased.

**Executive Session:** Bartels moved to go into executive session to discuss pending and threatened litigation.

Seconded by Meismer. Roll call vote: 4-yes. 0-no. Motion approved.

The Board entered into executive session at 11:04 a.m.

NCORPE Board member Brad Randel came to the meeting at 11:19 a.m.

- Martin moved to exit executive session. Seconded by Meismer. Roll call vote: 4-yes. 0-no. Motion approved.

The Board exited executive session at 12:04 p.m.

- Meismer moved to deposit a condemnation award of \$57,300.75 with the Lincoln County Board of Appraisers. Seconded by Loomis. Roll call vote: 4-yes. 0-no. Motion approved.

The Board scheduled the next meeting for 9 a.m. Central Time on May 21 at McMillen Hall in McCook.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:12 p.m.

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Brad Randel, Board Secretary

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Date