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***Nebraska Cooperative Republican Platte Enhancement Project***

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**Public Hearings and Board Meeting**

*April 20th 2022, 10:00am Central Time*

Mid-Plains Community College North Campus,

1101 Halligan Dr., Room #202,

North Platte, NE 69101

**Draft Version**

**Minutes**

Agendas were sent to board members and others requesting agendas. Agendas were posted at [www.ncorpe.org](http://www.ncorpe.org) and in the following offices: Twin Platte NRD; Lower Republican NRD, Middle Republican NRD; and Upper Republican NRD.

**2021 Annual Report Hearing**

Terry Martin opened the hearing to the public at 10:02am. No public comment was made. Martin closed the hearing at 10:03am.

**Public Hearing on the Acquisition of an Easement**

Martin opened the hearing to the public at 10:03am. Kyle Shepherd presented reasons for the hearing. Members of the public spoke on the issues of the easement. Martin closed the hearing at 10:10am.

**Board Meeting**

**Board Members Present:** Terry Martin (Upper Republican NRD); Nelson Trambly (Lower Republican NRD); Benji Loomis (MRNRD), Jerry Weaver (TPNRD).

**Others Present:** Kyle Shepherd (NCORPE); Jasper Fanning (URNRD); Nate Jenkins (URNRD); Todd Siel (LRNRD); Kent Miller (TPNRD); Nick Simonson (LRNRD); Jim Meismer (TPNRD); Mike Keller (NCORPE); Steve Vaughn (NCORPE); Dean Large (URNRD); Bruce McDermott (Dickens); Steve Vinton (Gothenburg); Jay Schilling (MRNRD); Jack Russell (MRNRD)

**Information Sent to Board Members:** Notice; Agenda; Minutes of January 20th Board Meeting; NCORPE Financial Statements and audit; Accounts Payable; 2021 Annual Report

Terry Martin called the meeting to order at 10:10am and designated NCORPE’s General Manager Kyle Shepherd to chair the meeting. Shepherd pointed out that the Open Meetings Act was posted.

Roll call was taken. Voting representatives from the Upper Republican NRD (Terry Martin); Twin Platte NRD (Jerry Weaver); Lower Republican NRD (Nelson Trambly); Middle Republican NRD (Benji Loomis) were present.

**Public Forum**

Shepherd opened the Public Forum. No members of the public commented.

**Minutes of the January 20th, 2022 Meeting**

Shepherd presented the draft minutes of the January 20th meeting to the board.

Weaver moved to approve the minutes of the January 20th, 2022 meeting. The motion was seconded by Trambly.

Roll Call: Upper Republican NRD – Yes; Middle Republican NRD – Yes; Lower Republican NRD – Yes; Twin Platte NRD – Yes. Vote 4 – Yes, 0 - Abstain, 0 – No. Motion approved.

**2021 Annual Report**

Trambly moved to approve the 2021 Annual Report and was seconded by Weaver.

Roll Call: Upper Republican NRD – Yes; Middle Republican NRD – Yes; Lower Republican NRD – Yes; Twin Platte NRD – Yes. Vote 4 – Yes, 0 - No. Motion approved.

**Payables**

Shepherd presented the payables to the board. Several questions were asked, and Shepherd answered. Two corrections were noted.

Loomis moved to approve the payables with corrections and was seconded by Weaver.

Roll Call: Upper Republican NRD – Yes; Middle Republican NRD – Yes; Lower Republican NRD – Yes; Twin Platte NRD – Yes. Vote 4 – Yes, 0 - No. Motion approved.

**Financial Statements**

Shepherd presented the financial statements to the board and stated several changes had been made.

Martin moved to accept the financial statements and was seconded by Trambly.

Roll Call: Upper Republican NRD – Yes; Middle Republican NRD – Yes; Lower Republican NRD – Yes; Twin Platte NRD – Yes. Vote 4 – Yes, 0 - No. Motion approved.

**Project Update**

**Managers Reports**

Shepherd shared various pictures and details of the last several months of work at NCORPE. He also mentioned future projects for the year and requests from neighbors and tenants.

**Property Management/Operations**

**Accounting Update**

Shepherd said he was still working with MMS to correct some problems.

**Pumping Update**

Discussion of current pumping to the Twin Platte NRD was discussed.

**Grazing Infrastructure Needs**

Staff discussed future needs for grazing infrastructure. A plan was discussed and staff will continue to improve infrastructure.

**2023 Budget**

Shepherd described that he is currently working on the 2023 budget and should have a draft at the next meeting.

**Executive Session**

Martin moved to go into executive session to discuss contract negotiations and pending litigation at 11:20am and was seconded by Trambly.

Roll Call: Upper Republican NRD – Yes; Middle Republican NRD – Yes; Lower Republican NRD – Yes; Twin Platte NRD – Yes. Vote 4 – Yes, 0 – Abstain. Motion approved.

Martin moved to exit executive session at 12:10pm and was seconded by Loomis.

Roll Call: Upper Republican NRD – Yes; Middle Republican NRD – Yes; Lower Republican NRD – Yes; Twin Platte NRD – Yes. Vote 4 – Yes, 0 – Abstain. Motion approved.

**2021 Audit**

Trambly moved to approve the 2021 audit report and was seconded by Weaver.

Roll Call: Upper Republican NRD – Yes; Middle Republican NRD – Yes; Lower Republican NRD – Yes; Twin Platte NRD – Yes. Vote 4 – Yes, 0 - No. Motion approved.

Martin moved to proceed with acquiring the McDermott property easement and was seconded by Loomis.

Roll Call: Upper Republican NRD – Yes; Middle Republican NRD – Yes; Lower Republican NRD – Yes; Twin Platte NRD – Yes. Vote 4 – Yes, 0 - No. Motion approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:15pm.

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Benjie Loomis, Board Secretary Date