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

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**2019 Annual Report Hearing**

**Wednesday April 22nd, 2020 at 10:00am Central Time**

**Via Video Conference (details were available at NCORPE.org)
Members of the public were welcome to comment on the report**

Kyle Shepherd opened the report to the public and board. Several questions about the report were made by the board. The public did not comment on the report. Shepherd closed the hearing.

**Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**

 **April 22nd, 2020, following the adjournment of the Annual Report Hearing**

**Video Conference (details were available at NCORPE.org)**

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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.

**Board Members Present:** Terry Martin (Upper Republican NRD); Jerry Weaver (Twin Platte NRD); Benjie Loomis (Middle Republican NRD); Nelson Trambly (Lower Republican NRD)

**Others Present:** Kyle Shepherd (NCORPE); Scott Dicke (LRNRD); Jasper Fanning (URNRD); Nate Jenkins (URNRD); Deb Hayes (URNRD); Dean Large (URNRD); Jack Russell (MRNRD); Jay Schilling (MRNRD); Todd Siel (LRNRD); Jim Meismer (TPNRD); Bill Sellers (NCORPE); Mike Keller (NCORPE); Don Blankenau (Blankenau Wilmoth); Kent O. Miller (TPNRD); Henry Vogt (Lin. Co.); Michael Bacon; Steve Vinton; Bruce McDermott; Joel VanderVeen (Kutac Rock); Matt Greenway (Harry Koch); Ken Anderson (North Platte); Harry Bibb (Harry Koch); Dan Esterman (Wellfleet); Julie Stenger (Lin. Co. Assessor)

**Information Sent to Board Members:** Notice; Agenda; Minutes of the January 15th Board Meeting; Accounts Payable; Annual Audit; Annual Report; BSB bill; Insurance quote; 2021 budget

Terry Martin called the meeting to order at 10:06am and designated NCORPE’s General Manager Kyle Shepherd to chair the meeting. Shepherd pointed out that there were copies of the Open Meeting Act posted in the front of the room.

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

**Public Forum**

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

**Minutes of the January 15th, 2020 Meeting**

Shepherd presented the draft minutes of the January 15th meeting to the board.

Weaver moved to approve the minutes of theJanuary 15th, 2020 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 – No, Motion approved.

**Approval of the 2019 Annual Report**

Martin moved to approve the 2019 Annual Report. The motion 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.

**Payables**

Shepherd presented the payables to the board. Questions were asked about URNRD billings and legal bills.

Weaver moved to approve the payables as presented and was seconded by Loomis.

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

**Financial Statement**

There was not a financial statement to review.

**Annual Audit – Robert Meyer**

Meyer reported that everything looked in order and presented the audit.

Martin moved to approve the 2019 Annual Audit. The motion 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.

**Project Update**

**Managers Reports**

Bill Sellers – Sellers worked on wells, grazing, seeding, haying and well training.

Kyle Shepherd – Shepherd worked on meeting preparation, budget, report and wells.

Mike Keller – Keller worked on mowing, fencing and water.

Shepherd gave an update on a fire that started on the Knoll Ranch and burned part of the Jinx Ranch a small portion of the NCORPE property. Shepherd mentioned that Keller and Shepherd assisted in fighting the fire and Sellers took phone calls. This happened on the night of April 11th. Shepherd thanked the fire departments and neighbors for help on the fire.

A question about bond financing was asked and Shepherd stated he would follow up on it.

**Property Management/Operations**

**Bonding Options**

Shepherd reported that Corona virus has the markets in turmoil and currently there is not an advantage to refunding any bonds.

**Completed dirt work**

McDermott asked the board to pay his bill to BSB. Blankenau and Vinton agree to talk after the meeting.

**Insurance Update**

Matt Greenway and Carl Bibb presented their insurance quote to the board. The board asked Shepherd to follow up with them with several questions.

**Grazing Update – Land Use Explanation**

VanderVeen was available for questions from the board on how leases and advertising related to bond regulations. There were not any questions.

**2021 Budget**

Shepherd reported that he was working on the 2021 budget and that he would set up a meeting with the NRD managers to further the process along before the next board meeting.

**Legislative Update**

Shepherd updated the board that because of the Corona virus the legislature was in recess.

**Renewable Energy Update**

Shepherd said an executive session would be needed to talk about contract negations.

**Public Information Request Update**

Shepherd stated that NCORPE had received several information requests and that NCORPE had provided everything that was requested.

**Executive Session**

Martin moved to go into executive session to discuss contract negations and employee issues to include NRD board members, NRD staff, NCORPE staff and legal counsel at 11:38am and was seconded by Trambly.

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

Martin moved to exit executive session at 12:08pm and was seconded by Loomis.

Roll Call, Twin Platte NRD – Yes; Upper Republican NRD – Yes; Middle Republican NRD - yes; Lower Republican NRD – Yes; Vote 4 – yes, 0 – No, motion approved. No action was taken after executive session ended.

Meeting was immediately adjourned at 12:09pm as there were no further matters to be discussed.

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Benjie Loomis, Board Secretary Date