

N-CORPE

Nebraska Cooperative Republican Platte Enhancement Project

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, August 17, 2016

Curtis Community Center, 201 Garlick, Curtis, NE

Agendas were sent to board members and others requesting agendas, Agendas were posted at 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) Brad Randel (Middle Republican NRD); Nelson F. Trambly (Lower Republican NRD)

Others Present: Jack Russell (Middle Republican NRD); Jim Meisner (Twin Platte NRD); Mike Clements (Lower Republican NRD); Kyle Shepherd (NCORPE); Pierre Dean (NCORPE); Robert Merrigan (Middle Republican NRD); Jasper Fanning (Upper Republican NRD); Scott Dicke (Lower Republican NRD); Dean Large (Upper Republican NRD); Tim Khars (Lower Republican NRD); Benjie Loomis (Middle Republican NRD); Bruce Curtis (Upper Republican NRD); Chase Thayer (Flatwater); Jessy Bradly (Flatwater)

Information Sent to Board Members: Agenda; Minutes from July 20, 2016 meeting; Bills and expenditures July 21, 2016 through August 17, 2016; NCORPE 2017 Budget, North Platte Chamber / NPPD Land use agreement.

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Terry Martin called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. and designated NCORPE General Manager - Kyle Shepherd to chair the meeting. Shepherd pointed out that there were copies of the Open Meeting Act posted in the back of the room. Roll call was taken. Voting representatives from the Upper Republican NRD (Terry Martin); Middle Republican NRD (Brad Randel); Twin Platte NRD (Jerry Weaver); and Lower Republican NRD (Nelson Trambly) were present.

Minutes:

Brad Randel moved to approve the minutes of July 17, 2016 meeting as presented and seconded by Terry Martin. 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

Financial Report:

- a.) **Payables:** Shepherd presented the payables. Jasper Fanning pointed out a discrepancy with the distribution of the McCook Public Power billing among the NRDs and Shepherd said that the issue would be addressed.

Terry Martin moved to approve the payables with the noted amendment pointed out by Jasper Fanning and was seconded by Brad Randel. 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

- b.) **Financial Statements:** There were no financial statements available until October 2016 as they would be done on a quarterly basis.
- c.) **Bond Options:** Updates on the bond options should be available in September's meeting. The board agreed to continue to use a bond counsel during the process.

Terry Martin moved the motion to approve the use of a bond counsel and was seconded by Nelson Trambly. 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

Project Update:

Managers Reports:

Bill Sellers – Worked on a presentation for the state fair, worked with Pierre Dean to recover data on his laptop, assisted with Telemetry project, worked on augmentation billing, did two District of Natural Resources tours, University of Nebraska Lincoln tour, worked on security issues at the Kason property and utilized part-time employees to accomplish some of these tasks.

Mike Keller – Worked on Telemetry project, coordinated work on the creek, did three Department of Natural Resources tours, did a tour for egg developers and irrigator tour, completed maintenance on equipment, assisted with the appraisers and utilized part-time to complete some of these tasks.

Kyle Shepherd – Give tours to appraisers, three tours to Department of Natural Resources, tours to the egg investors, tours to University of Nebraska Lincoln students and faculty, worked with fencing contractor, met with land owners on Medicine Creek, performed general office duties and prepared the annual budget.

Jim Meismer asked about the general feedback from the tours. Shepherd responded that the feedback was mostly positive.

Property Management / Operations

- a.) **Flatwater Excess Flows Study**

Chase Thayer did a presentation on excess flows with the North Platte, and South Platte rivers. The study showed excess flows for several years and comparisons to previous research done. During times of excess flows the water could be captured and stored for future use. Details of the research done by Flatwater would be sent to

members of the board. Jasper Fanning said that the cost of capturing excess flows would be much less than the current cost of pumping from the well fields.

b.) North Platte Chamber / NPPD land use agreement.

After a tour of property the Egg Enhancement Project representatives from North Platte Chamber and Nebraska Public Power District immediately selected three quarters of section 35. The section selected is Eldon's 1, 2 and 3 located on south Sommerset. The land usage agreement was presented to the board for approval. The board agreed to proceed with the option agreement with a \$500.00 fee.

Terry Martin moved the motion to approve the Option Agreement as presented with a \$500 fee seconded by Nelson Trambly.

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

Motion Approve.

c.) Budget

The budget was presented to the board. Mike Clements asked what the majority of the contract labor on the budget was for. Kyle Shepherd and Jasper Fanning replied saying that it was in place as a contingency plan if an emergency required contract labor.

Terry Martin moved the motion to approve the budget as presented seconded by Nelson Trambly.

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

Motion Approve.

Kyle Shepherd opened the floor to the audience. Audience members declined to comment.

There were no matters for executive session and meeting was adjourned at 11:48 a.m. as there was no further business.

Brad Randel, Board Secretary Date