

# N-CORPE

## *Nebraska Cooperative Republican Platte Enhancement Project*

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

**August 19<sup>th</sup> 2020**

**Lower Republican NRD**

**30 N. John St.**

**Alma, NE 68920**

### **DRAFT**

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); Jim Meismer (Twin Platte NRD); Jay Schilling (Middle Republican NRD); Nelson Trambly (Lower Republican NRD)

**Others Present:** Kyle Shepherd (NCORPE); Scott Dicke (LRNRD); Jasper Fanning (URNRD); Nate Jenkins (URNRD); Dean Large (URNRD); Jack Russell (MRNRD); Todd Siel (LRNRD); Bill Sellers (NCORPE); Tim Kahrs (LRNRD)

**Information Sent to Board Members:** Notice; Agenda; Minutes of the July 14th Board Meeting; Accounts Payable, Financial Statement, 2021 Budget.

Terry Martin called the meeting to order at 11:03am and designated NCORPE's General Manager Kyle Shepherd to chair the meeting. Shepherd pointed out that the Open Meeting Act was posted.

Roll call was taken. Voting representatives from the Upper Republican NRD (Terry Martin); Middle Republican NRD (Jay Schilling); Twin Platte NRD (Jim Meismer); Lower Republican NRD (Nelson Trambly) were present.

### **Public Forum**

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

### **Minutes of the July 14th, 2020 Meeting**

Shepherd presented the draft minutes of the July 14<sup>th</sup> meeting to the board.

Schilling moved to approve the minutes of the July 14<sup>th</sup>, 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.

### **Payables**

Shepherd presented the payables to the board. A question was asked about demand charges.

Schilling moved to approve the payables as presented and was seconded by Meismer.

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 Report**

Shepherd presented the year end 2020 financial statement to the board.

Martin moved to accept the financial statement as presented and was seconded by Trambly.

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.

### **Project Update**

#### **Managers Reports**

Bill Sellers – Sellers worked on Canada and Musk thistle, 2021 grazing and seeding plans. He also talked about opening a bid for fall grazing to help ranchers that were affected by hail.

Kyle Shepherd – Shepherd worked on meeting preparation, contracts and a land purchase.

Mike Keller – Keller worked pumping water for the TPNRD.

### **Property Management/Operations**

#### **Refunding of Bonds**

Bruce Leffler presented two resolutions to the board for approval to continue forward with refunding the bonds.

Trambly moved to adopt Resolution 20-04 for authorizing redemption of the 2015 and 2017 bonds and was seconded by Schilling.

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.

Schilling moved to adopt Resolution 20-05 for authorizing the 2020 bonds and was seconded by Meismer.

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.

### **2021 Budget**

The budget was tabled until the next meeting.

### **Legislative Update**

Jenkins gave an update on the Legislature.

### **Invenergy Update**

Shepherd gave a contract status update.

### **Land Purchase**

Shepherd stated that he had been in negotiations to purchase 320 acres from a neighbor.

Martin moved to enter into a purchase agreement with the neighbor and was seconded by Trambly.

Roll Call: Middle Republican NRD – No; Lower Republican NRD – Yes; Upper Republican NRD – Yes; Twin Platte NRD – Yes; Vote 3 – Yes, 1 – No, Motion approved.

### **Grain Bin Leases**

Shepherd gave a recap of the grain bins NCORPE owns and leases out and whether NCORPE should continue to lease them out. After a discussion the board directed Shepherd to take bids on removing the bins.

### **Executive Session**

Martin moved to go into executive session to discuss the annual employee review and legal issues to include NCORPE board members and alternates, NRD staff and NCORPE staff at 12:20pm and was seconded by Meismer.

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.

Meismer moved to exit executive session at 12:55pm and was seconded by 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.

Meismer moved to award all NCORPE employees with a 2.5% cost of living wage increase and was seconded by Trambly.  
Roll Call, Twin Platte NRD – Yes; Upper Republican NRD – Yes; Middle Republican NRD - No; Lower Republican NRD – Yes; Vote 3 – yes, 1 – No, motion approved.

The meeting adjourned at 1:04pm

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Benjie Loomis, Board Secretary

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Date