

N-CORPE

Nebraska Cooperative Republican Platte Enhancement Project

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes December 17, 2019 at 5:30pm Central Time at the Mid-Plains Community College, 1001 Halligan Dr., #201, North Platte, NE

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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); Benjie Loomis (Middle Republican NRD); Nelson Trambly (Lower Republican NRD)

Others Present: Kyle Shepherd (NCORPE); Scott Dicke (Lower Republican NRD); Jasper Fanning (Upper Republican NRD); Dean Large (Upper Republican NRD); Jack Russell (Middle Republican NRD); Jay Schilling (Middle Republican NRD); Sylvia Johnson (Middle Republican NRD); Todd Siel (Lower Republican NRD); Jim Meisner (TPNRD); Bill Sellers (NCORPE); Mike Keller (NCORPE); Don Blankenau (Blankenau Wilmoth) Henry Vogt (Lin. Co.); Jack Colelli (Invenergy); Dwight Galitin (McCook); Melanie Standiford (KNOP); Glenn Tidyman (Sutherland); J. Blaine Runner (Sutherland); Ron Dike (North Platte); Susan Dike (North Platte); Tony Baker (aide to Sen. Brewer); Tom Witt (Thedford); Twyla Witt (Thedford); Donna Bomark (North Platte); Jerry Woodruff (North Platte); Kirk Olson (North Platte); Sue Brown (Hershey); Jeremy Martin (Wellfleet); Marvin Knoll (Wellfleet); Rod Warren (Thedford); Ann Warren (Thedford); Josh Dye (Sutherland); Rod Dye (North Platte); Bob Wiseman (Hershey); Randy Robinson (North Platte); Sarah Bomark (North Platte); Kert McKeone (North Platte); Skip Marland (North Platte); Mike Kelley (North Platte); Sen. Groene (North Platte); Jerome Knoll (North Platte); Doug Hall (Neligh); Doug Nelson (Wayne); Terry Mattson (Nuckolls Co.); Dr. Brent Steffan (Kearney); Mel Cauffman; Eric Hansen (North Platte); Garry Phipps (Cherry Co.); Ann Warren (Thedford); Job Vigil (North Platte); George Lauby (North Platte)

Information Sent to Board Members: Notice; Agenda; Minutes of the December 4th, 2019 Board Meeting; Accounts Payable; Financial Statement.

Terry Martin called the meeting to order at 5:30pm 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. Members of the public spoke in support of the potential renewable energy lease that the NCORPE board was considering. Several more of the public spoke against the lease.

Minutes of December 4th, 2019 Meeting

Shepherd presented the draft minutes of the December 4th meeting to the board.

Martin moved to approve the minutes of the December 4th, 2019 meeting. 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.

Martin moved to approve the payables 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.

Financial Statement

The board reviewed the first quarter of 2019 financial statement.

Martin moved to accept the financial statement. The motion was seconded by Weaver.

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 grazing advertisements, meeting preparation and re-seeding

Kyle Shepherd – Shepherd worked on meeting preparation, DNR meeting

Mike Keller – Keller worked on equipment repair.

The board had questions about Twin Platte pumping.

Insurance Update

Shepherd noted that he was still working on getting quotes for different and new policies.

Grazing Update

Shepherd used the opportunity to inform the public that grazing bids were currently advertised and accepted until February 10th.

Renewable energy – Invenegy Contract

Dickie stated that specific discussion about the contract be discussed in Executive Session.

Executive Session

Martin moved to go into executive session to discuss contract negotiations to include NRD board members, NRD staff, NCORPE staff, legal counsel and representatives from Invenegy at 6:53pm and was seconded by Loomis.

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.

Loomis moved to exit executive session at 9:10pm 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. No action was taken after executive session ended.

Meeting was immediately adjourned at 9:10pm as there were no further matters to be discussed.

Benjie Loomis, Board Secretary

Date