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Nebraska Cooperative Republican Platte Enhancement Project

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
December 4, 2019 at 10am Central Time at the
Mid-Plains Community College, 1001 Halligan Dr., #201, North Platte,
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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); Tim Kahrs (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); Todd Siel (Lower Republican NRD); Kent Miller (TPNRD); Jim Meismer (TPNRD); Bill Sellers (NCORPE); Mike Keller (NCORPE); Don Blankenau (Blankenau Wilmoth) Henry Vogt (Lin. Co.); Julia Kimmerly (Invenergy); Jack Colelli (Invenergy); Julie Stenger (Lin. Co.); Jerry Woodruff (Lin. Co.); Dennis Schueth (UENRD); Gene Kelly (UENRD); Mike Zakrzewski (Holt Co.); Molly O'Holleran (North Platte)

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

Terry Martin called the meeting to order at 10:00am 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 back 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 (Tim Kahrs) were present.

Public Forum

Shepherd opened the Public Forum. Shchueth spoke about how the name plate tax works for his NRD and the public school in O'Neill. Zakrzewski talked about his experience with wind turbines on and around his property. Kelly talked about zoning for wind turbines in Holt County and his experiences with turbine contractors. O'Holleran spoke on the need for jobs in Lincoln County and how a renewable project in the NCORPE area could help meet those needs and also benefit the high schools and community colleges. Shepherd closed the Public Forum.

Minutes of November 4th, 2019 Meeting

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

Martin moved to approve the minutes of the October 10th, 2019 meeting with corrections. 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.

Payables

Shepherd presented the payables to the board. Questions about account coding and naming where asked along with a question about deposits.

Kahrs moved to approve the payables as presented and was seconded by Martin. 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.

Project Update

Managers Reports

Bill Sellers – Sellers worked on leases, lease bills and grazing follow up Kyle Shepherd – Shepherd worked on meeting preparation, attended FB and NWRA meetings.

Mike Keller – Repaired solar trailers, snow removal, equipment repair and sewer repair.

Insurance Update

Shepherd was directed to investigate potential cost saving for insurance policies.

Grazing Update

Sellers stated that grazing bids would be advertised next week, and Shepherd stated they would be due Feb. 10th and the Opening Committee would open them on Feb. 12th.

Conference Attendance

Shepherd reported that the NARD Legislative Conference was coming up in January. It was discussed if there is a need for him to attend, he will register.

Creek Update

Shepherd stated that he and Keller met with Marvin Henry. The direction of the board was to continue to monitor the downed trees.

Executive Session

Martin moved to go into executive session to discuss contract negations to include NRD board members, NRD staff, NCORPE staff, legal counsel and representatives from Invenegry at 11:17am 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 1:36pm and was seconded by 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. No action was taken after executive session ended.

Meeting was immediately adjourned at 1 discussed.	36pm as there were not further matters to be
Benjie Loomis, Board Secretary	Date