

N-CORPE

Nebraska Cooperative Republican Platte Enhancement Project

Public Hearing and Board of Directors Meeting Minutes Wednesday, December 12th, 2018 at 10am Central Time at the Twin Platte NRD office, 111 South Dewey Street, North Platte, 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); Not Present (Twin Platte NRD); Benjie Loomis (Middle Republican NRD); Nelson F. Trambly (Lower Republican NRD)

Others Present: Kyle Shepherd (NCORPE); Kent O. Miller (Twin Platte NRD); Scott Dicke (Lower Republican NRD); Jasper Fanning (Upper Republican NRD); Dean Large (Upper Republican NRD); Jack Russell (Middle Republican NRD); Kevin Fornoff (Middle Republican NRD) Todd Siel (Lower Republican NRD); Nate Jenkins (Upper Republican NRD); Bill Sellers (NCORPE); Ken Anderson (North Platte); Dan Estermann (Wellfleet); Marlene Estermann (Wellfleet); Jake Tiedman (North Platte); Henry Vogt (Lincoln County Appraiser); Talia Stasser (Lincoln County Appraiser)

Information Sent to Board Members: Agenda; Minutes from November 15, 2018 Board Meeting; NCORPE Collection Policy; NCORPE Supplement to Mortgage; NCORPE Escrow Agreement; NCORPE Resolution; Accounts Payable up to December 11, 2018; Accounts Payable up to December 11, 2018 Totals; Financial Reports September 30, 2018; November 2018 Monthly Report; NCORPE Annual Report; 2019 Budget.

Terry Martin called the meeting to order at 10:00 am. 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. Shepherd noted that the annual report was posted on NCOPRE's website and notices were posted in newspapers in Hastings, Kearney, North Platte and McCook on three separate occasions between the end of November 2018 and date of current meeting.

Open Forum

The floor was opened for questions from the audience and there were none. The open hearing was then closed as there were no comments or matters to be discussed.

Terry Martin called the board meeting to order at 10:02 am. 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 (Not Present); Lower Republican NRD (Nelson F. Trambly) were present.

Open Forum

The Lincoln County Appraiser inquired about the decertified land, housing, grain bins, the shop, feed lot, and current leases. Shepherd said that they could meet in a few days and answer their requests. Ken Anderson asked why is there an accumulation of losses. Jasper Fanning responded that government entities are not profitable organizations and the only financial obligations to the tax payers outstanding are the bonds thus there's no accumulation of debt.

Minutes of November 15, 2018 Meeting

Benjie Loomis moved to approve the minutes of the November 15, 2018 meeting as corrected. The motion was seconded by Terry Martin.

Roll Call, Upper Republican NRD – Yes; Middle Republican NRD – Yes; Lower Republican NRD – Yes; Twin Platte NRD – Absent. Vote 3 – Yes, 0 – No, 1 – Absent, Motion approved.

Payables

Kyle Shepherd presented the payables to the board and opened the floor to questions. Todd Seil asked about work on the pipeline. Shepherd advised that Twin Platte had requested NCORPE to remove some of the silt fencing used during the construction that had been left behind. Shepherd also noted that work on that had stopped as the ground is now frozen.

Terry Martin moved to approve the payables as presented and was seconded by Benjie Loomis.

Roll Call, Upper Republican NRD – Yes; Middle Republican NRD – Yes; Lower Republican NRD – Yes; Twin Platte NRD – Absent. Vote 3 – Yes, 0 – No, 1 – Absent, Motion approved.

Collection Policy

Kyle Shepherd presented the Collection Policy to the board.

Terry Martin moved to approve the NCORPE Collection Policy for Unpaid Invoices allowing NCOPRE to use all means necessary to collect unpaid invoices, lease agreements and or purchase agreements. These means could include small claims court, collection services, legal action, liens among other legal methods as presented and was seconded by Benjie Loomis.

Roll Call, Upper Republican NRD – Yes; Middle Republican NRD – Yes; Lower Republican NRD – Yes; Twin Platte NRD – Absent. Vote 3 – Yes, 0 – No, 1 – Absent, Motion approved.

Financial Report

Shepherd presented the Financial Report to the board and opened the floor for questions and comments. Kevin Fornoff asked about accumulated depreciation on the pipeline. Jasper Fanning responded that would be equipment and buildings purchased with the property that were not sold. Benjie asked about crop insurance proceeds and Shepherd explained that these are proceeds from the grain bin that was blown down.

Terry Martin moved to approve the payables as presented and was seconded by Nelson F. Trambly.

Roll Call, Upper Republican NRD – Yes; Middle Republican NRD – Yes; Lower Republican NRD – Yes; Twin Platte NRD – Absent. Vote 3 – Yes, 0 – No, 1 – Absent, Motion approved.

Project Update

Managers Reports

Kyle Shepherd explained that a report was created for Jack Russell and that report would be used for boards meeting as well.

Bill Sellers – Sellers worked on 2018 summer grazing lease invoices and started the 2019 grazing plan; Assisted with board meeting prep, land trade, deer rifle season, facilitated a scavenger hunt for the Cub Scouts that was popular on social media.

Kyle Shepherd – Shepherd completed tasks from the November board meeting, Preparation for current board meeting, worked on the land trade, attended the Kansas water conference, worked on the annual report for the hearing, dealt with after-hours electricity issues due to snow storms, and was assisted with some of the meeting preparations by Pierre Dean.

Mike Keller - Worked on the roads; worked with Twin Platte with silt fences; worked with electricity issues on one of the wells, worked with Twin Platte, HOA and Miller Associates to test the North Pipeline and some valves on the South pipeline; worked with Bill to improve hitches on the solar trailers; Cleaned up dead trees on the Kason property; moved snow as there was up to 10 inches due to the storm; Bob Goodwin and Hunter Shepherd assisted with some of these tasks.

NCORPEs Annual Report

Kyle Shepherd presented the annual report to the board and opened the floor to questions. Jack Russell had concerns about consistencies on the annual report. Shepherd explained that is due to the annual report and the fiscal report are not during the same period. Shepherd explained that the next annual report would be done in March when all of the information would be available.

Nelson F Trambly moved to approve the annual as presented and was seconded by Terry Martin.

Roll Call, Upper Republican NRD – Yes; Middle Republican NRD – Yes; Lower Republican NRD – Yes; Twin Platte NRD – Absent. Vote 3 – Yes, 0 – No, 1 – Absent, Motion approved.

Terry Martin moved a motion to have the annual report done by the second quarter of the calendar year beginning in 2019 seconded by Benjie Loomis.

Roll Call, Upper Republican NRD – Yes; Middle Republican NRD – Yes; Lower Republican NRD – Yes; Twin Platte NRD – Absent. Vote 3 – Yes, 0 – No, 1 – Absent, Motion approved.

Land Trade

Shepherd presented a resolution to the board 12-12-2018 to facilitate the sale of the land.

Terry Martin moved the motion to approve the resolution 12-12-2018 to facilitate the sale and purchase of the land and was seconded by Nelson Trambly.

Roll Call, Upper Republican NRD – Yes; Middle Republican NRD – Yes; Lower Republican NRD – Yes; Twin Platte NRD – Absent. Vote 3 – Yes, 0 – No, 1 – Absent, Motion approved.

Terry Martin moved the motion to authorize Kyle Shepherd to sign all of the necessary documents for the sale and purchasing of the land and was seconded by Nelson Trambly.

Roll Call, Upper Republican NRD – Yes; Middle Republican NRD – Yes; Lower Republican NRD – Yes; Twin Platte NRD – Absent. Vote 3 – Yes, 0 – No, 1 – Absent, Motion approved

Public Information Requests

Kyle Shepherd informed that he has been spending lots of time on public requests. Shepherd said that the most recent two will take some time to complete and suggested that the parties be notified that there would have to be a charge for that. Terry Martin asked if there would be an hourly rate for the requests. Scott Dicke asked if NCORPE had a policy for public requests.

NWRA and NSIA membership and participation

Kyle Shepherd asked the board if they feel it's important that he maintains his membership with the NWRA and NSIA as dues are now due for membership.

Terry Martin moved the motion that NCORPE not to maintain the membership with the associations but allow the employees to maintain their membership with NWRA. Motion was seconded by Nelson Trambly.

Roll Call, Upper Republican NRD – Yes; Middle Republican NRD – Yes; Lower Republican NRD – Yes; Twin Platte NRD – Absent. Vote 3 – Yes, 0 – No, 1 – Absent, Motion approved.

Farm Bureau membership and participation

Kyle Shepherd asked the board on directions of participating as a member of Farm Bureau. Terry Martin said to continue membership and cooperation.

Renewable resources direction.

Kyle Shepherd asked the board if will continue to pursue renewable resources. Nelson F. Trambly said that there is a lot of money involved and feels it should still be pursued due to the money that could be made. Kent O Miller feels that there are a lot of mixed feelings due to the political climate. Thus, Miller feels that there should be additional discussions. Scott Dicke asked if there would be an interest in Lincoln county to bring more in taxes from outside sources than what would be brought in from local private ownership. The matter would be placed as an agenda on another meeting to be discussed further.

Model Direction

Kyle Shepherd said that he has been working with Jim Schneider on the ground model in the past. Shepherd said that he has been hired to complete more work and wanted to know if the board wanted him to continue working with Mr. Schneider or have Twin Platte work with him as they are currently working with Mr. Schneider. Jack Russell and Jasper Fanning both agreed that Shepherd should continue to work with Schneider.

Legislative Conference

Kyle Shepherd asked if it was necessary for him to attend the legislative conference. Kent O. Miller suggested that it is not necessary for him to attend as other NRD members would be attending.

Social Media

Kyle Shepherd asked the board if he should continue to keep up with NCORPE's social media. Both Terry Martin and Kent Miller agreed that social media should be maintained.

NCORPE Grazing Lease Policy

Kyle Shepherd mentioned that Jerry Weaver would like for half of the lease be paid upfront and the balance at the end as it's done with row crops.

Terry Martin moved a motion to go into executive session at 11:42 am to discuss land negotiations the motion was seconded by Nelson Trambly.

Roll Call, Upper Republican NRD – Yes; Middle Republican NRD – Yes; Lower Republican NRD – Yes; Twin Platte NRD – Absent. Vote 3 – Yes, 0 – No, 1 – Absent, Motion approved.

Terry Martin moved a motion to exit executive session at 11:57 am. The motion was seconded by Benjie Loomis.

