

N-CORPE

Nebraska Cooperative Republican Platte Enhancement Project

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes December, 9 2015 10 a.m. 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); Tim Kahrs (Lower Republican NRD)

Others Present: Sylvia Johnson (Middle Republican NRD); Benjie Loomis (Middle Republican NRD); Jack Russell (Middle Republican NRD); Jim Meismer (Twin Platte NRD); Mike Clements (Lower Republican NRD); ; Kyle Shepherd (NCORPE); Pierre Dean (NCORPE); Bob Merrigan (Middle Republican NRD); Nate Jenkins (Upper Republican NRD); Dean Large (Upper Republican NRD); Scott Dickie (Lower Republican NRD); Kent O. Miller (Twin Platte NRD); Bill Sellers (NCORPE) Dan Estermann (Wellfleet, Ne); Caleb Huber (State Farm Road North Platte); Brian Newcomb (Kearney, Ne)

Information Sent to Board Members: Agenda; Minutes from October 26, 2015 meeting; Bills and expenditures October 21, 2015 through December 7, 2015; Financial statements for four months ending October 31, 2015.

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Terry Martin called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m. and designated NCORPE General Manager Kyle Shepherd to run 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 (Tim Kahrs) were present.

Minutes:

- Brad Randel moved to approve the minutes of October 26, 2015 meeting as presented and was seconded by Tim Kahrs. Roll Call Vote: 4-Yes, 0 No. Motion Approved

Financial Report:

- a.) **Payables:** Shepherd presented the payables. Questions were asked about fencing project that were answered by Shepherd and questions were asked about power bills and addressed by Bill Sellers.
Tim Kahrs moved to approve the payables as presented and was seconded by Brad Randel. Roll call vote: 4-Yes. 0-No. Motion Approved.
- b.) **Financial Statements:** Shepherd provided an overview of the financial statements.

Project Update:

Managers' reports were given by Kyle Shepherd for each of the NCORPE managers. Bill Sellers worked on flash grazing, 2016 leasing, public hunting, electricity billing, met with bike and trail experts, managed removal of old fencing and installation of new fencing, assisted with NET and other projects. Mike Keller managed well issues, worked directly with contractors, auction items including seller tours and questions, loading of sold items, road maintenance, outlet structure bids, and other projects. Part-time employees were utilized to assist with projects managers worked on. Kyle Shepherd worked on auditor issues, auction preparation and follow-up, public relations, worked with NET, World Herald, and assisted managers with projects.

Jerry Weaver asked questions on auditor issues that were answered by Kyle Shepherd.

Property Management / Operations

a.) Meeting schedule – Location

Kyle Shepherd suggested Curtis Community Center be the regular meeting place. All present agreed with the location. Meetings were agreed to be bi-monthly with the next meeting to be held the third Wednesday in February 2016.

b.) Flash Grazing Leases

Bill Sellers presented a proposed flash grazing leasing project for spring 2016. Land was allocated for the grazing over a specific period rotating after 1 week of grazing. About 250 head of yearlings were suggested for the grazing per unit with a total of about 4 units.

Questions asked about the grazing locations were answered by Bill Sellers, questions asked about the cost of putting water on Kason were answered by Kyle Shepherd. Brad Randel suggested billing by the day. Jerry Weaver suggested accepting sealed bids.

Terry Martin moved to approve proceeding with flash grazing leases as outlined in the discussion. Seconded by Jerry Weaver. Roll call vote: 4 – Yes. 0 – No. Motion approved.

c.) Wellfleet outlet structure

Kyle Shepherd suggested replacing wooden boards with a permanent structure to increase safety of maintenance on lake and water control. Matter didn't require approval.

d.) Medicine Creek

Jack Russell spoke about erosion issues along Medicine Creek and suggested getting a stream bank assessment from the project outlet to the Harry Strunk Lake. Jack Russel and Kyle Shepherd will work on the assessment project jointly.

Terry Martin moved the motion to approve the assessment. Seconded by who?. Roll call vote: 4 – Yes. 0 – No. Motion approved.

e.) North Pipeline – Water Sustainability.

Nate Jenkins discussed pumping water from the river (NPPD canal) to NCORPE well fields or into Medicine Creek. Board members was discussed applying for a state grant to fund the pumping station.

Kent Miller spoke on allocation of excess flows.

Terry Martin moved to proceed with the grant application. Seconded by who?. Roll call vote: 4 – Yes. 0 – No. Motion approved.

f.) Management plan - Workshop

March was decided for the management workshop.

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

Terry Martin moved to go into executive session to discuss threatened and pending litigation and real estate negotiations, to include the NCORPE board and staff. Seconded by Tim Kahrs. Roll call vote: 4-Yes. 0-No. Motion approved. The board entered executive session at 12:18 p.m.

Terry Martin moved to exit executive session and enter open session. Seconded by Brad Randel. Roll call vote: 4-Yes. 0-No. Motion approved. The board entered open session at 12:53 p.m. and immediately adjourned as there was no other business.

Brad Randel, Board Secretary

Date