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 ***Nebraska Cooperative Republican Platte Enhancement Project***

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 **Board Meeting**

*January 19th 2022, 10:00 a.m. Central Time*

*Twin Platte NRD*

*111 S. Dewey St., North Platte, NE 69101*

**Draft Version**

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); Tim Kahrs (Lower Republican NRD); Benji Loomis (MRNRD), Jerry Weaver (TPNRD).

**Others Present:** Kyle Shepherd (NCORPE); Jasper Fanning (URNRD); Nate Jenkins (URNRD); Todd Siel (LRNRD); Kent Miller (TPNRD); Nick Simonson (LRNRD); Jim Meismer (TPNRD); Mike Keller (NCORPE); Steve Vaughn (NCORPE); Dean Large (URNRD); Alex Boyce (MRNRD)

**Information Sent to Board Members:** Notice; Agenda; Minutes of November 9th Board Meeting; NCORPE Financial Statement; Accounts Payable; Budget; Information Request Documents

Terry Martin called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m. and designated NCORPE’s General Manager Kyle Shepherd to chair the meeting. Shepherd pointed out that the Open Meetings Act was posted.

Roll call was taken. Voting representatives from the Upper Republican NRD (Terry Martin); Twin Platte NRD (Jerry Weaver); Lower Republican NRD (Tim Kahrs); Middle Republican NRD (Benji Loomis) were present.

**Public Forum**

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

**Minutes of the November 9th, 2021 Meeting**

Shepherd presented the draft minutes of the November 9th meeting to the board.

Martin moved to approve the minutes of the November 9th, 2021 meeting. The motion was seconded by Loomis.

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

**Payables**

Shepherd presented the payables to the board. Several questions were asked, and Shepherd answered. Shepherd also pointed out how some of the payables where split per NRD.

Kahrs moved to approve the payables with corrections and 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.

**Financial Statements**

Shepherd presented the financial statements to the board and stated several changes were needed.

Martin moved to accept the financial statement with corrections and 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.

**Project Update**

**Managers Reports**

Shepherd shared various pictures and details of the last several months of work at NCORPE. He also mentioned that grazing bids are due today and to be opened the following Tuesday.

**Property Management/Operations**

**Accounting Update**

Shepherd said he was still working with MMS to correct some problems.

**2022 Budget**

Shepherd presented the budget. There was some discussion on line items.

Marin moved to approve the budget with changes and was seconded by Kahrs.

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.

**NSIA Membership**

Shepherd reported that NSIA had reached out to him about NCORPE re-joining NSIA. Discussion centered on that the member NRD**s** are not members of NSIA and that NCORPE thus did not need to be a member.

**Legislative Update**

 **i. LR23** – Shepherd reported that he had testified for LR23 and that the Natural Resources Committee had requested several follow up documents. Shepherd provided those documents.

 Also Sen. Erdman’s office had requested several documents. Shepherd said he would be providing them once they were ready.

 Finally, Sen. Erdman’s office had released documents that contained NCORPE’s checking and routing numbers. In response NCORPE had to close and open new checking accounts causing a large expense and much labor to do so. The board expressed their displeasure in the action of releasing confidential information.

**ii. LB 787 –** Conversation centered around the desire to be transparent but also the reporting problems the bill might cause the NRDs.

**Conference Attendance**

Shepherd stated that he was going to attend the NRD Legislative Conference and the Well Drillers Conference.

**Sale of assets updated**

Shepherd mentioned that the auction items were closing today.

**Executive Session**

Martin moved to go into executive session to discuss contract negotiations and pending litigation at 11:28 a.m. and was seconded by Kahrs.

Roll Call: Upper Republican NRD – Yes; Middle Republican NRD – Yes; Lower Republican NRD – Yes; Twin Platte NRD – Yes. Vote 4 – Yes, 0 – Abstain. Motion approved.

Martin moved to exit executive session at 11:34 a.m. and 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 – Abstain. Motion approved.

Martin moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:35 a.m. and was seconded by Kahrs.

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.

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Benjie Loomis, Board Secretary Date