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Nebraska Cooperative Republican Platte Enhancement Project

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes January 16, 2018 Teleconference at the following locations, Middle Republican NRD, 220 Center Avenue, Curtis, NE; Upper Republican NRD, 511 E. Fifth Street, Imperial, NE; Twin Platte NRD, 111 South Dewey Street, Second Floor, North Platte, NE; Lower Republican NRD, 30 John Street, Alma, NE

Agendas were sent to board members and others requesting agendas, Agendas were posted at <u>www.ncorpe.org</u> 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); Bill Bose (Lower Republican NRD)

Others Present: Jasper Fanning (Upper Republican NRD); Dean Large (Upper Republican NRD); Jack Russell (Middle Republican NRD); Scott Dicke (Lower Republican NRD); Silvia Johnson (Middle Republican NRD); Todd Siel (Lower Republican NRD); Kevin Fornoff (Middle Republican NRD); Pierre Dean (NCORPE); Nate Jenkins (Upper Republican NRD); Kent O. Miller (Twin Platte NRD); Ken Anderson (North Platte); Dan Esterman (Wellfleet)

Information Sent to Board Members: Agenda; LB758 Bill

Terry Martin called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. and pointed out that there were copies of the Open Meeting Act posted in 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) were present; Lower Republican NRD (Bill Bose) were present.

Open Forum

There were no matters discussed at this time.

Minutes of October 18, 2017 Meeting:

Bill Bose moved to approve the minutes as presented and Jerry Weaver seconded the motion.

Roll Call, Upper Republican- Yes; Middle Republican- Yes; Lower Republican- Yes; Twin Platte- Yes. Vote: 4-Yes, 0-No. Motion Approved

Legislative update

Terry Martin spoke on the LB758 bill and opened the floor to discussion. Twin Platte NRD's Board, Middle Republican NRD's Board and Upper Republican NRD's Board has taken action to support the bill. The Lower Republican NRD's Board decided to wait and see what the final bill looked like before taking any action.

Jerry Weaver made the motion to support the LB758 Bill seconded by Benjie Loomis. Rolle Call, Upper Republican NRD – Yes, Middle Republican NRD – Yes, Lower Republican NRD -Yes, Twin Platte NRD – Yes. Vote 4 – Yes, 0 – No. Motion Approved.

Letter to Landowners for a Common Purpose

Terry Martin presented the letter to the board and opened the floor for questions. Kent O. Miller commented on how well written and put together the letter was.

Jerry Weaver moved the motion to distribute the letter as presented Seconded by Benjie Loomis.

Rolle Call, Twin Platte NRD – Yes, Lower Republican NRD – Yes, Middle Republican NRD – Yes, Upper Republican NRD – Yes. Vote 4 – Yes, 0 – No. Motion Approved.

Senator Groene's Email

Kent O. Miller told the board that an email was sent from Senator Groene to all of the NRD board members and managers. Miller said that it appears that the senator wants to pass a bill to support retaining water rights but thinks that the board should wait until the final bill as well as seek legal counsel before taking action. Terry Martin agreed and thinks that the board should wait.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 am as there were no further matters to discuss.

Benjie Loomis, Board Secretary

Date