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

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 **Board Meeting**

*January 20th, 2021, 10 a.m. Central Time*

*Best Western Plus, Jeffers/Bailey Room*

*3201 S. Jeffers 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); Jerry Weaver (Twin Platte NRD); Nelson Trambly (Lower Republican NRD); Benji Loomis (MRNRD)

**Others Present:** Kyle Shepherd (NCORPE); Scott Dicke (LRNRD); Jasper Fanning (URNRD); Nate Jenkins (URNRD); Todd Siel (LRNRD); Kent Miller (TPNRD); Jim Meismer (TPNRD); Jack Russell (MRNRD); Don Blankenau; Mike Keller (NCORPE); Henry Vogt (Lincoln County Appraiser); Jerome Kramer (Lincoln County Sheriff); Larry Meyer (Lincoln County Sheriff); Adam Kester (Nebraska Game & Parks); Amy Cauffman (NCORPE)

**Information Sent to Board Members:** Notice; Agenda; Minutes of October 21st Budget Hearing and Board Meeting; Accounts Payable, 2021 Financial Statement.

Terry Martin called the meeting to order at 10:05am 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 (Nelson Trambly); Middle Republican NRD (Benji Loomis) were present.

**Public Forum**

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

**Minutes of the October 21st, 2020 Meeting**

Shepherd presented the draft minutes of the October 21st meeting to the board.

Martin moved to approve the minutes of the October 21st, 2020 meeting. The motion was seconded by Trambly.

Roll Call: Upper Republican NRD – Yes; Middle Republican NRD – Abstain; Lower Republican NRD – Yes; Twin Platte NRD – Yes. Vote 3 – Yes, 1 – Abstain. Motion approved.

**Payables**

Shepherd presented the payables to the board. Questions were asked about deposits, fencing, hay and bids.

Martin moved to approve the payables as presented 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.

**Financial Statement**

Shepherd presented the financial statements to the board.

Trambly moved to approve the financial statements as presented 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 – Abstain. Motion approved.

**Project Update**

**Managers Reports**

Mike Keller – Keller has been mowing tumble weeds and providing maintenance.

Bill Sellers resigned on December 28, 2020.

Kyle Shepherd – Shepherd worked on meeting preparation, contracts, budget, grazing bids and auction details.

NCORPE stopped pumping to the Platte on December 1st.

**Property Management/Operations**

**Bid and Auction Updates**

Grain bins are sold. Electricity has been disconnected and they’re being torn down. There were multiple buyers and $34,000 was generated by the sale.

**Range Manager/Operations Assistant**

A new position was discussed to fill the resignation of Bill Sellers. Shepherd explained this job would include lease and range management responsibilities and training by Keller to operate the pipeline. A job description is available.

**Game and Parks Presentation**

Kester expressed his appreciation to NCORPE for their public hunting land and discussed how the Game and Parks would like to implement a 5 year plan to manage areas for pheasant. Kester explained the need for assistance and the possible approval from NCORPE for the funding of a part time seasonal position. Discussion on this position proceeded with a possible meeting at a later date for further discussion to follow.

**Legislative Update**

Shepherd and Blankenau discussed upcoming legislation.

**Executive Session**

Martin moved to go into executive session to discuss pending legal issues to include NCORPE board members and alternates and NRD staff at 11:12am and was seconded by Trambly.

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 11:53am and was seconded by Trambly.

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.

The meeting adjourned at 11:53am.

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Benjie Loomis, Board Secretary Date