

# N-CORPE

## *Nebraska Cooperative Republican Platte Enhancement Project*

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### **Board of Directors Meeting Minutes January 24, 2018**

**Embassy Suites Former Gift Shop 1040 P Street, Lincoln, NE 68508**

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); Jim Meisner (Twin Platte NRD); Benjie Loomis (Middle Republican NRD); Matt Harrison (Lower Republican NRD)

**Others Present:** Kyle Shepherd (NCORPE); Dean Large (Upper Republican NRD); Jack Russell (Middle Republican NRD); Scott Dicke (Lower Republican NRD); Todd Siel (Lower Republican NRD); Pierre Dean (NCORPE); Nate Jenkins (Upper Republican NRD); Kent O. Miller (Twin Platte NRD); Marlin Murdoch (Lower Republican NRD); Shirlee Poyser (Lower Republican NRD); Dave Bartels (Lower Republican NRD); Don Blankenau (Counsel); Amy Svoboda (Lincoln Nebraska); Bruce Curtis (Upper Republican NRD)

**Information Sent to Board Members:** Agenda; Minutes from January 16, 2018 Board Meeting.

Terry Martin called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. 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 (Jim Meisner); Lower Republican NRD (Matt Harrison) were present.

#### **Legislative update on introduced bills LB 758**

Shepherd advised the board that Senator Hughes has asked that NCORPE agree to pay in Leu of Taxes should the LB758 bill pass. Don Blankenau added that repayment for taxes already paid should also not be requested.

Jim Meisner moved the motion that NCORPE agree to pay in-leu of tax and not request a refund of taxes already paid should the LB758 bill pass. The motion was seconded by Matt Harrison.

Roll Call, Twin Platte NRD – Yes; Upper Republican NRD – Yes; Lower Republican NRD – Yes; Middle Republican NRD – Yes. Vote 4 – Yes, 0 – No, Motion approved.

**LB1123**

Kyle Shepherd asked the board to give a position on the LB1123 bill proposed by Senator Groene that would allow sale of land and retention of water rights. Benjie Loomis said that the Middle Republican NRD wants to monitor the bill for now to see where it goes. Don Blankenau said that Senator Hughes wanted to know if the board was willing to work with Senator Groene. Jim Meismer said that the bill was not well written thus he continue to would appose and be involved with the negotiations. Scott Dicke also apposed and Dave Bartels says that there are changes that needs to be made to the bill.

Don Blankenau asked the board about their willingness to work with Senator Groene with issues of the LB1123 bill and the board agreed to work with him on the issues. Kyle Shepherd said that he would communicate NCORPE’s position to work with Senator Groene on the LB1123 bill to Senator Hughes.

Jim Meismer moved the motion to appose the LB1123 and seconded by Terry Martin. Roll call, Upper Republican NRD – Yes; Middle Republican NRD – No; Twin Platte NRD – Yes; Lower Republican – Yes; Vote 3 – Yes, 1 – No, motion approved.

**LB1124**

The board was asked to give a position on the LB1124 bill.

Jim Meismer moved a motion to appose the 1124 bill and was seconded by Matt Harrison.

Roll call, Twin Platte – Yes; Upper Republican NRD – Yes; Middle Republican NRD – Yes; Lower Republican NRD – Yes. Vote 4 - yes, 0 – No, motion approved.

**Open Forum**

There were no items discussed in the open forum by the public.

**Minutes of January 16, 2018 Meeting:**

Terry Martin moved to approve the minutes of January 16, 2018 meeting as presented and was seconded by Jim Meismer.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 am as there were no further matters to discuss.

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Benjie Loomis, Board Secretary \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_