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

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**Board Meeting**

July 19th, 2023, 10am Central Time

Middle Republican NRD

208 Center Ave., Curtis, NE

**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); Benjie Loomis (MRNRD), Jerry Weaver (TPNRD).

**Others Present:** Kyle Shepherd (NCORPE); Jasper Fanning (URNRD); Nate Jenkins (URNRD); Tom Schroder (URNRD); Todd Siel (LRNRD); Jack Russell (MRNRD); Nick Simonson (LRNRD); Mike Keller (NCORPE); Steve Vaughn (NCORPE); Don Duffy (LRNRD)

**Information Sent to Board Members:** Notice, Agenda, Minutes of the April 19th Board Meeting, Accounts Payable, Financial Statement, Newspaper Article.

Terry Martin called the meeting to order at 10:04 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 (Benjie Loomis) were present.

**Public Forum**

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

**Board Election of Officers**

Kahrs nominated Martin as NCORPE President and was seconded by Weaver.

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

Martin nominated Weaver as NCORPE Vice-President and was seconded by Khars.

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

Weaver nominated Loomis as NCORPE Secretary and was seconded by Kahrs.

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

Weaver nominated Kahrs as NCORPE Treasurer and was seconded by Weaver.

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

**Delegation of Signatories**

Loomis moved to remove Nelson Trambly as a signatory on financial accounts and add Kahrs as a signatory on financial accounts. The motion 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.

**Approval of the minutes of the April 19th, 2023 Meeting**

Shepherd presented the draft minutes of the April 19th meeting to the board.

Martin moved to approve the minutes with changes of the April 19th, 2023 meeting. The motion 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.

**Payables**

Shepherd presented the payables to the board. Several changes needing to be made were discussed.

Martin moved to approve the payables with changes 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 Statement**

Shepherd presented the financial statements to the board. Several questions were asked and several changes needed to be made.

**Project Update**

**Managers Reports**

Shepherd discussed mowing, well issues, cattle status and conferences among reporting additional duties.

**Property Management/Operations**

**Budget**

Shepherd reported he had been working on the budget.

**Lincoln County Zoning Changes**

The proposed zoning changes by the county were discussed.

**Legislative update**

The recent Attorney General opinion was discussed.

**Pumping update**

Shepherd reported good progress with maintenance and that pumping would probably resume the week of July 24th.

**Recharge possibilities**

This agenda item was postponed to the next meeting.

**Executive Session**

Martin moved to go into executive session to discuss contract negotiations and an employee review at 11:01am 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.

Weaver moved to exit executive session at 11:44am 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.

Kahrs moved to approve a 4.5% cost of living adjustment for NCORPE staff and was seconded by Martin.

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.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:46a.m. by Martin.

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Benjie Loomis, Board Secretary Date