

N-CORPE

Nebraska Cooperative Republican Platte Enhancement Project

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes November 4, 2019 at 10am Central Time at the Curtis Community Center, 201 Garlick, Curtis, NE

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Agendas were sent to board members and others requesting agendas. Agendas were posted at 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); Benjie Loomis (Middle Republican NRD); Nelson F. Trambly (Lower Republican NRD)

Others Present: Kyle Shepherd (NCORPE); Scott Dicke (Lower Republican NRD); Jasper Fanning (Upper Republican NRD); Dean Large (Upper Republican NRD); Jack Russell (Middle Republican NRD); Jay Schilling (Middle Republican NRD); Todd Siel (Lower Republican NRD); Bill Sellers (NCORPE); Mike Keller (NCORPE); Don Blankenau (Blankenau Wilmoth); Lynn Fredericks (North Platte); Henry Vogt (Lin. Co.); Dan Esterman (Wellfleet); Dan Nelson (Stockville); Marvin Knoll (Dickens); Julia Kimmerly (Invenergy); Jack Colelli (Invenergy); Shawn Sullivan (Wallace Fire Department); Melanie Standiford (KNOP).

Information Sent to Board Members: Notice; Agenda; Minutes of the October 10th, 2019 Board Meeting; Balance Sheet; Accounts Payable.

Terry Martin called the meeting to order at 10:00am 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 (Jerry Weaver); Lower Republican NRD (Nelson F. Trambly) were present.

**Information on Lease Proposals for Renewable Energy on the NCORPE Property,
Presentation from Renewable Developer Representative**

Jack Colelli from Invenergy provided an overview of the company that has been in discussions with NCORPE about the possibility of leasing property from NCORPE to potentially develop a renewable energy project. Worldwide the company has 146 energy projects producing 22,600 megawatts including four projects it has developed in Nebraska. He described the process the company would use, if it reached a lease agreement with NCORPE, to determine whether a renewable energy project would be viable on the NCORPE property and provided general information on nameplate tax revenue that could benefit Lincoln County.

Public Forum

Shepherd opened the Public Forum. Questions pertaining to erosion mitigation, the lifespan of wind turbines, and fire safety, among others, were asked of Colelli. Shepherd closed the Public Forum.

Minutes of October 10th, 2019 Meeting

Shepherd presented the draft minutes of the October 10th meeting to the board.

Martin moved to approve the minutes of the October 10th, 2019 meeting. The motion was seconded by Trambly.

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

Payables

Shepherd presented the payables to the board. Questions about well repair payments were made. Shepherd was asked to investigate insurance deductibles.

Martin moved to approve the payables as presented and was seconded by Weaver.

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

Financial Statement

There was not a financial statement to review. Shepherd stated that there would be a new accountant taking over the books for MMS.

Project Update

Managers Reports

Bill Sellers – Sellers worked on leases, grass surveys, Canadian thistle mitigation, NET reporting and ordered grass seed after requesting bids. He was asked about the timeframe to advertise grazing bids. He was directed to place paid ads in local papers.

Kyle Shepherd – Shepherd worked on meeting preparation, attended a wind and solar conference and addressed creek issues.

Mike Keller – Mowed tumble weeds and was asked about the protocol on repairing augmentation wells. He stated is takes a combination of onsite reviews to identify problems and sub-contractors, if needed.

Property Management/Operations

Wallace Fire Department Needs

Shawn Sullivan, Assistant Chief of the Wallace Volunteer Fire Department spoke on the needs for a radio tower to be located in the NCORPE headquarters area. The Board agreed and also suggested that NCORPE be able to use the tower for their communication needs also.

Loomis moved to direct management to move forward with developing a lease agreement to include a tower for Wallace Fire Department and NCORPE equipment, seconded by Trambly. Roll Call: Middle Republican NRD – Yes; Lower Republican NRD – Yes; Upper Republican NRD – Yes; Twin Platte NRD – Yes; Vote 4 – Yes, 0 – No, Motion approved.

TPNRD – 2020 Augmentation Plan

Weaver reported that the TPNRD would need to pump water in 2020 possibly starting in January.

Weaver moved to approve TPNRD to pump as scheduled with DNR starting as early as January 2020, seconded by Trambly. Roll Call: Middle Republican NRD – Yes; Lower Republican NRD – Yes; Upper Republican NRD – Yes; Twin Platte NRD – Yes; Vote 4 – Yes, 0 – No, Motion approved

Creek Update

Shepherd stated that NCORPE and the MRNRD had received a request to clean out downed trees on a stretch of Medicine Creek. MRNRD requested that Shepherd meet with the landowner and make an assessment.

FSA payments

Shepherd stated that there are ongoing conversations with FSA on the issue.

Executive Session

Martin moved to go into executive session to discuss imminent litigation at 11:35am and was seconded by Loomis.

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

Loomis moved to exit executive session at 12:01pm and was seconded by Trambly. Roll Call, Twin Platte NRD – Yes; Upper Republican NRD – Yes; Middle Republican NRD - yes; Lower Republican NRD – Yes; Vote 4 – yes, 0 – No, motion approved. No action was taken after executive session ended.

Meeting was immediately adjourned at 12:01pm as there were not further matters to be discussed.

Benjie Loomis, Board Secretary

Date