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Nebraska Cooperative Republican Platte Enhancement Project

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes Thursday November 15th, 2018 at 10am Central Time Room 201 of McMillen Hall, 1205 East Third Street, on the campus of McCook Community College in McCook, Neb

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); Kent O. Miller (Twin Platte NRD); Jim Meismer (Twin Platte NRD); Jasper Fanning (Upper Republican NRD); Jack Russell (Middle Republican NRD); Kevin Fornoff (Middle Republican NRD); Sylvia Johnson (Middle Republican NRD); Todd Siel (Lower Republican NRD); Nate Jenkins (Upper Republican NRD); Bill Sellers (NCORPE); David Pieper (North Platte); Kurt Pieper (North Platte)

Information Sent to Board Members: Agenda; Minutes from October 17, 2018 Board Meeting; Accounts Payable up to 11-14-2018; Accounts Payable up to 11-14-2018 totals; October 2018 Monthly Report; NCORPE Annual Report; 2019 Budget.

Terry Martin called the meeting to order at 10:00 am. 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.

Open Forum

The audience had no matters to be discussed.

Minutes of October 17, 2018 Meeting

Jerry Weaver moved to approve the minutes of the October 17, 2018 meeting as presented with the amendment that once the grass is established longer leases can be created. The motion was seconded by Benjie 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.

Payables

Kyle Shepherd presented the payables to the board and opened the floor to questions. Nelson Trambly asked why were there so many stock-wells repaired. Shepherd responded that new stock tanks were bought. Jerry Weaver had questions about the audit billing that were explained in detail by Shepherd. Jerry weaver also requested a copy of the final bill. Benjie Loomis asked about the quarterly billing for the accountants. Jim Meisner requested an explanation on the electrical billing. Fanning explained a change for demand and usage. Kyle Shepherd followed-up with additional explanation. Jerry Weaver explained in detail how the billing is split between the NRDs for pumping. Shepherd mentioned that the power companies were onsite to figure out a different billing method. Jerry Weaver explained how discounts could help billing.

Jerry Weaver moved to approve the payables as presented and was seconded by Benjie Loomis.

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 Report.

Kyle Shepherd presented the Financial Reports to the board. Shepherd asked about recovering funds from a delinquent lease. Benjie Loomis asked if there were other delinquent accounts. Terry Martin asked if it is likely to receive the said funds. Todd Siel suggested taking legal actions to which Jasper Fanning and Terry Martin agreed. Jack Russell suggested a policy for delinquent leases be made. Jerry Weaver suggested a policy for receiving lease payments to prevent delinquency from occurring. Shepherd said that he would create a policy to that effect.

Project Update

Managers Reports

Kyle Shepherd explained that a report was created for Jack Russell and that report would be used for boards meeting as well.

Bill Sellers – Sellers sprayed Canada Thistle; monitored hunting; did several tours.

Mike Keller- Keller assisted with afterhours hunting issues; maintenance of roads; auto-gates; fixed fencing and mowing.

Kyle Shepherd – Shepherd updated building leases; tours for multiple entities; prepared for boards meetings; Land trade issues; solar conference; food and water conference meetings.

Jim Meisner and Todd Siel asked about hunting issues and Shepherd explained deer hunting issues. Nate Jenkins asked about lobbyist visiting the property. Kyle Shepherd and Jasper Fanning explained why and when they visited the property. Jim Meisner asked how the hunting season was going and Shepherd explained that there was some unintentional trespassing.

Land Trade Proposals.

Kyle Shepherd read the original and updated proposal letters from Margritz for the land trade. Shepherd noted a discrepancy in certified acres within the land trade. Shepherd explained why the certified acres differed and the FSA and appraisals showed difference as well. Shepherd asked the Piepers to give their proposal. Kurt and Dave Piepers gave their proposal to the board. Shepherd stated that their offer would be discussed during the executive session.

Draft Budget

Shepherd presented the Draft budget to the board and opened the floor for questions.

Terry Martin moved the motion to approve the budget as presented and was seconded by Nelson 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.

NCORPEs Annual Report

Kyle Shepherd informed that he had spoken with Don Blankeneau about the annual report and was advised that it should be done by the end of the year. Shepherd advised that he has prepared a draft of the report as the board originally wanted it prepared for the spring closer to augmentation pumping. The board decided to have a hearing in December on the annual report.

Republican Operations

Kyle Shepherd called on Jasper Fanning to update the board about the annual forecast meeting that was held. Fanning said the state is about to get 4 million dollars and the governors office has earmarked that for the surface water folks. Fanning said that Frenchman Cambridge is seeking NCORPE's support to replenish up to 2000 acre-feet should they need it in 2019. Frenchman Cambridge would be releasing water to the Harry Strunk reservoir for Kansas.

Nelson Trambly moved the motion to authorize NCORPE to replace the water used for compact accounting by Frenchman Cambridge irrigation district for 2019. Motion was seconded by Terry 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.

Terry Martin moved a motion to go into executive session at 11:35 am to discuss land negotiations and personnel. The motion was seconded by Benjie Loomis.

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

Terry Martin moved a motion to exit executive session at 12:35 pm. The motion was seconded by Benjie Loomis.

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

Benjie Loomis moved a motion to accept the Pieper’s offer and to lease the property to them in 2019 and keep the equipment on the property. The motion was seconded by Terry Martin.

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

The meeting was adjourned as there were no further matters to be discussed.

Benjie Loomis, Board Secretary

Date