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

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 **Board Meeting**

*November 9th 2021, 2:00 p.m. Central Time*

*Middle Republican NRD*

*208 Center Ave, Curtis, NE 69025*

**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); Nelson Trambly (Lower Republican NRD); Benji Loomis (MRNRD), Jim Meismer (TPNRD).

**Others Present:** Kyle Shepherd (NCORPE); Nate Jenkins (URNRD); Todd Siel (LRNRD); Kent Miller (TPNRD); Nick Simonson (LRNRD); Jim Meismer (TPNRD); Mike Keller (NCORPE); Steve Vaughn (NCORPE); Bruce McDermott (Dickens); Adam Kester (G&P); Dean Large (URNRD); Jay Shilling (MRNRD); Jeremy Martin (Dickens)

**Information Sent to Board Members:** Notice; Agenda; Minutes of July 20th Board Meeting; NCORPE Financial Statement; Accounts Payable; Budget; McDermott letter and maps; Game and Parks agreement.

Terry Martin called the meeting to order at 1:58 p.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 (Jim Meismer); 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 July 20th, 2021 Meeting**

Shepherd presented the draft minutes of the July 20th meeting to the board.

Meismer moved to approve the minutes of the July 20th, 2021 meeting. The motion 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 – No. Motion approved.

**Payables**

Shepherd presented the payables to the board. Several questions were asked, and Shepherd answered.

Trambly moved to approve the payables and was seconded by Meismer.

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 Statements**

Shepherd presented the financial statements to the board and stated several changes were needed. A question was asked about bonding.

**Project Update**

**Managers Reports**

Shepherd shared various pictures and details of the last several months of work at NCORPE. Shepherd also introduced new employee Steve Vaughn.

**Property Management/Operations**

**McDermott Easement**

McDermott spoke about the detriment NCORPE has had on his property. The board went into executive session at 2:44 p.m.

Martin moved to go into executive session to discuss land negotiations at 2:44 p.m. 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 - No. Motion approved.

Martin moved to come out of executive session at 3:09 p.m. 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.

Martin moved to direct legal and staff to continue with negotiations. If no agreement is met in a reasonable amount of time (established by NCORPE legal) NCORPE will begin the process of condemnation on the McDermott property. The motion was seconded by Meismer.

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

**2022 Grazing**

Shepherd presented what property would be available for lease in 2022 and suggested NCORPE renew good standing tenants’ leases. Martin spoke on the benefits of longer-term leases and the positives of targeted haying.

**Game and Parks partnership**

Kester commented on the potential benefits to NCORPE for the Game and Parks Partnership.

Martin moved to enter into the agreement with the Game and Parks 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.

**2022 Budget**

Budget items were discussed.

**Accounting Update**

Shepherd said he was still working with MMS to correct some problems.

**Legislative Update**

Shepherd reported that the upcoming session would be starting in January.

**Conference Attendance**

Shepherd stated that he had attended the Nebraska Wind and Solar Conference and was planning on attending the NWRA/NSIA Annual Conference and NARD Legislative Conference.

**Sale of assets, pivots, hay, small items**

Shepherd described what items NCORPE needed to sell. The board discussed putting them all on Auction Time except the hay which could be advertised by NCORPE.

Martin moved to sell the pivots, pumps and other surplus items on Auction Time at a minimum of 10% of their value 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 - No. Motion approved.

Trambly moved to sell the hay via advertisement at a market value and was seconded by Meismer.

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.

**2021/2022 Augmentation Repairs**

Keller discussed some of the repairs that needed to be made. Shepherd noted a price tag of $150,000 for the repairs. Several ideas where shared by the board.

**Henry Creek Issues**

Shepherd reported that the repairs at the Henry property had been completed with the assistance of the MRNRD.

**2022 Twin Platte Water Delivery Plan**

Miller stated that the TPNRD would deliver water to the NPPD canal again in 2022.

**Executive Session**

Martin moved to go into executive session to discuss contract negotiations at 4:33 p.m. 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 4:43 p.m. and was seconded by Meismer.

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 adjourn the meeting at 4:44 p.m. 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.

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Benjie Loomis, Board Secretary Date