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

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 **Board Meeting**

*October 19th 2022, 10:00am Central Time*

TPNRD Office

111 S. Dewey St., North Platte, NE 69101

**Draft Version**

**Minutes**

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), Jerry Weaver/Jim Meismer (TPNRD)(Meismer took over for Weaver at 11:49am).

**Others Present:** Kyle Shepherd (NCORPE); Jasper Fanning (URNRD); Nate Jenkins (URNRD); Kent Miller (TPNRD); Nick Simonson (LRNRD); Mike Keller (NCORPE); Steve Vaughn (NCORPE); Dean Large (URNRD); Todd Siel (LRNRD); Jack Russell (MRNRD); Jeff Moore (ASPYR); Michael Hoger (Agoro); and via Zoom – Ellen Kreifels (BWJ); Trent Ruder (Invenergy); Alexander Chandler (Invenergy)

**Information Sent to Board Members:** Notice; Agenda; Minutes of July 20th Board Meeting; NCORPE Financial Statements; Budget; Accounts Payable; Agoro Contract; 2022 TPNRD Pumping Plan

Terry Martin called the meeting to order at 10:01am 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 (Nelson Trambly); and 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, 2022 Meeting**

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

Trambly moved to approve the minutes of the July 20th, 2022 meeting. The motion was seconded by Martin.

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

**Financial Statements**

Shepherd presented the financial statements to the board. Moore introduced himself to the board.

Martin moved to accept the financial statements. 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 - Abstain, 0 – No. Motion approved

**Payables**

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

Martin moved to approve the payables and 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.

**Project Update**

**Managers Reports**

Shepherd shared various pictures and details of the last several months of work at NCORPE.

**Property Management/Operations**

**Carbon Contract Consideration – Michael Hoger, Agoro**

Hoger presented to the board a lease for carbon capture on the NCORPE property.

**Invenergy – Trent Ruder, Invenergy**

An update was given to the board

**Executive Session**

Martin moved to go into executive session to discuss contract negotiations and land purchases at 11:48am and 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 – Abstain. Motion approved.

Martin moved to exit executive session at 12:26pm 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.

Meismer moved to direct Shepherd and Kreifels to negotiate with Agoro and if successful to have Marin sign a contract and was seconded by Trambly.

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

**Pumping Update**

TPNRD discussed their plan for pumping in 2023.

**2023 Budget**

The budget was discussed.

Martin moved to approve the budget 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.

**Legislative Update**

It was reported that the election was upcoming and soon after the next session would start.

**McDermott Update**

The board was updated on the negotiation process.

Martin made the following motion: The board authorizes Blankenau and Shepherd to continue to good faith negotiations with Mr. McDermott. If the good faith negotiations fail the board directs Blankenau and Shepherd to proceed with eminent domain proceedings 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.

**Upcoming Conferences**

Shepherd reported that he would be attending the Nebraska Wind and Solar Conference and also the NWRA/NSIA Conference.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:55pm

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Benjie Loomis, Board Secretary Date