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

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Budget Hearing

*October 21st, 2020, 10 a.m. Central Time*

*URNRD Building*

*511 E. 5th St., Imperial, NE 69033*

**Draft Version**

Shepherd opened the Hearing at 10:00am. He noted the open meetings act poster in the back of the room. The Hearing was not limited by time. No one spoke during the hearing. Shepherd closed the Hearing at 10:05am.

**Board Meeting**

*October 21st, 2020, 10:05am Central Time or following the conclusion of the Budget Hearing*

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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); Jerry Weaver (Twin Platte NRD); Nelson Trambly (Lower Republican NRD)

**Others Present:** Kyle Shepherd (NCORPE); Scott Dicke (LRNRD); Jasper Fanning (URNRD); Nate Jenkins (URNRD); Deb Hayes (URNRD); Todd Siel (LRNRD); Kent Miller (TPNRD); Harry Merrihew (URNRD)

**Information Sent to Board Members:** Notice; Agenda; Minutes of September 16th Board Meeting; Accounts Payable, 2021 Budget.

Terry Martin called the meeting to order at 10:09am and designated NCORPE’s General Manager Kyle Shepherd to chair the meeting. Shepherd pointed out that the Open Meeting 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) were present.

**Public Forum**

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

**Minutes of the September 16th, 2020 Meeting**

Shepherd presented the draft minutes of the September 16th meeting to the board.

Martin moved to approve the minutes of theSeptember 16th, 2020 meeting. The motion was seconded by Trambly.

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

**Payables**

Shepherd presented the payables to the board. Questions were asked about sealing and bonding.

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

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

**Project Update**

**Managers Reports**

Bill Sellers – Cattle are moving off of the property, preparing new bids, haying, mowing and gave a tour to NCTA.

Kyle Shepherd – Shepherd worked on meeting preparation, contracts, budget, haying, mowing and gave several tours.

Mike Keller – Keller has been mowing tumble weeds.

The next meeting will be January 20th in North Platte. NCORPE will begin pumping to the Platte the week of November 1.

**Property Management/Operations**

**Refunding of Bonds**

Shepherd reported the refunding process was proceeding as scheduled.

**Lynn Frederic electric line**

Frederic has requested an easement across NCORPE for a new electric line to his pivot. Shepherd said he would work with MidWest electric to ensure the easement meets NCORPE’s goals.

**2021 Budget**

Shepherd presented the budget.

Trambly moved to approve the 2021 budget and was seconded by Weaver.

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

**Legislative Update**

There was no activity to report.

**Grain Bin Leases**

Shepherd reported that Adams Construction had given NCORPE a bid to remove the bins. He also suggested hiring AuctionTime to sell the bins at auction.

Martin moved to authorize AuctionTime to sell the bins at a minimum of $1 and was seconded by Trambly.

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

**Executive Session**

Martin moved to go into executive session to discuss pending legal issues to include NCORPE board members and alternates, NRD staff and NCORPE staff at 11:09am and was seconded by Trambly.

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

Martin moved to exit executive session at 11:26am and was seconded by Trambly.

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

The meeting adjourned at 11:32am

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Benjie Loomis, Board Secretary Date