

N-CORPE

Nebraska Cooperative Republican Platte Enhancement Project

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes September 16th 2020 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 Trambly (Lower Republican NRD)

Others Present: Kyle Shepherd (NCORPE); Scott Dicke (LRNRD); Jasper Fanning (URNRD); Nate Jenkins (URNRD); Dean Large (URNRD); Jack Russell (MRNRD); Todd Siel (LRNRD); Jim Meismer (TPNRD), Kent Miller (TPNRD); Bill Sellers (NCORPE); Jay Shilling (MRNRD), Joe Anderjaska (MRNRD)

Information Sent to Board Members: Notice; Agenda; Minutes of the August 19th Board Meeting; Accounts Payable, 2021 Budget.

Terry Martin called the meeting to order at 10:07am 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); Middle Republican NRD (Benjie Loomis); 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 August 19th, 2020 Meeting

Shepherd presented the draft minutes of the August 19th meeting to the board.

Trambly moved to approve the minutes of the August 19th, 2020 meeting. The motion was seconded by Martin.

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

Payables

Shepherd presented the payables to the board. A question was asked about demand charges.

Martin moved to approve the payables as presented and was 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.

Project Update

Managers Reports

Bill Sellers – Sellers awarded a hay bid, mowed tumble weeds and helped on a communications tower.

Kyle Shepherd – Shepherd worked on meeting preparation, contracts, budget and helped on a communications tower.

Mike Keller – Keller worked pumping water for the TPNRD, mowed tumble weeds and helped on a communication tower.

Property Management/Operations

Refunding of Bonds

Shepherd reported the refunding process was proceeding as scheduled.

2021 Budget

Shepherd stated that the budget was almost done and ready for a hearing on October 21st. Questions were asked about grazing income, seeding, capital, cash balances and vehicle trade in value.

Martin moved to adopt the 2021 draft budget and update 2020 actuals before the hearing and advertise the hearing with aid from legal counsel and was 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.

Legislative Update

There was no activity to report.

Invenergy Update

Shepherd gave a contract status update.

Land Purchase

Shepherd stated the land purchase was proceeding as scheduled.

Grain Bin Leases

Shepherd reported that after some research and advertising, placing them on an auction site would be the next step.

Executive Session

Martin moved to go into executive session to discuss personnel and legal issues to include NCORPE board members and alternates, NRD staff and NCORPE staff at 10:55am and was seconded by Trambly.

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.

Martin moved to exit executive session at 11:32am and was seconded by Loomis.
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.

The meeting adjourned at 11:32am

Benjie Loomis, Board Secretary

Date