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

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**2023 Annual Report Hearing**

Wednesday April 17th, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. Central Time

At the Lower Republican NDR office,

30 N. John St. Alma, NE 68920

Terry Martin opened the hearing to review the 2023 Annual Report at 10:02 a.m. No comments from the public were made. This hearing was closed at 10:03 a.m.

 **Board Meeting**

April 17th, 2024, following the adjournment of the Annual Report Hearing

At the Lower Republican NDR Office

30 N. John St., Alma, NE 68920

**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); Timothy C. Kahrs (Lower Republican NRD); Benjie Loomis (MRNRD).

**Others Present:** Kyle Shepherd (NCORPE); Nate Jenkins (URNRD); Todd Siel (LRNRD); Kent Miller (TPNRD); Nick Simonson (LRNRD); Mike Keller (NCORPE); Steve Vaughn (NCORPE); Troy Fletcher (LRNRD); Jack Russell (MRNRD)

**Information Sent to Board Members:** Notice; Agenda; Minutes of February 2nd Board Meeting; NCORPE Annual Report – 2023; Accounts Payable, FY 2023 Financial Audit, and the Pumping Policy.

Terry Martin called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.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); Lower Republican NRD (Timothy C. Kahrs); Middle Republican NRD (Benjie Loomis) were present.

**Public Forum**

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

**Approval of the minutes of the February 2nd, 2024 Meeting**

Shepherd presented the draft minutes of the February 2nd meeting to the board.

Kahrs moved to approve the minutes of the February 2nd, 2024 meeting. The motion was seconded by Loomis.

Roll Call: Upper Republican NRD – Yes; Middle Republican NRD – Yes; Lower Republican NRD – Yes; Twin Platte NRD – . Vote 3 – Yes, 0 – Abstain. Motion approved.

**Approval of the 2023 Annual Report**

Shepherd presented the 2023 annual report to the board. The updates to the report were discussed.

Martin moved to approve the annual report. The motion was seconded by Kahrs.

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

**Payables**

Shepherd presented the payables to the board. Several changes needing to be made were discussed along with questions.

Kahrs moved to approve the payables with changes and was seconded by Loomis.

Roll Call: Upper Republican NRD – Yes; Middle Republican NRD – Yes; Lower Republican NRD – Yes; Twin Platte NRD – . Vote 3 – Yes, 0 - Abstain. Motion approved.

**Annual Audit**

The board reviewed the audit for FY 2023.

Martin moved to accept the Annual Audit. The motion was seconded by Kahrs.

Roll Call: Upper Republican NRD – Yes; Middle Republican NRD – Yes; Lower Republican NRD – Yes; Twin Platte NRD – . Vote 3 – Yes, 0 – Abstain. Motion approved.

**Project Update**

**Managers Reports**

Shepherd discussed stock well repairs, grazing, grants and augmentation wells.

**Property Management/Operations**

**Wallace Fire Department request – Shawn Sullivan**

Sullivan, the Fire Chief of the Wallace Fire Department discussed the challenges of fire suppression in the area. He focused on the need for a road in the area that would connect Hwy. 83 to Hershey-Dickens Rd. Ideas we discussed on ways NCORPE could help the department.

**Pumping Update**

Shepherd reported on TPNRD pumping, the group discussed possible Republican pumping and the status of well repairs.

**Pumping Policy**

The revised pumping policy was discussed.

Martin moved to approve the new pumping policy and was seconded by Loomis.

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

**Legislative update**

The current session was discussed along with the upcoming NRD tour that would include stops at NCORPE.

**Executive Session**

No executive session was needed.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:37 a.m. by a motion by Martin and seconded by Kahrs. Roll Call: Upper Republican NRD – Yes; Middle Republican NRD – Yes; Lower Republican NRD – Yes ; Twin Platte NRD – . Vote 3 – Yes, 0 - No. Motion approved.

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Benjie Loomis, Board Secretary Date