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

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**Board Meeting**

Monday December 9th, 2024 at 10am Central Time

at the Twin Platte NRD office

at 111 S. Dewey, North Platte, NE

**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 (URNRD); Benjie Loomis (MRNRD), Jerry Weaver (TPNRD); Troy Fletcher (LRNRD)

**Others Present:** Kyle Shepherd (NCORPE); Dean Large (URNRD); Jasper Fanning (URNRD); Nate Jenkins (URNRD); Alex Boyce (MRNRD); Nick Simonson (LRNRD); Mike Keller (NCORPE); Steve Vaughn (NCORPE); Rishi Bhakar (JWC); Ellen Kreifels (BWJ Law)

**Information Sent to Board Members:** Notice, Agenda, Minutes of the November 20th Board Meeting, Accounts Payable

Terry Martin called the meeting to order at 10:02am 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); Middle Republican NRD (Benjie Loomis); Lower Republican NRD (Troy Fletcher).

**Public Forum**

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

**Approval of the minutes of the November 20th, 2024 Meeting**

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

Weaver moved to approve the minutes of the November 20th, 2024 meeting. The motion was seconded by Fletcher.

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 discussed.

Martin moved to approve the payables 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.

**Project Update**

**Managers Reports**

Shepherd discussed the fire that damaged the NCORPE property that was started by Bruce McDermott south of the NCORPE property, insurance claims due to the fire, an award Keller received from the Wallace Fire Department, the Game and Parks grant, a potential county road and winter preparation.

**Property Management/Operations**

**Contract Consideration – Josh Westling, Meadowlark Project**

The lease of a potential renewable energy project at NCORPE that would complement the Meadowlark Project in Gothenburg. The SSP process was discussed. Acres and types of generation were also discussed.

**Fire Update**

The McDermott fire was discussed.

**Legislative Update**

The NRD Legislative Conference was mentioned as being scheduled for January 28th – 29th.

**Upcoming Conferences**

Shepherd reported he would be attending the Legislative Conference.

**Executive Session**

The Executive Session was not needed.

The upcoming meeting schedule was discussed with the next planned meeting to be held on February 19th at 10am in North Platte.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:18pm.

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Benjie Loomis, Board Secretary Date