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

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 **Board Meeting**

July 17th, 2024, 10am Central Time

Middle Republican NRD

208 Center Ave., Curtis, 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 (Upper Republican NRD); Troy Fletcher (Lower Republican NRD); Benjie Loomis (MRNRD), Jerry Weaver (TPNRD).

**Others Present:** Kyle Shepherd (NCORPE); Jasper Fanning (URNRD); Nate Jenkins (URNRD); Todd Siel (LRNRD); Jack Russell (MRNRD); Mike Keller (NCORPE); Steve Vaughn (NCORPE); Kent Miller (TPNRD); Jim Meismer (TPNRD)

**Information Sent to Board Members:** Notice, Agenda, Minutes of the April 17th Board Meeting, Accounts Payable, Financial Statement, Insurance Proposal, Budget.

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); Twin Platte NRD (Jerry Weaver); Lower Republican NRD (Troy Fletcher); 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 April 17th, 2024 Meeting**

Shepherd presented the draft minutes of the April 17th meeting to the board.

Martin moved to approve the minutes with changes of the April 17th, 2024 meeting. The motion was seconded by Meismer.

Roll Call: Upper Republican NRD – Yes; Middle Republican NRD – Yes; Lower Republican NRD – Yes; Twin Platte NRD – Abstain. Vote 3 – Yes, 1 – Abstain. Motion approved.

**Payables**

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

Martin 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 – Yes. Vote 4 – Yes, 0 - No. Motion approved.

**Financial Statement**

Shepherd presented the financial statements to the board. Several questions were asked and Shepherd said he would get some clarifications from Aspyr.

**Project Update**

**Managers Reports**

Shepherd discussed roads, well issues, pumping, tours, weather damage and IT, solar update among reporting additional duties.

**Property Management/Operations**

**Budget**

Shepherd presented a draft budget.

**Legislative update**

The recent retirement of Tom Riley was discussed.

**Pumping update**

Shepherd reported good progress with maintenance and that current pumping was 12.8 CFS.

**Game and Parks partnership**

Shepherd reported that the current grant will be extended and Vaughn was working with Adam Kester on a new grant.

**Executive Session**

Fletcher moved to go into executive session to discuss contract negotiations and an employee review at 11:18am 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.

Weaver moved to exit executive session at 11:54am 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.

Weaver moved to approve a 4% cost of living adjustment for NCORPE staff and a increase to the salaries in the budget of $1,500 and was seconded by Martin.

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.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:55a.m. by Martin.

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Benjie Loomis, Board Secretary Date