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

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 **Board Meeting**

Wednesday October 16th, 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)

**Others Present:** Kyle Shepherd (NCORPE); Jasper Fanning (URNRD); Nate Jenkins (URNRD); Jack Russell (MRNRD); Nick Simonson (LRNRD); Mike Keller (NCORPE); Steve Vaughn (NCORPE); Kent Miller (TPNRD); Todd Siel (LRNRD); Shane Felske (RWE); Ken Schilz (Nebraska Strategies); Rishi Bhakar (Meadowlark); Ellen Kreifels (BWJ Law)

**Information Sent to Board Members:** Notice, Agenda, Minutes of the July 17th Board Meeting, Accounts Payable, Financial Statements, HOA proposal, 2025 budget

Terry Martin called the meeting to order at 10:00am 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).

**Public Forum**

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

**Approval of the minutes of the July 17th, 2024 Meeting**

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

Weaver moved to approve the minutes of the July 17th, 2024 meeting. The motion was seconded by Martin.

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

**Payables**

Shepherd presented the payables to the board. Several questions were discussed.

Weaver moved to approve the payables and was seconded by Loomis.

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

**Financial Statement**

Shepherd presented the year-end financial statements to the board.

Martin moved to approve the year-end financial statements and was seconded by Weaver.

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

Shepherd presented the first quarter financial statements to the board.

Martin moved to approve the first quarter financials and was seconded by Weaver.

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

**Project Update**

**Managers Reports**

Shepherd discussed well repairs, the Game and Parks, tumbleweeds, fires and other topics.

**Property Management/Operations**

**Potential Land Lease – Shane Felske RWE Clean Energy**

Felske presented to the board about the possibility of a renewable energy project at NCORPE.

**Pumping Update**

Shepherd reported on some test pumping and that NCORPE would turn back for the Platte River when NPPD is done with their outage.

**2025 Budget**

The 2025 Budget was discussed.

Martin moved to approve the budget with a few minor corrections and was seconded by Weaver.

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

**Software Update**

The HOA software upgrade and hardware connections proposal was discussed.

Martin moved to approve the proposal and was seconded by Loomis.

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

**Legislative Update**

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

**Upcoming Conferences**

Shepherd reported he would be attending several upcoming conferences.

**Executive Session**

Martin moved to go into executive session for contract negotiations at 11:29am and was seconded by Loomis.

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

Martin moved to come out of executive session at 12:37pm and was seconded by Loomis.

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

The upcoming meeting schedule was discussed with planned meetings being the third Wednesday in November, February, May and August.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:42pm.

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Benjie Loomis, Board Secretary Date