

**MINUTES OF THE TRI-BASIN NRD BOARD MEETING**  
**Tuesday, March 10, 2020, 1:30 p.m.**  
**Tri-Basin NRD**

The regular monthly board meeting of the Tri-Basin Natural Resources District (NRD) was called to order by Chairman, Bradley Lundeen, at 1:32 p.m. Lundeen noted Public Meeting Law is posted in the boardroom.

**ROLL CALL**

Roll call was taken with nine directors present: Bergstrom, Bilka, Cavanaugh, Harris, Hinrichs, Larson, Lundeen, Raffety and Reynolds. Olsen, Garrelts, Johnson and Jorgensen were absent. Notice of the meeting was published in the Holdrege Citizen, Bertrand Herald, Elwood Bulletin and Minden Courier and announced on radio stations KRVN, Lexington and KUVR, Holdrege.

**EXCUSE ABSENCES**

Moved by Hinrichs, seconded by Larson, to excuse absences for Joe Bilka from the January 2020 and February 2020 Board Meetings.. Motion carried.

AYE: Bergstrom, Cavanaugh, Harris, Hinrichs, Larson, Lundeen, Raffety and Reynolds

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: Bilka

ABSENT: Garrelts, Johnson, Jorgensen and Olsen

**MINUTES**

Thorburn presented the minutes of the February 11, 2020 Board of Directors Meeting, Board Work Session, Little Blue IMP, Lower North Dry Creek and Lost Creek IPA Hearings and February 7, 2020 Planning Committee Meeting. Moved by Harris, seconded by Reynolds, to approve the minutes for the February 11, 2020 Board of Directors Work Session. Motion carried.

AYE: Bergstrom, Cavanaugh, Harris, Hinrichs, Larson, Lundeen, Raffety and Reynolds

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: Bilka

ABSENT: Garrelts, Johnson, Jorgensen and Olsen

Moved by Larson, seconded by Reynolds, to approve the minutes for the February 11, 2020 Board of Directors Meeting (as amended) and IPA and LB IMP Hearings. Motion carried.

AYE: Bergstrom, Harris, Hinrichs, Larson, Lundeen, Raffety and Reynolds

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: Bilka and Cavanaugh

ABSENT: Garrelts, Johnson, Jorgensen and Olsen

Moved by Bilka, seconded by Hinrichs, to approve the minutes for the February 7, 2020 Planning Committee Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

Hinrichs presented the financial report for the month of February 2020 as follows:

Accrual Expenditures for Month .....	\$110,602.03
Cash Expenditures for Month.....	\$127,109.77
Accrual Revenues for Month.....	\$82,242.60
Cash Revenues for Month.....	\$108,366.62
Bank Balance—February 29, 2020.....	\$143,315.93
Accounts Receivable – February 29, 2020.....	\$911.79

Investments – Pinnacle Bank – February 29, 2020-----	\$264,260.37
Building Sinking Fund – February 29, 2020-----	\$146,963.88
Vehicle Sinking Fund – February 29, 2020-----	\$71,655.05
Water Resources Fund – February 29, 2020-----	\$702,070.61
Whiskey Slough IPA Balance – February 29, 2020-----	\$1,663.41
Fort Kearny-West IPA Balance – February 29, 2020-----	\$5,147.22
South Dry Creek IPA Balance – February 29, 2020-----	\$12,945.07
Fort Kearny IPA Balance – February 29, 2020-----	\$7,690.72
Sacramento Creek IPA Balance – February 29, 2020-----	\$3,653.56
North Dry Creek IPA Balance – February 29, 2020-----	\$9,344.60
Water Jamboree – February 29, 2020-----	\$8,862.06
NRRCMDA – February 29, 2020-----	\$7,634.18
Odessa IPA – February 29, 2020-----	\$13,004.90

Moved by Hinrichs, seconded by Bergstrom, to approve the February 2020 Financial Report and submit for audit. Motion carried.

AYE: Bergstrom, Bilka, Cavanaugh, Harris, Hinrichs, Larson, Lundeen, Raffety and Reynolds

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Garrelts, Johnson, Jorgensen and Olsen

#### **SPECIAL BILLS**

Thorburn presented the VISA, CNPPID, PRD and attorney bills for approval. Moved by Bilka, seconded by Larson, to approve the VISA, CNPPID, PRD and attorney bills. Motion carried.

AYE: Bergstrom, Bilka, Cavanaugh, Harris, Hinrichs, Larson, Lundeen, Raffety and Reynolds

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Garrelts, Johnson, Jorgensen and Olsen

#### **NRCS REPORT**

**FSA Farm Plans:** There were no farm plans for approval.

**Activity and Progress Report:** Curtis Scheele reported that CSP and EQIP deadlines are approaching, NRCS has new staff and Source Water Protection is a new source of funding targeted for Wellhead Protection areas.

#### **COST SHARE REPORT**

**Well Abandonment** – There were no well abandonment cost-share applications to approve.

**NSWCP & NRD Applications** – Thorburn presented four NSWCP and three TBNRD cost-share applications. Moved by Larson, seconded by Raffety, to approve four NSWCP and three TBNRD cost-share applications. Motion carried.

AYE: Bergstrom, Bilka, Cavanaugh, Harris, Hinrichs, Larson, Lundeen, Raffety and Reynolds

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Garrelts, Johnson, Jorgensen and Olsen

**WCIP** – There were no applications to approve.

### **GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT**

**Groundwater & Certified Acre Transfers** – There were no transfers to approve.

**Educational Land Leases** – There were no educational land leases to approve.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

The public was given the opportunity to bring other specific business or non-agenda items before the board for comment and/or discussion. Terry Sorensen thanked the board for their work on the Little Blue Basin IMP. Scott Dicke, LRNRD, expressed LRNRD's desire for continued cooperation on the Platte Republican Diversion Project.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**Approve Little Blue Basin IMP:** Thorburn mentioned that after approval, the next step is publishing the Order. Moved by Reynolds, seconded by Raffety, to approve the Little Blue Basin Integrated Management Plan and direct staff to publish an Order with an effective date of April 15, 2020. Motion carried.

AYE: Bergstrom, Cavanaugh, Harris, Hinrichs, Larson, Lundeen and Reynolds

NAY: Bilka and Raffety

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Garrelts, Johnson, Jorgensen and Olsen

**Approve FY 2020-2021 IPA Assessments:** Thorburn explained that the annual IPA meetings were held and assessments proposed. Hinrichs commented that the checking balance for Ft. Kearny and Ft. Kearny West were inaccurate on the IPA meeting handouts. Lynch explained that a check was posted incorrectly and fixed during reconciliation. Moved by Bergstrom, seconded by Raffety, to approve the FY 2020-2021 IPA Assessments as follows: Ft. Kearny - \$0.20, Ft. Kearny West - \$0.20, North Dry Creek - \$.10, Sacramento Creek - \$0.20, South Dry Creek - \$0.15, Whiskey Slough - \$0.20, and Odessa IPA - \$0.50. Motion carried.

AYE: Bergstrom, Bilka, Cavanaugh, Harris, Hinrichs, Larson, Lundeen, Raffety and Reynolds

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Garrelts, Johnson, Jorgensen and Olsen

**Irrigation Water Use 2019:** Thorburn gave a presentation of TBNRD water use in 2019.

### **NARD REPORT**

**NARD Report:** Reynolds mentioned the NARD Papio Basin tour in June.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Information and Education Committee:** An Information and Education meeting is set for Wednesday, March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 2 p.m.

### **STAFF REPORTS & NECESSARY ACTION**

**Board Directives to Staff:** Thorburn mentioned that the Minden Chamber of Commerce is hosting "Blue Jeans and BBQ" on March 27, 2020 and asked if TBNRD would sponsor a table at a cost of \$160/table with eight tickets. Moved by Reynolds, seconded by Cavanaugh, to sponsor a table at the Blue Jeans and BBQ in Minden on March 27, 2020. Motion carried.

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AYE: Bergstrom, Bilka, Cavanaugh, Harris, Hinrichs, Larson, Lundeen, Raffety and Reynolds

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Garrelts, Johnson, Jorgensen and Olsen

**Out-of-State Travel:** There was no out-of-state travel to approve.

**MONTHLY REPORTS**

**Republican Basin (NRRMDA):** Annual Republican Basin meeting was held February 20, 2020 in Cambridge.

**Platte Basin:** Thorburn explained that he didn't purchase offsets from CPNRD because NDNR advised him that TBNRD has accumulated enough credits to be in compliance for this year.

**Sand Creek/Little Blue Basin:** Thorburn reported on an informational meeting with constituents.

**North Dry Creek:** Annual meeting was held.

**Odessa IPA:** Annual meeting was held.

**Sacramento Creek:** Annual meeting was held.

**Fort Kearny:** Annual meeting was held.

**Fort Kearny West:** Annual meeting was held.

**South Dry Creek:** Annual meeting was held.

**Whiskey Slough:** Annual meeting was held.

**Middle Lost Creek:** Nothing to report.

**Lake Seldom:** Nothing to report.

**CoHyst/Platte Basin Coalition:** Nothing to report.

**Rainwater Basin Joint Venture:** Nothing to report.

**Platte-Republican Diversion & Republican Basin Augmentation Well:** Water right was rejected on basis that CNPPID was the applicant. The application will be revised and resubmitted.

**CNPPID:** Ford reported Lake McConaughy is at 3256.5 feet of elevation.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Accept the Resignation of Director David Olson (at large):** Thorburn stated that David Olson submitted his resignation from the board. Olson served twenty-nine years on the board and was two years into his term. Thorburn explained that Election Vacancy Notice will be published in the Minden, Holdrege and Elwood newspapers and on the TBNRD website. The Executive Committee will

interview candidates and make a recommendation to the board. Moved by Cavanaugh, seconded by Larson to accept the resignation of director David Olsen (at-Large). Motion carried.

AYE: Bergstrom, Bilka, Cavanaugh, Harris, Hinrichs, Larson, Lundeen, Raffety and Reynolds

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Garrelts, Johnson, Jorgensen and Olsen

**Authorize Advertising Bids on Sorensen Recharge Structure:** Thorburn explained that the Sorensen Recharge structure is ready to bid. Advertisement for bids will be run in Holdrege and Minden papers and a trade publication. Moved by Raffety, seconded by Cavanaugh to authorize bids on the Sorensen recharge structure. Motion carried.

AYE: Bergstrom, Bilka, Cavanaugh, Harris, Hinrichs, Larson, Lundeen, Raffety and Reynolds

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Garrelts, Johnson and Jorgensen

**Reschedule May and June Board Meetings:** Moved by Cavanaugh, seconded by Harris to reschedule the May 12, 2020 board meeting to 1:30 p.m. (instead of evening meeting) and June 9, 2020 meeting to June 11, 2020 at 7:30 p.m. Motion carried.

AYE: Bergstrom, Bilka, Cavanaugh, Harris, Hinrichs, Larson, Lundeen, Raffety and Reynolds

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Garrelts, Johnson and Jorgensen

#### **PERSONELL AND LEGAL MATTERS**

There were no legal or personnel matters to discuss.

#### **COMMENTS AND CONCERNS**

Reynolds commented on the graphs provided by Dale Needham at the LB informational meeting with constituents. Sorensen commented that he was attending the LBNRD board meeting tonight and will provide his presentation to TBNRD.

#### **NEXT BOARD MEETING**

TBNRD Regular Board Meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 14, 2020, 7:30 p.m.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:35 p.m.

#### **DIRECTORS PRESENT**

Brian Bergstrom, Joe Bilka, Mike Cavanaugh, Ed Harris, Rob Hinrichs, Joe Larson, Dave Raffety, Larry Reynolds and Brad Lundeen

#### **OTHERS PRESENT**

Carie Lynch, John Thorburn, Sasha Hahn, Dave Ford, Curtis Scheele, Nolan Little, Tammy Fahrenbruch, Terry Sorensen, Scott Dicke and Jeff VanEperen.

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Respectfully Submitted:

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Carie Lynch, Asst. Secretary

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ID	Motion #	Category	Subject	Aye	Nay	Abstain	
	2020-03-10-01	Meeting Administration		8		1	Moved by Hinrichs, seconded by Larson, to excuse absences for Joe Bilka from the January 2020 and February 2020 Board Meetings.. Motion carried.
	2020-03-10-02	Meeting Administration		8		1	. Moved by Harris, seconded by Reynolds, to approve the minutes for the February 11, 2020 Board of Directors Work Session. Motion carried.
	2020-03-10-03	Meeting Administration		7		2	Moved by Larson, seconded by Reynolds, to approve the minutes for the February 11, 2020 Board of Directors Meeting (as amended) and IPA and LB IMP Hearings. Motion carried.
	2020-03-10-04	Meeting Administration					Moved by Bilka, seconded by Hinrichs, to approve the minutes for the February 7, 2020 Planning Committee Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.
	2020-03-10-05	Meeting Administration		9			Moved by Hinrichs, seconded by Bergstrom, to approve the February 2020 Financial Report and submit for audit. Motion carried.
	2020-03-10-06	Budget		9			Moved by Bilka, seconded by Larson, to approve the VISA, CNPPID, PRD and attorney bills. Motion carried.
	2020-03-10-07	Meeting Administration		9			Moved by Larson, seconded by Raffety, to approve four NSWCP and three TBNRD cost-share applications. Motion carried.
	2020-03-10-08	District Plans & Programs	LB IMP	7	2		Moved by Reynolds, seconded by Raffety, to approve the Little Blue Basin Integrated Management Plan and direct staff to publish an Order with an effective date of April 15, 2020. Motion carried.
	2020-03-10-09	Projects	IPA Assessments	9			Moved by Bergstrom, seconded by Raffety, to approve the FY 2020-2021 IPA Assessments as follows: Ft. Kearny - \$0.20, Ft. Kearny West - \$0.20, North Dry Creek - \$.10, Sacramento Creek - \$0.20, South Dry Creek - \$0.15, Whiskey Slough - \$0.20, and Odessa IPA - \$0.50. Motion carried.

	2020-03-10-10	Budget	Blue Jeans and BBQ	9			Moved by Reynolds, seconded by Cavanaugh, to sponsor a table at the Blue Jeans and BBQ in Minden on March 27, 2020. Motion carried.
	2020-03-10-11	Directors	Dave Olsen Resignation	9			Moved by Cavanaugh, seconded by Larson to accept the resignation of director David Olsen (at-Large). Motion carried.
	2020-03-10-12	Projects	Sorensen Recharge Structure	9			Moved by Raffety, seconded by Cavanaugh to authorize bids on the Sorensen recharge structure. Motion carried.
	2020-03-10-13	Meeting Administration		9			Moved by Cavanaugh, seconded by Harris to reschedule the May 12, 2020 board meeting to 1:30 p.m. (instead of evening meeting) and June 9, 2020 meeting to June 11, 2020 at 7:30 p.m. Motion carried.