

MINUTES OF THE TRI-BASIN NRD BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, January 8, 2019, 1:30 p.m.
Tri-Basin NRD

CALL TO ORDER

The regular monthly board meeting of the Tri-Basin Natural Resources District (NRD) was called to order by Chairman, Dave Olsen, at 1:30 p.m. Olsen noted Public Meeting Law is posted in the boardroom. Newly elected Directors recited their Oath of Office: Phyllis Johnson, Joe Bilka, Ed Harris, Dave Olsen, Dave Raffety, Robin Hinrichs, Brian Bergstrom, Mike Cavanaugh,

ROLL CALL

Roll call was taken with thirteen directors present: Bergstrom, Bilka, Cavanaugh, Garrelts, Harris, Hinrichs, Jorgensen, Johnson, Larson, Lundeen, Olsen, Raffety and Reynolds. 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 Bilka, seconded by Garrelts, to excuse Mike Cavanaugh from the November and December 2018 board Meetings. Motion carried.

AYE: Bergstrom, Bilka, Garrelts, Harris, Hinrichs, Johnson, Larson, Lundeen, Olsen, Raffety and Reynolds

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: Cavanaugh and Jorgensen

ABSENT: None

MINUTES

Thorburn presented the minutes of the December 11, 2018 Board of Directors Meeting.

Moved by Bilka, seconded by Johnson, to approve the minutes for the December 11, 2018 Board of Directors Meeting. Motion carried.

AYE: Bilka, Harris, Hinrichs, Johnson, Larson, Lundeen, Olsen, Raffety and Reynolds

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: Bergstrom, Cavanaugh, Garrelts and Jorgensen

ABSENT: None

FINANCIAL REPORT

Bilka presented the financial report for the month of December 2018 as follows:

Accrual Expenditures for Month	\$91,829.00
Cash Expenditures for Month.....	\$98,682.68
Accrual Revenues for Month.....	\$10,023.83
Cash Revenues for Month.....	\$4,727.61
Bank Balance–December 31, 2018.....	\$394,769.60
Accounts Receivable – December 31, 2018.....	\$282.65
Investments – Pinnacle Bank – December 31, 2018.....	\$956,912.11
Building Sinking Fund – December 31, 2018.....	\$39,833.44
Vehicle Sinking Fund – December 31, 2018.....	\$54,420.52
Water Resources Fund – December 31, 2018.....	\$494,843.50
Whiskey Slough IPA Balance – December 31, 2018.....	\$13,123.03
Fort Kearny-West IPA Balance – December 31, 2018.....	\$13,771.52
South Dry Creek IPA Balance – December 31, 2018.....	\$11,093.22

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Fort Kearny IPA Balance – December 31, 2018-----	\$14,063.17
Sacramento Creek IPA Balance – December 31, 2018-----	\$1,812.57
North Dry Creek IPA Balance – December 31, 2018-----	\$11,201.27
Water Jamboree – December 31, 2018-----	\$9,640.23
NRRMDA – December 31, 2018-----	\$7,631.53
Odessa IPA – December 31, 2018-----	\$7,500.00

Moved by Raffety, seconded by Bergstrom, to approve the December 2018 Financial Report and submit for audit. Motion carried.

AYE: Bergstrom, Bilka, Cavanaugh, Garrelts, Harris, Hinrichs, Johnson, Jorgensen, Larson, Lundeen, Olsen, Raffety and Reynolds

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

SPECIAL BILLS

Thorburn presented the VISA and attorney bills for approval. Moved by Garrelts, seconded by Bilks, to approve the VISA and attorney bills. Motion carried.

AYE: Bergstrom, Bilka, Cavanaugh, Garrelts, Harris, Hinrichs, Johnson, Jorgensen, Larson, Lundeen, Olsen, Raffety and Reynolds

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

ADJOURN SINE DIE

Moved by Bilka, seconded by Bergstrom to Adjourn Sine Die at 1:41 p.m. Motion carried.

AYE: Bergstrom, Bilka, Cavanaugh, Garrelts, Harris, Hinrichs, Johnson, Jorgensen, Larson, Lundeen, Olsen, Raffety and Reynolds

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Garrelts nominated John Thorburn as temporary Chairman. Moved by Garrelts, seconded by Larson to cease nominations and elect John Thorburn as temporary Chairman by acclamation. Motion carried.

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

NAY: Garrelts

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

CALL TO ORDER

Thorburn called the meeting to order as temporary chairman at 1:43 p.m. with thirteen directors present: Bergstrom, Bilka, Cavanaugh, Garrelts, Harris, Hinrichs, Johnson, Jorgensen, Larson, Lundeen, Olsen, Raffety and Reynolds. Thorburn asked the Directors if they would like to vote by secret ballot on each of the following officers and they declined.

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Garrelts nominated Brad Lundeen as Chairman. Moved by Raffety, seconded by Larson to cease nominations and elect Brad Lundeen as Chairman by acclamation. Motion carried unanimously.

AYE: Bergstrom, Bilka, Cavanaugh, Garrelts, Harris, Hinrichs, Johnson, Jorgensen, Larson, Olsen, Raffety and Reynolds

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: Lundeen

ABSENT: None

Reynolds nominated Todd Garrelts as Vice Chairman. Moved by Cavanaugh, seconded by Raffety to cease nominations elect Todd Garrelts as Vice Chairman by acclamation. Motion carried unanimously.

AYE: Bergstrom, Bilka, Cavanaugh, Garrelts, Harris, Hinrichs, Johnson, Jorgensen, Larson, Lundeen, Olsen, Raffety and Reynolds

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Reynolds nominated Joe Bilka as Secretary. Moved by Garrelts, seconded by Cavanaugh to cease nominations and elect Joe Bilka as Secretary by acclamation. Motion carried unanimously.

AYE: Bergstrom, Cavanaugh, Garrelts, Harris, Hinrichs, Johnson, Jorgensen, Larson, Lundeen, Olsen, Raffety and Reynolds

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: Bilka

ABSENT: None

Bilka nominated Rob Hinrichs as Treasurer. Moved by Cavanaugh, seconded by Bergstrom to cease nominations and elect Rob Hinrichs as Treasurer by acclamation. Motion carried unanimously.

AYE: Bergstrom, Bilka, Cavanaugh, Garrelts, Harris, Johnson, Jorgensen, Larson, Lundeen, Olsen, Raffety and Reynolds

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: Hinrichs

ABSENT: None

NARD and NRRMD Representatives: Raffety nominated Reynolds as NARD Representative. Moved by Raffety, seconded by Olsen to cease nominations and elect Larry Reynolds as NARD Representative by acclamation. Motion carried unanimously.

AYE: Bergstrom, Bilka, Cavanaugh, Garrelts, Harris, Hinrichs, Johnson, Jorgensen, Larson, Lundeen, Olsen and Raffety

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: Reynolds

ABSENT: None

Reynolds nominated Dave Raffety as Alternate NARD Representative. Moved by Reynolds, seconded by Olsen to cease nominations and elect Dave Raffety as Alternate NARD Representative by acclamation. Motion carried unanimously.

AYE: Bergstrom, Bilka, Cavanaugh, Garrelts, Harris, Hinrichs, Johnson, Jorgensen, Larson, Lundeen, Olsen and Reynolds

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: Raffety

ABSENT: None

Review Committee Membership: Lundeen will review current committee structure.

CALL TO ORDER

Lundeen called the meeting to order as newly elected Chairman at 1:46 p.m. with thirteen directors present: Bergstrom, Bilka, Cavanaugh, Garrelts, Harris, Hinrichs, Johnson, Jorgensen, Larson, Lundeen, Olsen, Raffety and Reynolds.

NRCS REPORT

FSA Farm Plans: Kerner presented one farm plan for approval for Bradley Schutz. Moved by Reynolds, seconded by Bergstrom, to approve a farm plan for Bradley Schutz. Motion carried.

AYE: Bergstrom, Bilka, Cavanaugh, Garrelts, Hinrichs, Jorgensen, Larson, Lundeen, Olsen, Raffety and Reynolds

NAY: Johnson and Harris

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Activity and Progress Report: Cammie Kerner reported that the new Farm Bill was signed, and payments are being processed but FSA is closed due to the government shutdown.

COST SHARE REPORT

Well Abandonment – Thorburn presented five well decommissioning cost-share applications to approve. Moved by Olsen, seconded by Bilka, to approve five well decommissioning cost-share applications. Motion carried.

AYE: Bergstrom, Bilka, Cavanaugh, Garrelts, Harris, Hinrichs, Johnson, Jorgensen, Larson, Lundeen, Olsen, Raffety and Reynolds

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

NSWCP & NRD Applications – Thorburn presented three NSWCP applications to approve and noted that an application for Candace Crockett was marked for approval but will not be approved because it also includes a pipeline. Moved by Bilka, seconded by Larson, to approve three NSWCP cost-share applications. Motion carried.

AYE: Bergstrom, Bilka, Cavanaugh, Garrelts, Harris, Hinrichs, Johnson, Jorgensen, Larson, Lundeen, Olsen, Raffety and Reynolds

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT

Groundwater & Certified Acre Transfers – Thorburn presented an irrigated acre transfer request for C&C Land and Cattle. Franklin Carlson was present to answer questions. Moved by Garrelts, seconded by Reynolds to approve an irrigated acre transfer request for C&C Land and Cattle. Motion carried.

AYE: Bergstrom, Bilka, Cavanaugh, Garrelts, Harris, Hinrichs, Johnson, Jorgensen, Larson, Lundeen, Olsen, Raffety and Reynolds

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

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. There was no public comment.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Irrigation Specialist Report – Curtis Scheele.: Scheele reviewed irrigation management programs for 2018.

CNPPID Irrigation Report – Marcia Trompke.: Marcia Trompke reviewed the CNPPID 2018 irrigation report.

NARD REPORT

Reynolds commented that the NARD Legislative Conference will be held January 29th and 30th, 2019 and the Washington DC Conference will be held March 30th – April 4th, 2019. Moved by Reynolds, seconded by Garrelts to select Raffety as Delegate and Reynolds as Alternate Delegate for the NARD Legislative Conference. Motion carried.

AYE: Bergstrom, Bilka, Cavanaugh, Garrelts, Harris, Hinrichs, Johnson, Jorgensen, Larson, Lundeen and Olsen

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: Raffety and Reynolds

ABSENT: None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

STAFF REPORTS & NECESSARY ACTION

Board Directives to Staff: Lynch asked Directors to complete a 2019 W-4 as recommended by the auditor.

Out-of-State Travel: Moved by Bilka, seconded by Olsen to approve out-of-state travel for Reynolds and another Director to go to Washington DC on March 30 to April 3, 2019. Motion carried.

AYE: Bergstrom, Bilka, Cavanaugh, Garrelts, Harris, Hinrichs, Johnson, Jorgensen, Larson, Lundeen and Olsen

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: Raffety and Reynolds

ABSENT: None

MONTHLY REPORTS

Republican Basin (NRRMDA): Thorburn reported the Basin Wide Plan was approved by all four Republican Basin NRDs.

Platte Basin: An IMP Stakeholder meeting was held at TBNRD on December 12, 2018. Thorburn mentioned that he signed an amended agreement for high flow diversions with CNPPID/NDNR because the funding was already committed in the original contract. The amendment made minor corrections. Moved by Reynolds, seconded by Bilka, to approve the amendment to the Groundwater Recharge From Excess Flows Agreement Between CNPPID, NDNR and TBNRD. Motion carried.

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AYE: Bergstrom, Bilka, Cavanaugh, Garrelts, Harris, Hinrichs, Johnson, Jorgensen, Larson, Lundeen, Olsen, Raffety and Reynolds

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Sand Creek/Little Blue Basin: Mike Onnen retired from LBNRD. New Manager hasn't been selected yet. Thorburn has sent revised easement to some Sand Creek landowners.

North Dry Creek: IPA Meeting set for March 1, 2019, tentatively.

Odessa IPA: IPA Meeting set for March 1, 2019, tentatively.

Sacramento Creek: IPA Meeting set for March 1, 2019, tentatively.

Fort Kearny: IPA Meeting set for March 1, 2019, tentatively.

Fort Kearny West: IPA Meeting set for March 1, 2019, tentatively.

South Dry Creek: IPA Meeting set for March 1, 2019, tentatively.

Whiskey Slough: IPA Meeting set for March 1, 2019, tentatively.

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: Nothing to report.

CNPPID: Ford reported Lake McConaughy is at 81% of capacity.

NEW BUSINESS

Board Retreat in February 2019: Thorburn mentioned that Lynch could do iPad training in March and the outcome on filings on PRD Diversion water right might be available then. Thorburn suggested the Board Retreat be held on March 12, 2019 in the morning.

Renew Auditor's Contract: Moved by Garrelts, seconded by Johnson, to approve the auditor's contract with Tonniges and Associates for three more years. Motion carried.

AYE: Bergstrom, Bilka, Cavanaugh, Garrelts, Harris, Hinrichs, Johnson, Jorgensen, Larson, Lundeen, Olsen, Raffety and Reynolds

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

COMMENTS AND CONCERNS

There were no comments and concerns.

NEXT BOARD MEETING

TBNRD Regular Board Meeting and Groundwater Quality Management Hearing will be held on Tuesday, February 12, 2019, 2018 at 1:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:53 p.m.

DIRECTORS PRESENT

Brian Bergstrom, Joe Bilka, Mike Cavanaugh, Todd Garrelts, Ed Harris, Rob Hinrichs, Phyllis Johnson, Greg Jorgensen, Joe Larson, Brad Lundeen, Dave Olsen, Dave Raffety and Larry Reynolds.

OTHERS PRESENT

Carie Lynch, John Thorburn, Nate Munter, Cammie Kerner, Nolan Little, Nicole Salisbury, Tammy Fahrenbruch, Marcia Trompke, Curtis Scheele, Michael Perry, Lori Potter, Dave Ford, Wayne Anderson and Franklin Carlson.

Respectfully Submitted:

Carie Lynch, Asst. Secretary

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ID	Motion #	Category	Subject	Aye	Nay	Abstain	
	2019-01-08-01	Meeting Administration		11		2	Moved by Bilka, seconded by Garrelts, to excuse Mike Cavanaugh from the November and December 2018 board Meetings. Motion carried.
	2019-01-08-02	Meeting Administration		9		4	Moved by Bilka, seconded by Johnson, to approve the minutes for the December 11, 2018 Board of Directors Meeting. Motion carried.
	2019-01-08-03	Meeting Administration		13			Moved by Raffety, seconded by Bergstrom, to approve the December 2018 Financial Report and submit for audit. Motion carried.
	2019-01-08-04	Budget		13			Moved by Garrelts, seconded by Bilks, to approve the VISA and attorney bills. Motion carried.
	2019-01-08-05	Meeting Administration		13			Moved by Bilka, seconded by Bergstrom to Adjourn Sine Die at 1:41 p.m. Motion carried.
	2019-01-08-06	Meeting Administration		12	1		Moved by Garrelts, seconded by Larson to cease nominations and elect John Thorburn as temporary Chairman by acclamation. Motion carried.
	2019-01-08-07	Directors	Chairman	12		1	Moved by Raffety, seconded by Larson to cease nominations and elect Brad Lundeen as Chairman by acclamation. Motion carried unanimously.
	2019-01-08-08	Directors	Vice Chairman	13			Moved by Cavanaugh, seconded by Raffety to cease nominations elect Todd Garrelts as Vice Chairman by acclamation. Motion carried unanimously.
	2019-01-08-09	Directors	Secretary	12		1	Moved by Garrelts, seconded by Cavanaugh to cease nominations and elect Joe Bilka as Secretary by acclamation. Motion carried unanimously.
	2019-01-08-10	Directors	Treasurer	12		1	Moved by Cavanaugh, seconded by Bergstrom to cease nominations and elect Rob Hinrichs as Treasurer by acclamation. Motion carried unanimously.
	2019-01-08-11	Directors	NARD Rep	12		1	Moved by Raffety, seconded by Olsen to cease nominations and elect Larry

							Reynolds as NARD Representative by acclamation. Motion carried unanimously.
2019-01-08-12	Directors	NARD Alternate rep.	12		1		Moved by Reynolds, seconded by Olsen to cease nominations and elect Dave Raffety as Alternate NARD Representative by acclamation. Motion carried unanimously.
2019-01-08-13	Meeting Administration		11	2			Moved by Reynolds, seconded by Bergstrom, to approve a farm plan for Bradley Schutz. Motion carried.
2019-01-08-14	Meeting Administration		13				Moved by Olsen, seconded by Bilka, to approve five well decommissioning cost-share applications. Motion carried.
2019-01-08-15	Meeting Administration		13				Moved by Bilka, seconded by Larson, to approve three NSWCP cost-share applications. Motion carried.
2019-01-08-16	Certification & Transfers	C&C Land	13				Moved by Garrelts, seconded by Reynolds to approve an irrigated acre transfer request for C&C Land and Cattle. Motion carried.
2019-01-08-17	Director	NARD Delegate	11		2		Moved by Reynolds, seconded by Garrelts to select Raffety as Delegate and Reynolds as Alternate Delegate for the NARD Legislative Conference. Motion carried.
2019-01-08-18	Meeting Administration		11		2		Moved by Bilka, seconded by Olsen to approve out-of-state travel for Reynolds and another Director to go to Washington DC on March 30 to April 3, 2019. Motion carried
2019-01-08-19	Agreements	Excess Flows Agreement Between CNPPID, NDNR and TBNRD	13				Moved by Reynolds, seconded by Bilka, to approve the amendment to the Groundwater Recharge From Excess Flows Agreement Between CNPPID, NDNR and TBNRD. Motion carried.
2019-01-08-20	Budget	Auditor Contract	13				Moved by Garrelts, seconded by Johnson, to approve the auditor's contract with Tonniges and Associates for three more years. Motion carried.