

MINUTES OF THE TRI-BASIN NRD BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, October 8, 2019, 7:30 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, Bradley Lundeen, at 7:30 p.m. Lundeen noted Public Meeting Law is posted in the boardroom.

ROLL CALL

Roll call was taken with seven directors present: Cavanaugh, Garrelts, Hinrichs, Johnson, Lundeen, Olsen and Reynolds. Harris, Larson, Bergstrom, Bilka, Jorgensen and Raffety 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

There were no absences to excuse.

MINUTES

Thorburn presented the minutes of the September 10, 2019 Board of Directors Meeting, Budget and GW Management Hearings, and September 16, 2019 Planning and P&C Committee Meetings. Moved by Johnson, seconded by Olsen, to approve the minutes for the September 10, 2019 Board of Directors Meeting, GW Management Hearing and Budget Hearing. Motion carried.

AYE: Cavanaugh, Garrelts, Hinrichs, Johnson, Lundeen, Olsen and Reynolds

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Bergstrom, Bilka, Harris, Jorgensen, Larson and Raffety

Moved by Hinrichs, seconded by Garrelts, to approve the minutes for the September 16, 2019 Planning Committee Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Olsen, seconded by Johnson, to approve the minutes for the September 16, 2019 Projects & Construction Committee Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Hinrichs presented the financial report for the month of September 2019 as follows:

Accrual Expenditures for Month	\$103,139.18
Cash Expenditures for Month.....	\$106,598.21
Accrual Revenues for Month.....	\$194,376.58
Cash Revenues for Month.....	\$202,536.31
Bank Balance—August 31, 2019.....	\$296,285.76
Accounts Receivable – September 30, 2019.....	\$936.16
Investments – Pinnacle Bank – September 30, 2019.....	\$262,836.19
Building Sinking Fund – September 30, 2019.....	\$146,871.33
Vehicle Sinking Fund – September 30, 2019.....	\$71,609.93
Water Resources Fund – September 30, 2019.....	\$781,584.68
Whiskey Slough IPA Balance – September 30, 2019.....	\$12,562.04
Fort Kearny-West IPA Balance – September 30, 2019.....	\$11,542.64
South Dry Creek IPA Balance – September 30, 2019.....	\$11,709.75
Fort Kearny IPA Balance – September 30, 2019.....	\$15,172.11
Sacramento Creek IPA Balance – September 30, 2019.....	\$2,385.92
North Dry Creek IPA Balance – September 30, 2019.....	\$8,902.62

Water Jamboree – September 30, 2019-----	\$3,748.54
NRRMDA – September 30, 2019-----	\$7,633.24
Odessa IPA – September 30, 2019-----	\$10,683.77

There was discussion about the balances in the IPA checking accounts. Moved by Reynolds, seconded by Olsen, to approve the September 2019 Financial Report and submit for audit. Motion carried.

AYE: Cavanaugh, Garrelts, Hinrichs, Johnson, Lundeen, Olsen and Reynolds

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Bergstrom, Bilka, Harris, Jorgensen, Larson and Raffety

SPECIAL BILLS

Thorburn presented the VISA, PRD (2). EA Engineering, Flatwater and attorney bills for approval. Thorburn commented that there was a correction to one of the PRD bills. Moved by Garrelts, seconded by Olsen, to approve the VISA, PRD (2), EA Engineering, Flatwater and attorney bills. Motion carried.

AYE: Cavanaugh, Garrelts, Hinrichs, Johnson, Lundeen, Olsen and Reynolds

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Bergstrom, Bilka, Harris, Jorgensen, Larson and Raffety

NRCS REPORT

FSA Farm Plans: Kerner Presented one farm plan for approval for Rocky Peterson. Moved by Reynolds, seconded by Cavanaugh, to approve a farm plan for Rocky Peterson. Motion carried.

AYE: Cavanaugh, Garrelts, Hinrichs, Lundeen, Olsen and Reynolds

NAY: Johnson

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Bergstrom, Bilka, Harris, Jorgensen, Larson and Raffety

Activity and Progress Report: Cammie Kerner reviewed active NRD programs and mentioned that in January 2020, Craig Derickson, USDA/NRCS, will be at the board meeting to sign the Memorandum of Understanding.

COST SHARE REPORT

Well Abandonment – Thorburn presented one well decommissioning cost-share application to approve. Thorburn mentioned both the well decommissioning and cost-share are for the same person. Moved by Johnson, seconded by Reynolds, to approve one well decommissioning and one NSWCP cost-share application for James Paulsen. Motion carried.

AYE: Cavanaugh, Garrelts, Hinrichs, Johnson, Lundeen, Olsen and Reynolds

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Bergstrom, Bilka, Harris, Jorgensen, Larson and Raffety

NSWCP & NRD Applications – Thorburn presented one NSWCP cost-share application for approval. This item was approved in the previous motion.

WCIP – There were no applications to approve.

GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT

Groundwater & Certified Acre Transfers – There were no groundwater 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.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Review WCIP Contract Documents: Thorburn mentioned the Planning Committee and Blankenau attorneys have reviewed the contract and changes were made to align both contracts. Garrelts commented that he would have liked the board to review the contracts after the planning committee considered them. Thorburn commented that the contracts can be revised later. Moved by Johnson, seconded by Olsen, to approve the groundwater and commingled WCIP contracts. Motion carried.

Motion carried.

AYE: Cavanaugh, Garrelts, Hinrichs, Johnson, Lundeen, Olsen and Reynolds

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Bergstrom, Bilka, Harris, Jorgensen, Larson and Raffety

Review WCIP Ranking: Thorburn presented the ranking system and mentioned that the Planning Committee worked through the scoring. Previously, there was no ranking system for groundwater applications. Moved by Olsen, seconded by Garrelts to approve the WCIP ranking system. Motion carried.

AYE: Cavanaugh, Garrelts, Hinrichs, Johnson, Lundeen, Olsen and Reynolds

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Bergstrom, Bilka, Harris, Jorgensen, Larson and Raffety

Consider Options for Armory Heat: Thorburn presented two bids for heating the armory. He explained that one bid included electrical. Garrelts commented that he would like a plan for the buildings. Thorburn suggested the Building Committee manage the process. Moved by Johnson, seconded by Reynolds to approve a bid from Alpha Heating and Air for armory heating. Motion carried.

AYE: Cavanaugh, Garrelts, Hinrichs, Johnson, Lundeen, Olsen and Reynolds

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Bergstrom, Bilka, Harris, Jorgensen, Larson and Raffety

Authorize painting of Cable TV Building: Thorburn explained that he accepted a bid for painting the office shop building, which was the only bid at the time. A second bid came in at a substantially lower rate, but the previous bidder had already started work, so he had work halted until the board could review both bids. Thorburn mentioned that the project would come from the Building Sinking Fund. There was discussion about the purpose of the building, which is chemical storage at a constant temperature and general grounds maintenance equipment. Garrelts suggested moving the chemical storage to the armory. Moved by Olsen, seconded by Garrelts to send painting of the office shop building to the Building Committee. Motion Withdrawn.

Moved by Cavanaugh, seconded by Olsen to hire Norton Painting to paint the office shop building.
Motion carried.

AYE: Cavanaugh, Garrelts, Hinrichs, Johnson, Lundeen, Olsen and Reynolds

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Bergstrom, Bilka, Harris, Jorgensen, Larson and Raffety

NARD REPORT

NARD Fall Conference: Reynolds reported on the conference and that both legislative resolutions passed. He honored Phyllis Johnson for 25 years of service.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Projects-Construction Committee Meeting: Thorburn reviewed Planning Committee action. Meetings will be held for landowners in the Lost Dry Creek and Lower North Dry Creek areas.

Planning Committee Meeting: Thorburn reviewed Projects & Construction Committee action. The committee discussed how to proceed with May Township Phase III groundwater management, livestock offset requirements and WCIP. Thorburn will draft a letter for Lundeen to sign. The letter will ask for a meeting with LBNRD directors. Thorburn suggested Olsen could request a variance from the board for his livestock offset requirements.

STAFF REPORTS & NECESSARY ACTION

Board Directives to Staff: Thorburn invited directors for flu shots on November 7, 2019 at 9 a.m. Hahn reminded directors of NARD shirt orders.

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

MONTHLY REPORTS

Republican Basin (NRRMDA): Annual Progress Report Meeting was September 30, 2019. Republican Basin Forecast meeting will be held November 13, 2019 at 10 am at TBNRD.

Platte Basin: Reynolds attended POAC meeting on October 4, 2019.

Sand Creek/Little Blue Basin: Thorburn will write letter to LBNRD requesting a full joint board meeting after harvest to review actions and differences over water quantity issues. The Executive Committee will meet to set the agenda for the meeting.

North Dry Creek: Update will be given later in the meeting.

Odessa IPA: Update will be given later in the meeting.

Sacramento Creek: Update will be given later in the meeting.

Fort Kearny: Update will be given later in the meeting.

Fort Kearny West: Update will be given later in the meeting.

South Dry Creek: Update will be given later in the meeting.

Whiskey Slough: Update will be given later in the meeting.

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: Response briefs were submitted.

CNPPID: Ford reported Lake McConaughy is at elevation 3258.9 feet. Ford gave a presentation on diversions, deliveries and recharge.

NEW BUSINESS

IPA Annual Review: Munter gave a presentation on the IPA and work done and work that needs to be done.

PERSONELL AND LEGAL MATTERS

Moved by Olsen, seconded by Hinrichs to move to executive session at 9:18 p.m. for the protection of the public to discuss legal matters. Motion carried.

AYE: Cavanaugh, Garrelts, Hinrichs, Johnson, Lundeen, Olsen and Reynolds

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Bergstrom, Bilka, Harris, Jorgensen, Larson and Raffety

Moved by Garrelts, seconded by Olsen to move out of executive session at 9:28 p.m. for the protection of the public to discuss legal matters. Motion carried.

AYE: Cavanaugh, Garrelts, Hinrichs, Johnson, Lundeen, Olsen and Reynolds

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Bergstrom, Bilka, Harris, Jorgensen, Larson and Raffety

COMMENTS AND CONCERNS

There were no comments or concerns.

NEXT BOARD MEETING

TBNRD Regular Board Meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 12, 2019, 7:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

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DIRECTORS PRESENT

Mike Cavanaugh, Todd Garrelts, Rob Hinrichs, Phyllis Johnson, David Olsen, Larry Reynolds and Brad Lundeen

OTHERS PRESENT

Carie Lynch, John Thorburn, Sasha Hahn, Dave Ford, Cammie Kerner, Nolan Little, and Nate Munter.

Respectfully Submitted:

Carie Lynch, Asst. Secretary

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ID	Motion #	Category	Subject	Aye	Nay	Abstain	
	2019-10-08-01	Meeting Administration		7			Moved by Johnson, seconded by Olsen, to approve the minutes for the September 10, 2019 Board of Directors Meeting, GW Management Hearing and Budget Hearing. Motion carried.
	2019-10-08-02	Meeting Administration					Moved by Hinrichs, seconded by Garrelts, to approve the minutes for the September 16, 2019 Planning Committee Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.
	2019-10-08-03	Meeting Administration					Moved by Olsen, seconded by Johnson, to approve the minutes for the September 16, 2019 Projects & Construction Committee Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.
	2019-10-08-04	Meeting Administration		7			Moved by Reynolds, seconded by Olsen, to approve the September 2019 Financial Report and submit for audit. Motion carried.
	2019-10-08-05	Budget		7			Moved by Garrelts, seconded by Olsen, to approve the VISA, PRD (2), EA Engineering, Flatwater and attorney bills. Motion carried.
	2019-10-08-06	Meeting Administration		6	1		Moved by Reynolds, seconded by Cavanaugh, to approve a farm plan for Rocky Peterson. Motion carried.
	2019-10-08-07	Meeting Administration		7			Moved by Johnson, seconded by Reynolds, to approve one well decommissioning and one NSWCP cost-share application for James Paulsen. Motion carried.
	2019-10-08-08	District Plans & Programs	WCIP Contracts	7			Moved by Johnson, seconded by Olsen, to approve the groundwater and commingled WCIP contracts. Motion carried.
	2019-10-08-09	District Plans & Programs	WCIP Ranking	7			Moved by Olsen, seconded by Garrelts to approve the WCIP ranking system. Motion carried.
	2019-10-08-10	Budget	Armory Heat	7			Moved by Johnson, seconded by Reynolds to approve a bid from Alpha Heating and Air for armory heating. Motion carried.

	2019-10-08-11	Budget	Charter bldg. paint	Withdrawn			Moved by Olsen, seconded by Garrelts to send painting of the office shop building to the Building Committee. Motion Withdrawn.
	2019-10-08-12	Budget	Charter bldg. paint	7			Moved by Cavanaugh, seconded by Olsen to hire Norton Painting to paint the office shop building. Motion carried.
	2019-10-10-13	Meeting Administration		7			Moved by Olsen, seconded by Hinrichs to move to executive session at 9:18 p.m. for the protection of the public to discuss legal matters. Motion carried.
	2019-10-08-14	Meeting Administration		7			Moved by Garrelts, seconded by Olsen to move out of executive session at 9:28 p.m. for the protection of the public to discuss legal matters. Motion carried.