

MINUTES OF THE TRI-BASIN NRD BOARD MEETING
Thursday, November 13, 2014, 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 David Nickel, at 7:31 p.m. Nickel noted Public Meeting Law is posted in the boardroom. Prior to the meeting Thorburn presented certificates of appreciation from NARD to David Nickel and Phyllis Johnson for years of service.

ROLL CALL

Roll call was taken with ten directors present: Bilka, Garrelts, Johnson, Lundeen, Nelson, Nickel, Olsen, Raffety, Reynolds and Winz. Bergstrom and Larson were absent. Harris arrived at 7:31. Notice of the meeting was published in the Holdrege Citizen, Bertrand Herald, Elwood Bulletin and the Minden Courier and announced over radio stations KRVN, Lexington and KUVR, Holdrege.

EXCUSE ABSENCES

Moved by Lundeen, seconded by Winz, to excuse Bilka from the September and October 2014 board meetings. Motion carried.

AYE: Garrelts, Johnson, Lundeen, Nelson, Nickel, Olsen, Raffety, Reynolds and Winz

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: Bilka

ABSENT: Bergstrom, Harris and Larson

MINUTES

Thorburn presented the minutes of the October 14, 2014 Board Meeting.

Moved by Johnson, seconded by Lundeen, to approve the minutes for the October 14, 2014 Regular Board of Directors Meeting. Motion carried.

AYE: Johnson, Lundeen, Nelson, Nickel, Raffety, Reynolds and Winz

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: Bilka, Garrelts and Olsen

ABSENT: Bergstrom, Harris and Larson

FINANCIAL REPORT

Garrelts presented the financial report for the month of October 2014 as follows:

Accrual Expenditures for Month -----	\$71,041.74
Cash Expenditures for Month-----	\$101,882.66
Accrual Revenues for Month-----	\$141,357.62
Cash Revenues for Month-----	\$141,473.68
Bank Balance–October 31, 2014-----	\$563,512.68
Accounts Receivable – October 31, 2014-----	\$2,994.52
Investments – Pinnacle Bank – October 31, 2014-----	\$610,678.12
Whiskey Slough IPA Balance – October 31, 2014-----	\$18,802.81
Fort Kearny-West IPA Balance – October 31, 2014-----	\$9,267.79
South Dry Creek IPA Balance – October 31, 2014-----	\$10,669.44
Fort Kearny IPA Balance – October 31, 2014-----	\$11,480.87
North Dry Creek IPA Balance – October 31, 2014-----	\$16,209.98
Sacramento Creek IPA Balance – October 31, 2014-----	\$22,552.38
Water Jamboree – October 31, 2014-----	\$5,570.75
NRMDA – October 31, 2014-----	\$7,622.24

Thorburn commented that interest rates for certificates of deposit for IPA accounts was very low and wouldn't provide much benefit at this time. Moved by Raffety, seconded by Bilka, to accept the October 2014 financial reports and file for audit. Motion carried.

AYE: Bilka, Garrelts, Johnson, Lundeen, Nelson, Nickel, Olsen, Raffety, Reynolds and Winz

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Bergstrom, Harris and Larson

SPECIAL BILLS

Thorburn presented the VISA bills for approval. Moved by Lundeen, seconded by Johnson to approve the visa bills. Motion carried.

AYE: Bilka, Garrelts, Johnson, Lundeen, Nelson, Nickel, Olsen, Raffety, Reynolds and Winz

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: Harris

ABSENT: Bergstrom and Larson

NRCS REPORT

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

Activity and Progress Report: Breece reported staff has been working on CSP contracts.

COST SHARE REPORT

Well Abandonment – Thorburn presented five well decommissioning cost-share applications for approval. Moved by Winz, seconded by Garrelts to approve five well decommissioning cost-share applications. Motion carried.

AYE: Bilka, Garrelts, Harris, Johnson, Lundeen, Nelson, Nickel, Olsen, Raffety, Reynolds and Winz

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Bergstrom and Larson

NSWCP & NRD Applications – Thorburn presented five NSWCP cost-share applications to approve. Moved by Garrelts, seconded by Olsen to approve five NSWCP cost-share applications. Motion carried.

AYE: Bilka, Garrelts, Harris, Johnson, Lundeen, Nelson, Nickel, Olsen, Raffety, Reynolds and Winz

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Bergstrom and Larson

GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT

Groundwater & Certified Acre Transfers – There were not certifications or 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 Tractor Bids: Thorburn presented bids for leasing a tractor and purchasing a shredder. Thorburn commented that the tractor could be used for snow removal. Thorburn also presented a summary of rental payments made to Brooks for the past four years. Brooks commented that the shredders should not be a light duty shredder.

Moved by Garrelts, seconded by Bilka to approve the lease of the 2014 John Deere 5100 tractor. Motion carried.

AYE: Bilka, Garrelts, Johnson, Lundeen, Nelson, Olsen, Raffety and Winz

NAY: Harris and Reynolds

ABSTAIN: Nickel

ABSENT: Bergstrom and Larson

Moved by Winz, seconded by Reynolds to approve the purchase of the HX7 Rotary Motor with Stump Jumper. Motion failed.

AYE: Bilka, Reynolds and Winz

NAY: Garrelts, Harris, Johnson, Lundeen, Nelson, Olsen and Raffety

ABSTAIN: Nickel

ABSENT: Bergstrom and Larson

Review Easement Proposal: Thorburn mentioned that the ad hoc Committee reviewed the revised easement and recommended presenting to all landowners. Cox reviewed the revised agreement. This item will be discussed in executive session.

NARD REPORT

Reynolds commented that the NARD Risk Pool reported a large claim which could impact insurance premiums next year.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Planning Committee: The Planning Committee met to discuss the groundwater management rules and regulations but did not advance the changes because further discussion was needed on pooling regulations. Chemigation rules will need to have a public hearing and NDEQ review.

Republican Basin Augmentation ad hoc Committee: This item was discussed in a previous item.

STAFF REPORTS & NECESSARY ACTION

Board Directives to Staff: There was no staff report.

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

MONTHLY REPORTS

Republican Basin (NRRMDA): Thorburn mentioned the three states in the Republican Basin Compact have begun to work together cooperatively.

Platte Basin: Thorburn reviewed revised Platte IMP Depletions Offset Credits. Reynolds asked for the cost per acre foot of the depletions offsets. Lundeen asked the length of the CPNRD lease. Thorburn looked at the contract and the length is twenty years.

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South Dry Creek: Spraying was done.

Sacramento Creek: Spraying was done.

Middle Lost Creek: Spraying was done.

Fort Kearny West: Spraying was done.

Fort Kearny: Spraying was done.

North Dry Creek: Spraying was done.

Whiskey Slough: Spraying was done.

Odessa IPA: Ostgren Construction will begin work in November.

Lake Seldom: Nothing to report

CoHyst/Platte Basin Coalition: Nothing to report.

Sand Creek/Little Blue Basin: Thorburn attended a water quality study meeting on October 30, 2014. LBNRD would like someone from TBNRD to attend a steering committee meeting. No final design report on Sand Creek yet.

CNPPID: Ford reported Lake McConaughay is at elevation 3245.3. Delivery for next irrigation season is set at twelve inches.

NEW BUSINESS

Proposed Employee Wellness Program Incentives - Nott: Thorburn explained he recently designated a new Wellness, Safety and Employee Development Committee that consists of Destinee Steinke, Pat Nott and Carie Lynch. Pat Nott made a presentation about the history and purpose of TBNRD's Wellness Program. The committee is asking the board to allow a maximum of eight hours of annual leave to be awarded annually based on an activity points accumulation. Garrelts asked for detail on the points system to be presented in the December Board packet.

Select Representative & Alternate for Rainwater Basin Joint Venture Board: Andy Bishop, RBJV has asked TBNRD to name a delegate and alternate delegate for the RBJV board.

Moved by Johnson, seconded by Lundeen to appoint Dave Raffety as delegate and Joe Bilka as alternate delegate to the RBJV board. Motion carried.

AYE: Garrelts, Harris, Johnson, Lundeen, Nelson, Nickel, Olsen, Reynolds and Winz

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: Raffety and Bilka

ABSENT: Bergstrom and Larson

Consider Scheduling Public Hearing on Revised Groundwater Management and Chemigation Program Rules: Moved by Bilka, seconded by Winz to approve the Chemigation Rules for public Hearing in December 2014. Motion carried.

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AYE: Bilka, Garrelts, Harris, Johnson, Lundeen, Nelson, Nickel, Olsen, Raffety, Reynolds and Winz
NAY: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Bergstrom and Larson

PERSONNEL & LEGAL MATTERS

Moved by Winz, seconded by Olsen to move to executive session for the protection of the public to discuss contract negotiations at 8:37 p.m. Motion carried.

AYE: Bilka, Garrelts, Harris, Johnson, Lundeen, Nelson, Nickel, Olsen, Raffety, Reynolds and Winz
NAY: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Bergstrom and Larson

Moved by Lundeen, seconded by Bilka to move out of executive session for the protection of the public to discuss contract negotiations at 9:35 p.m. Motion carried.

AYE: Bilka, Garrelts, Harris, Johnson, Lundeen, Nelson, Nickel, Olsen, Raffety, Reynolds and Winz
NAY: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Bergstrom and Larson

Moved by Olsen, seconded by Winz to approve distribution of the revised Republican Basin Augmentation Well easement proposal to landowners. Motion carried.

AYE: Bilka, Garrelts, Harris, Johnson, Lundeen, Nelson, Nickel, Olsen, Raffety, Reynolds and Winz
NAY: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Bergstrom and Larson

COMMENTS AND CONCERNS

There were no comments or concerns.

NEXT BOARD MEETING

TBNRD Regular Board Meeting and Public Hearing will be held 1:30 p.m., on Tuesday, December 9, 2014 at Tri-Basin NRD

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:59 p.m.

DIRECTORS PRESENT

Joe Bilka, Todd Garrelts, Ed Harris, Phyllis Johnson, Brad Lundeen, David Nelson, David Nickel, David Olsen, Dave Raffety, Larry Reynolds and Ray Winz.

OTHERS PRESENT

Carie Lynch, John Thorburn, Nicole Salisbury, Tammy Fahrenbruch, Dave Ford, Charles Brooks, Nolan Little, Mike Cavanaugh, Destinee Steinke, Pat Nott, Kevin Breece and Chelsea Erickson.

Respectfully Submitted:

Carie Lynch, Asst. Secretary

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ID	Motion #	Category	Subject	Aye	Nay	Abs	Motion
	2014-11-13-01	Meeting Administration		9		1	Moved by Lundeen, seconded by Winz, to excuse Bilka from the September and October 2014 board meetings. Motion carried.
	2014-11-13-02	Meeting Administration		7		3	Moved by Johnson, seconded by Lundeen, to approve the minutes for the October 14, 2014 Regular Board of Directors Meeting. Motion carried.
	2014-11-13-03	Meeting Administration		10			Moved by Raffety, seconded by Bilka, to accept the October 2014 financial reports and file for audit. Motion carried.
	2014-11-13-04	Budget		9		1	Moved by Lundeen, seconded by Johnson to approve the visa bills. Motion carried.
	2014-11-13-05	Meeting Administration		10			Moved by Winz, seconded by Garrelts to approve five well decommissioning cost-share applications. Motion carried.
	2014-11-13-06	Meeting Administration		10			Moved by Garrelts, seconded by Olsen to approve five NSWCP cost-share applications. Motion carried.
	2014-11-13-07	Budget	2014 JD Tractor Lease	8	2	1	Moved by Garrelts, seconded by Bilka to approve the lease of the 2014 John Deere 5100 tractor. Motion carried.
	2014-11-13-08	Budget	Motion Failed	3	7	1	Moved by Winz, seconded by Reynolds to approve the purchase of the HX7 Rotary Motor with Stump Jumper. Motion failed.
	2014-11-13-09	Directors	RBJV delegate	9		2	Moved by Johnson, seconded by Lundeen to appoint Dave Raffety as delegate and Joe Bilka as alternate delegate to the RBJV board. Motion carried.

2014-11-13-10	District Plans & Programs	Chemigation rules for hearing	10			Moved by Bilka, seconded by Winz to approve the Chemigation Rules for public Hearing in December 2014. Motion carried.
2014-11-13-11	Meeting Administration		10			Moved by Winz, seconded by Olsen to move to executive session for the protection of the public to discuss contract negotiations at 8:37 p.m. Motion carried.
2014-11-13-12	Meeting Administration		10			Moved by Lundeen, seconded by Bilka to move out of executive session for the protection of the public to discuss contract negotiations at 9:35 p.m. Motion carried.
2014-11-13-13	River Basins	Rep. Basin Aug Well Easement proposal	10			Moved by Olsen, seconded by Winz to approve distribution of the revised Republican Basin Augmentation Well easement proposal to landowners. Motion carried.