

**MINUTES OF THE TRI-BASIN NRD BOARD MEETING**  
**Tuesday, November 13, 2018, 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

**ROLL CALL**

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

There were no absences to excuse.

**MINUTES**

Thorburn presented the minutes of the October 9, 2018 Board of Directors Meeting.

Moved by Bilka, seconded by Reynolds, to approve the minutes for the October 9, 2018 Board of Directors Meeting. Motion carried.

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: Bergstrom

ABSENT: Cavanaugh, Harris, Johnson and Jorgensen

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

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

Accrual Expenditures for Month .....	\$131,375.04
Cash Expenditures for Month.....	\$132,740.89
Accrual Revenues for Month.....	\$204,782.09
Cash Revenues for Month.....	\$214,337.72
Bank Balance–October 31, 2018.....	\$555,483.18
Accounts Receivable – October 31, 2018.....	\$3,426.71
Investments – Pinnacle Bank – October 31, 2018.....	\$955,155.38
Building Sinking Fund – October 31, 2018.....	\$39,808.35
Vehicle Sinking Fund – October 31, 2018.....	\$54,386.25
Water Resources Fund – October 31, 2018.....	\$494,531.88
Whiskey Slough IPA Balance – October 31, 2018.....	\$13,114.03
Fort Kearny-West IPA Balance – October 31, 2018.....	\$13,729.27
South Dry Creek IPA Balance – October 31, 2018.....	\$11,062.86
Fort Kearny IPA Balance – October 31, 2018.....	\$14,050.74
Sacramento Creek IPA Balance – October 31, 2018.....	\$1,812.48
North Dry Creek IPA Balance – October 31, 2018.....	\$11,126.46
Water Jamboree – October 31, 2018.....	\$5,620.18
NR MDMA – October 31, 2018.....	\$7,631.15
Odessa IPA – October 31, 2018.....	\$7,500.00

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

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Cavanaugh, Harris, Johnson and Jorgensen

#### **SPECIAL BILLS**

Thorburn presented the VISA, NDNR, EA Engineering and attorney bills for approval. Thorburn presented a bill from the Nebraska Prairie Museum for the Water Ways exhibit. The bill was less than estimated.

Moved by Garrelts, seconded by Bilka, to approve the VISA, NDNR, EA Engineering and attorney bills. Motion carried.

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Cavanaugh, Harris, Johnson and Jorgensen

Moved by Garrelts, seconded by Raffety, to approve the Nebraska Prairie Museum bill. Motion carried.

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Cavanaugh, Harris, Johnson and Jorgensen

#### **NRCS REPORT**

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

**Activity and Progress Report:** Cammie Kerner reported that staff is working on CSP, RCPP and ranking EQIP.

#### **COST SHARE REPORT**

**Well Abandonment** – Thorburn recommended two well decommissioning cost-share applications to approve.

Moved by Bilka, seconded by Lundeen, to approve two well decommissioning cost-share applications. Motion carried.

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Cavanaugh, Harris, Johnson and Jorgensen

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

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Cavanaugh, Harris, Johnson and Jorgensen

### **GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT**

**Groundwater & Certified Acre Transfers** – Thorburn presented a groundwater transfer request for Ericson Farms and a correction to certified acres for Lamoine Aspegren. Moved by Reynolds, seconded by Raffety to approve a groundwater transfer request for Ericson Farms and a correction to certified irrigated acres for Lamoine Aspegren. Motion carried.

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Cavanaugh, Harris, Johnson and Jorgensen

**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**

**Review 2018 Groundwater Quality Data:** Thorburn presented 2018 Groundwater Quality data. Thorburn noted that the remainder of Anderson Township has crossed the threshold into Phase II Groundwater Quality Management.

### **NARD REPORT**

Reynolds commented on the NARD Board meeting that was held at TBNRD on November 12, 2018. The NARD Legislative Conference will be held January 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>, 2019 and the Washington DC Conference will be held March 30<sup>th</sup> – April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Schedule Planning Committee Meeting:** Thorburn mentioned the following items need to be addressed by the Planning Committee: Water Conservation Incentive Program (allocation) and the Groundwater Management Plan needs to be updated. The meeting will be held November 29, 2018 at 10 a.m.

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

**Board Directives to Staff:** Thorburn asked for Wetland and Soil Conservation award nominees for the 2019 Banquet. Thorburn mentioned other award categories could be considered. The date for the banquet is January 10, 2019 at the Windmill in Minden. Thorburn mentioned TBNRD officers will change in January 2019.

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

### **MONTHLY REPORTS**

**Republican Basin (NRRMDA):** On November 14, 2018, there will be a Forecast Meeting and public hearing on the Basin-Wide Plan.

**Platte Basin:** A Stakeholder meeting will be held in Hastings on December 12, 2018.

**Sand Creek/Little Blue Basin:** Meeting will be held for Little Blue stakeholders on November 19, 2018 in Hastings.

**North Dry Creek:** Pivot tracks were filled.

**Odessa IPA:** Nothing to report.

**Sacramento Creek:** Pivot tracks were filled.

**Fort Kearny:** Nothing to report.

**Fort Kearny West:** Nothing to report.

**South Dry Creek:** Pivot tracks were filled.

**Whiskey Slough:** Nothing to report.

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

**Lake Seldom:** Nothing to report.

**CoHyst/Platte Basin Coalition:** Researchers from UNL are doing groundwater, economic and crop water usage modeling in TBNRD.

**Rainwater Basin Joint Venture:** Meeting will be held November 20, 2018 at TBNRD to discuss water deliveries to Funk Lagoon. New observation well was drilled at Funk Lagoon.

**Platte-Republican Diversion & Republican Basin Augmentation Well:** Deadline for filings by objectors of the Platte-Republican Diversion Project is November 31, 2018. The Platte-Republican Diversion Project Board has until the end of January to make a final statement.

**CNPPID:** Ford reported Lake McConaughy is at 3252.9 elevation and 80% of capacity.

#### NEW BUSINESS

**Consider Designation of Remainder of Anderson Township (T7-R17W) as Phase II for Groundwater Quality Management:** Moved by Garrelts, seconded by Bilka, to hold a public hearing at the January 2019 board meeting to designate the remainder of Anderson Township as a Phase II Groundwater Quality Management area. Motion carried.

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Cavanaugh, Harris, Johnson and Jorgensen

**Schedule Tour of Smithsonian Institution Waterways Exhibit at NE Prairie Museum:** The Board of Directors will tour the exhibit on December 11, 2018 at 11 a.m.

**Director's iPad Policy Agreement:** Thorburn explained the iPad policy. TBNRD's attorney and accountant both suggested the District own the devices. Directors could opt out of (or back in) the program.

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Moved by Reynolds, seconded by Raffety, to approve the iPad policy for directors. Motion carried.

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Cavanaugh, Harris, Johnson and Jorgensen

#### **COMMENTS AND CONCERNS**

There were no comments and concerns.

Moved by Garrelts, seconded by Bilka, to move to executive session at 2:31 p.m. for the protection of the public to discuss a legal matter. Motion carried.

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Cavanaugh, Harris, Johnson and Jorgensen

Moved by Garrelts, seconded by Bilka, to move out of executive session at 2:57 p.m. for the protection of the public to discuss a legal matter. Motion carried.

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Cavanaugh, Harris, Johnson and Jorgensen

#### **NEXT BOARD MEETING**

TBNRD Regular Board Meeting on Tuesday, December 11, 2018, 2018 at 1:30 p.m.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:59 p.m.

#### **DIRECTORS PRESENT**

Brian Bergstrom, Joe Bilka, Todd Garrelts, Rob Hinrichs, 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, Dave Ford and Dalton Refior.

Respectfully Submitted:

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Carie Lynch, Asst. Secretary

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TRI-BASIN NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT  
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ID	Motion #	Category	Subject	Aye	Nay	Abstain	
	2018-11-13-01	Meeting Administration		8		1	Moved by Bilka, seconded by Reynolds, to approve the minutes for the October 9, 2018 Board of Directors Meeting. Motion carried.
	2018-11-13-02	Meeting Administration		9			Moved by Raffety, seconded by Bilka, to approve the October 2018 Financial Report and submit for audit. Motion carried.
	2018-11-13-03	Budget		9			Moved by Garrelts, seconded by Bilka, to approve the VISA, NDNR, EA Engineering and attorney
	2018-11-13-04	Budget		9			Moved by Garrelts, seconded by Raffety, to approve the Nebraska Prairie Museum bill. Motion carried.
	2018-11-13-05	Meeting Administration		9			Moved by Bilka, seconded by Lundeen, to approve two well decommissioning cost-share applications. Motion carried.
	2018-11-13-06	Meeting Administration		9			Moved by Garrelts, seconded by Larson, to approve two NSWCP cost-share applications. Motion carried.
	2018-11-13-07	Certification & Transfers	Ericson/Aspegren	9			Moved by Reynolds, seconded by Raffety to approve a groundwater transfer request for Ericson Farms and a correction to certified irrigated acres for Lamoine Aspegren. Motion carried.
	2018-11-13-08	Meeting Administration		9			Moved by Garrelts, seconded by Bilka, to hold a public hearing at the January 2019 board meeting to designate the remainder of Anderson Township as a Phase II Groundwater Quality Management area. Motion carried.
	2018-11-13-09	Policies – By-Laws	iPad	9			Moved by Reynolds, seconded by Raffety, to approve the iPad policy for directors. Motion carried.
	2018-11-13-10	Meeting Administration		9			Moved by Garrelts, seconded by Bilka, to move to executive session at 2:31 p.m. for the protection of the public to discuss a legal matter. Motion carried.
	2018-11-13-10	Meeting Administration		9			Moved by Garrelts, seconded by Bilka, to move out of executive session at 2:57 p.m. for the protection of the public to discuss a legal matter. Motion carried.