

MINUTES OF THE TRI-BASIN NRD BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, December 12, 2016, 1:30 p.m.
Tri-Basin Natural Resources District

CALL TO ORDER

The regular monthly board meeting of the Tri-Basin Natural Resources District (NRD) was called to order by Vice Chairman, Brad Lundeen, at 1:30 p.m. Lundeen noted Public Meeting Law is posted in the boardroom.

ROLL CALL

Roll call was taken with eleven directors present: Bilka, Cavanaugh, Garrelts, Harris, Johnson, Larson, Lundeen, Raffety, Reynolds, Ryan and Winz. Bergstrom and Olsen was 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

Thorburn mentioned that Bergstrom will need to be excused from the October, November and December board meetings.

MINUTES

Thorburn presented the minutes of the November 8, 2016, Board of Directors meeting. Moved by Bilka, seconded by Garrelts, to approve the minutes for the November 8, 2016 Board of Directors Meeting. Motion carried.

AYE: Bilka, Cavanaugh, Garrelts, Harris, Johnson, Larson, Lundeen and Raffety, Reynolds, Ryan and Winz

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Olsen and Bergstrom

FINANCIAL REPORT

Bilka presented the financial report for the month of November 2016 as follows:

Accrual Expenditures for Month -----	\$74,674.38
Cash Expenditures for Month-----	\$84,712.62
Accrual Revenues for Month-----	\$40,057.47
Cash Revenues for Month-----	\$39,946.13
Bank Balance–November 30, 2016-----	\$686,624.62
Accounts Receivable – November 30, 2016-----	\$-.01
Investments – Pinnacle Bank – November 30, 2016-----	\$50,129.27
Building Sinking Fund – November 30, 2016-----	\$61,678.83
Vehicle Sinking Fund – November 30, 2016-----	\$49,952.04
Water Resources Fund – November 30, 2016-----	\$290,862.01
Whiskey Slough IPA Balance – November 30, 2016-----	\$18,088.10
Fort Kearny-West IPA Balance – November 30, 2016-----	\$12,074.50
South Dry Creek IPA Balance – November 30, 2016-----	\$15,083.12
Fort Kearny IPA Balance – November 30, 2016-----	\$12,839.20
Sacramento Creek IPA Balance – November 30, 2016-----	\$21,319.43
North Dry Creek IPA Balance – November 30, 2016-----	\$14,934.75
Water Jamboree – November 30, 2016-----	\$5,613.25
NRRMDA – November 30, 2016-----	\$7,626.76
Odessa IPA – November 30, 2016-----	\$6,321.30

Moved by Johnson, seconded by Larson to accept the November 2016 financial reports and file for audit. Motion carried.

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AYE: Bilka, Cavanaugh, Garrelts, Harris, Johnson, Larson, Lundeen and Raffety, Reynolds, Ryan and Winz

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Olsen and Bergstrom

SPECIAL BILLS

Thorburn presented the VISA, attorney, LRNRD and JEO bills for approval. Moved by Cavanaugh, seconded Johnson to approve the visa, attorney, LRNRD and JEO bills. Motion carried.

AYE: Bilka, Cavanaugh, Garrelts, Harris, Johnson, Larson, Lundeen and Raffety, Reynolds, Ryan and Winz

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Olsen and Bergstrom

NRCS REPORT

FSA Farm Plans: There were no farm plans to approve.

Activity and Progress Report: Breece reported staff has been working on CSP payments and Dave Beins was hired as CET in Holdrege.

COST SHARE REPORT

Well Abandonment – Thorburn presented two Well Decommissioning Cost-Share applications for approval. Moved by Bilka, seconded Winz to approve two well decommissioning cost-share applications. Motion carried.

AYE: Bilka, Cavanaugh, Garrelts, Harris, Johnson, Larson, Lundeen and Raffety, Reynolds, Ryan and Winz

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Olsen and Bergstrom

NSWCP & NRD Applications – Thorburn presented six NSWCP applications to approve. Moved by Winz, seconded Ryan to approve six NSWCP cost-share applications. Motion carried.

AYE: Bilka, Cavanaugh, Harris, Johnson, Larson, Lundeen and Raffety, Reynolds, Ryan and Winz

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: Garrelts

ABSENT: Olsen and Bergstrom

GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT

Groundwater & Certified Acre Transfers – Thorburn presented three irrigated acre transfer requests (Shane Sinsel and E&K Erickson Farms, Ltd.-2), a well variance (Bradley Lundeen) and irrigated acre correction (Mike Gardine). Erick Ray Erickson, Jr., Shane Sinsel and Brad Lundeen were present to answer questions.

Moved by Reynolds, seconded Garrelts to approve certified irrigated acre transfers for Sinsel and E&K Erickson Farms, a well variance for Bradley Lundeen and a correction to certified irrigated acres for Mike Gardine. Motion carried.

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AYE: Bilka, Cavanaugh, Garrelts, Harris, Johnson, Larson, Lundeen and Raffety, Reynolds, Ryan and Winz

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Olsen and Bergstrom

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

IWMS Annual Report - Scheele: Curtis Scheele gave an annual report for Irrigation Water Management. Scheele noted that Tri-Basin has the highest atmometer reporting rate in the state. He reviewed pivot inventory and soil sensor usage relating to crop yield/water usage.

NARD REPORT

Select Delegate and Alternate Delegate for NARD Legislative Conference: Moved by Reynolds, seconded Garrelts to designate Dave Raffety as delegate and Larry Reynolds as alternate delegate for the 2017 NARD Legislative Conference. Motion carried.

AYE: Bilka, Cavanaugh, Garrelts, Harris, Johnson, Larson, Lundeen and Raffety, Reynolds, Ryan and Winz

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Olsen and Bergstrom

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Schedule Executive Committee Meeting: The executive committee will meet on December 21st of 22nd, 2016 to interview candidates for Sub-District #3.

STAFF REPORTS & NECESSARY ACTION

Board Directives to Staff: There was nothing to report.

Out-of-State Travel: Larry Reynolds asked for information about the GMDA Conference in Fort Worth, TX on January 9-11, 2017. Moved by Garrelts, seconded Bilka to approve out-of-state travel for two directors to go to Fort Worth, TX for the GMDA Conference on January 9th-11, 2017. Motion carried.

AYE: Bilka, Cavanaugh, Garrelts, Harris, Johnson, Larson, Lundeen and Raffety, Reynolds, Ryan and Winz

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Olsen and Bergstrom

MONTHLY REPORTS

Republican Basin (NRRMDA): Republican Basin Stakeholders meeting will be held January 17, 2017.

Platte Basin: Platte Basin Stakeholder's will meet January 18, 2017 in North Platte.

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South Dry Creek: Nothing to report.

Sacramento Creek: Nothing to report.

Middle Lost Creek: Nothing to report.

Fort Kearny West: Nothing to report.

Fort Kearny: Nothing to report.

North Dry Creek: Nothing to report.

Whiskey Slough: Nothing to report.

Odessa IPA: Nothing to report.

Lake Seldom: Nothing to report.

CoHyst/Platte Basin Coalition: Nothing to report.

Sand Creek/Little Blue Basin: Little Blue Basin Stakeholder's met December 8, 2016.

Platte-Republican Diversion & Republican Basin Augmentation Well: The feasibility study should be done in December.

Weed Mgmt. Areas/Riparian Veg. TF: Nothing to report.

CNPPID: Ford reported Lake McConaughy is at 84% of capacity.

NEW BUSINESS

Revise Budget to Pay GW Mgmt Coalition Dues: Thorburn explained that the Groundwater Management Act Coalition has been dormant but recently met to discuss litigation involving an NRD. The coalition is asking for dues (\$1,500) from members so the coalition can continue. Thorburn explained that the dues are unbudgeted and suggested using a portion of Ice Jam funding. Moved by Reynolds, seconded Raffety to pay dues to the Groundwater Management Act Coalition and use a portion of funding budgeted for the Ice Jam. Motion carried.

AYE: Bilka, Cavanaugh, Garrelts, Harris, Johnson, Larson, Lundeen and Raffety, Reynolds, Ryan and Winz

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Olsen and Bergstrom

COMMENTS AND CONCERNS

Thorburn and Lundeen thanks Winz and Ryan for their years of service.

PERSONNEL & LEGAL MATTERS

Moved by Garrelts, seconded by Winz to move to executive session for the protection of the public to discuss contractual issues at 2:17 p.m. Motion carried.

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AYE: Bilka, Cavanaugh, Garrelts, Harris, Johnson, Larson, Lundeen and Raffety, Reynolds, Ryan and Winz

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Olsen and Bergstrom

Moved by Johnson, seconded by Winz to move out of executive session for the protection of the public to discuss contractual issues and potential litigation at 2:40 p.m. Motion carried.

AYE: Bilka, Cavanaugh, Garrelts, Harris, Johnson, Larson, Lundeen and Raffety, Reynolds, Ryan and Winz

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Olsen and Bergstrom

NEXT BOARD MEETING

TBNRD Regular Board Meeting on Tuesday, January 10, 2017 at 1:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:42 p.m.

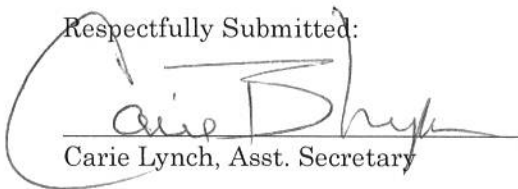
DIRECTORS PRESENT

Joe Bilka, Mike Cavanaugh, Todd Garrelts, Ed Harris, Phyllis Johnson, Joe Larson, Brad Lundeen, Dave Raffety, Larry Reynolds, Jeff Ryan and Ray Winz.

OTHERS PRESENT

Carie Lynch, John Thorburn, Nicole Salisbury, Tammy Fahrenbruch, Dave Ford, Charles Brooks, Shane Sinsel, Lori Potter, Brad Lundeen, Greg Jorgensen, Curtis Scheele, Erick Erickson, Jr., Lori Hagan Nate Munter, Nolan Little and Kevin Breece.

Respectfully Submitted:



Carie Lynch, Asst. Secretary

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TRI-BASIN NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
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ID	Motion #	Category		Aye	Nay	Abstain	
	2016-11-08-01	Meeting Administration		11			Moved by Bilka, seconded by Garrelts, to approve the minutes for the November 8, 2016 Board of Directors Meeting. Motion carried.
	2016-11-08-02	Meeting Administration		11			Moved by Johnson, seconded by Larson to accept the November 2016 financial reports and file for audit. Motion carried.
	2016-11-08-03	Budget		11			Moved by Cavanaugh, seconded Johnson to approve the visa, attorney, LRNRD and JEO bills. Motion carried.
	2016-11-08-04	Meeting Administration		11			Moved by Bilka, seconded Winz to approve two well decommissioning cost-share applications. Motion carried.
	2016-11-08-05	Meeting Administration		10		1	Moved by Winz, seconded Ryan to approve six NSWCP cost-share applications. Motion carried.
	2016-11-08-06	Certifications & Transfers	Sinsel, Erickson & Brad Lundeen	11			Moved by Reynolds, seconded Garrelts to approve certified irrigated acre transfers for Sinsel and E&K Erickson Farms, a well variance for Bradley Lundeen and a correction to certified irrigated acres for Mike Gardine. Motion carried.
	2016-11-08-07	Directors	Legislative Conference Delegates	11			Moved by Reynolds, seconded Garrelts to designate Dave Raffety as delegate and Larry Reynolds as alternate delegate for the 2017 NARD Legislative Conference. Motion carried.
	2016-11-08-08	Meeting Administration		11			Moved by Garrelts, seconded Bilka to approve out-of-state travel for two directors to go to Fort Worth, TX for the GMDA Conference on January 9 th -11, 2017. Motion carried.

	2016-11-08-09	Budget	Groundwater Management Act Coalition Dues	11			Moved by Reynolds, seconded Raffety to pay dues to the Groundwater Management Act Coalition and use a portion of funding budgeted for the Ice Jam. Motion carried.
	2016-11-08-10	Meeting Administration		11			Moved by Garrelts, seconded by Winz to move to executive session for the protection of the public to discuss contractual issues at 2:17 p.m. Motion carried.
	2016-11-08-11	Meeting Administration		11			Moved by Johnson, seconded by Winz to move out of executive session for the protection of the public to discuss contractual issues and potential litigation at 2:40 p.m. Motion carried.

**MINUTES OF THE TRI-BASIN NRD
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
Wednesday, December 20, 2016, 9:30 a.m.
Tri-Basin NRD**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Vide Chairman Brad Lundeen at 9:35 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Roll call was taken with all two committee members present: Todd Garrelts and Brad Lundeen. Brian Bergstrom was also present. Dave Olsen and Joe Bilka were absent.

OTHERS PRESENT

John Thorburn, Carie Lynch, Larry Landstrom, Michael Winz and Robin Hinrichs.

REVIEW PLATTE-REPUBLICAN DIVERSION FEASIBILITY STUDY (IF AVAILABLE)

The feasibility study draft wasn't yet available for review.

**DISCUSS OPTIONS FOR REPURPOSING CNPPID IRRIGATION RIGHTS FOR GROUNDWATER
RECHARGE, INSTREAM FLOW**

There was discussion about the Joint Platte Basin NRD meeting on January 5, 2016 in North Platte. The committee also directed Thorburn to set up a joint committee meeting with CNPPID Directors. Garrelts suggested NDNR attend to discuss the Platte Republican Diversion.

INTERVIEW CANDIDATES FOR SUB-DISTRICT #3

Thorburn explained that TBNRD advertised for a director for Sub-District #3 and that two candidates applied. Directors can choose one of the candidates or reject both and choose another candidate. TBNRD would not have to advertise again. Thorburn mentioned that Robin Hinrichs expressed interest in the position, but applied after the deadline. The directors interviewed Larry Landstrom, Michael Winz and Robin Hinrichs. Moved by Garrelts, seconded by Lundeen to recommend to the board that Robin Hinrichs be appointed as Director for Sub-District #3 for a two-year term. Motion carried unanimously.

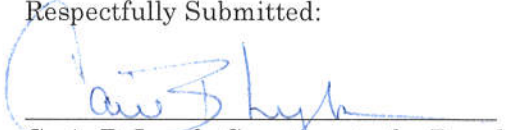
COMMENTS AND CONCERNS

There were no comments or concerns.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:52 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted:


Carie B. Lynch, Secretary to the Board