

**MINUTES OF THE TRI-BASIN NRD BOARD MEETING**  
**Tuesday,**  
**December 12, 2017, 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 7:32 p.m. Olsen noted Public Meeting Law is posted in the boardroom. The hearing for Groundwater Quality Management (Blaine and part of Industry Townships) was opened prior to this meeting.

**ROLL CALL**

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

There were no absences to excuse.

**MINUTES**

Thorburn presented the minutes of the November 14, 2017, Board of Directors meeting, November 9, 2017 Planning Committee and November 3<sup>rd</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2017 ad hoc ROW Committee meetings. Moved by Johnson seconded by Cavanaugh, to approve the minutes for the November 14 2017 Board of Directors Meeting. Motion carried.

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: Bilka and Harris

ABSENT: Garrelts

Moved by Lundeen, seconded by Larson, to approve the minutes for the November 9, 2017 Planning Committee meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Hinrichs, seconded by Johnson, to approve the minutes for the November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2017 ad hoc ROW Committee meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Hinrichs, seconded by Lundeen, to approve the minutes for the November 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2017 ad hoc ROW Committee meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

Bilka presented the financial report for the month of November 2017 as follows:

Accrual Expenditures for Month -----	\$88,859.74
Cash Expenditures for Month-----	\$90,867.44
Accrual Revenues for Month-----	\$30,849.66
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Cash Revenues for Month-----	\$29,423.93
Bank Balance–November 30, 2017-----	\$867,338.16
Accounts Receivable – November 30, 2017-----	\$5,043.54
Investments – Pinnacle Bank – November 30, 2017-----	\$450,993.18
Building Sinking Fund – November 30, 2017-----	\$31,205.33
Vehicle Sinking Fund – November 30, 2017-----	\$77,509.35
Water Resources Fund – November 30, 2017-----	\$626,336.72

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Whiskey Slough IPA Balance – November 30, 2017----- \$16,945.59  
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Fort Kearny-West IPA Balance – November 30, 2017-----	\$12,920.28
South Dry Creek IPA Balance – November 30, 2017-----	\$15,431.74
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Fort Kearny IPA Balance – November 30, 2017-----	\$13,411.76
Sacramento Creek IPA Balance – November 30, 2017-----	\$11,809.36
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North Dry Creek IPA Balance – November 30, 2017-----	\$12,849.85
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Water Jamboree – November 30, 2017-----	\$4,515.51
NRRCMDA – November 30, 2017-----	\$7,629.05
Odessa IPA – November 30, 2017-----	\$7,481.48

Moved by Reynolds, seconded by Lundeen to accept the November 2017 financial reports and file for audit. Motion carried.

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Garrelts

**SPECIAL BILLS**

Thorburn presented the VISA, attorney, JEO and PRD bills for approval. Moved by Raffety, seconded Bilka to approve the VISA, attorney bills, JEO and PRD bills. Motion carried.

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Garrelts

**NRCS REPORT**

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

**Activity and Progress Report:** Curtis Scheele reported staff has been working on EQIP and CSP.

**COST SHARE REPORT**

**Well Abandonment** – Thorburn presented three well decommissioning applications to approve. Moved by Bilka, seconded Larson to approve three well decommissioning applications. Motion carried.

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Garrelts

**NSWCP & NRD Applications** – Thorburn presented four NSWCP and one TBNRD application to approve. Moved by Reynolds, seconded Jorgensen to approve four NSWCP and one TBNRD application. Motion carried.

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

NAY: None  
ABSTAIN: None  
ABSENT: Garrelts  
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### **GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT**

**Groundwater & Certified Acre Transfers** – Thorburn presented three irrigated acre transfers to approve (JAM Farms LLP, Allen Steinbrink (2)) and four special requests to approve (Norder Supply, Alberts Farms LLC (2) and Michael Cavanaugh). Mark Wells, Allen Steinbrink and Matt Alberts were present to answer questions.

Moved by Reynolds, seconded Lundeen to approve three irrigated acre transfer requests (Allen Steinbrink (2) and JAM Farms). Motion carried.

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Garrelts

Moved by Reynolds, seconded Larson to approve two corrections to certified irrigated acres (Alberts Farms) a commercial well permit (Norder Supply). Motion carried.

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Garrelts

Moved by Reynolds, seconded Bilka to table a conditional well replacement exception request (Michael Cavanaugh) until after a meeting with CNPPID and add the item to the next Joint CNPPID agenda. Motion carried.

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: Cavanaugh

ABSENT: Garrelts

**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**

**IWMS Report – Curtis Scheele:** Curtis Scheele gave a presentation on EQIP contracts and crop water usage, consumption and yield. Reynolds commented that crop water consumption's relation to yield could show the incentive for participating in water banking and could be included in public informational meetings (Water Conference).

### **NARD REPORT**

**NARD Report:** Reynolds mentioned the dates for the NARD Legislative Conference and the Washington DC Conference (March 17-21, 2018). Reynolds will need out-of-state approval for the Washington DC Conference in March.



**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

There were no committee reports.

**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):** Republican Basin Stakeholder's meeting will be held in Arapahoe, December 13, 2017.

**Platte Basin:** Platte Basin Stakeholder's meeting will be January 17, 2018 in North Platte.

**South Dry Creek:** Cleanup bids are being taken.

**Sacramento Creek:** Phelps County Road Dept. put in box culverts and requested TBNRD widen the entrance.

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

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

**Fort Kearny:** Backhoe work planned.

**North Dry Creek:** Nothing to report.

**Whiskey Slough:** Silt will be removed with backhoe.

**Odessa IPA:** Nothing to report.

**Lake Seldom:** Nothing to report.

**CoHyst/Platte Basin Coalition:** Nothing to report.

**Sand Creek/Little Blue Basin:** Rob Lutz, Olsson Engineering and Thorburn will be reviewing sites for Sand Creek recharge structures and talking to landowners on Thursday, December 14, 2017.

**Platte-Republican Diversion & Republican Basin Augmentation Well:** Water right application is being drafted and tentatively scheduled for filing by the end of the year.

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

**CNPPID:** Ford reported Lake McConaughy is at elevation 3253 and 81% of capacity.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Phase II & Phase III Groundwater Quality Designation:** Thorburn closed the public hearing. Thorburn reviewed data from Liberty Township. Thorburn mentioned an Order will need to be published before the designation can take effect.

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Moved by Johnson, seconded by Lundeen to designate Blaine Township as Phase II groundwater quantity management area and the remainder of Industry Township at Phase III groundwater quantity management and publish an order specifying that the designation will be effective February 1, 2018. Motion carried.

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Garrelts

#### **COMMENTS AND CONCERNS**

There were no comments and concerns.

#### **PERSONNEL & LEGAL MATTERS**

There were no legal or personnel matter.

#### **NEXT BOARD MEETING**

TBNRD Regular Board Meeting on Tuesday, January 9, 2018 at 1:30 p.m.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:05 p.m.

#### **DIRECTORS PRESENT**

Brian Bergstrom, Joe Bilka, Mike Cavanaugh, 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, Nicole Salisbury, Dave Ford, Charles Brooks, Nolan Little, Curtis Scheele, Wayne Anderson, Allen Steinbrink, Mark Wells, David Jameson, Jeff Vinzant, Matt Albers, Ike Redfern, Tammy Fahrenbruch and Lori Potter.

Respectfully Submitted:

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Carie Lynch, Asst. Secretary

INDEX OF BOARD DECISIONS  
 TRI-BASIN NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT  
 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
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ID	Motion #	Category	Subject	Aye	Nay	Abstain	
	2017-11-14-01	Meeting Administration		10		2	Moved by Johnson seconded by Cavanaugh, to approve the minutes for the November 14 2017 Board of Directors Meeting. Motion carried.
	2017-11-14-02	Meeting Administration					Moved by Lundeen, seconded by Larson, to approve the minutes for the November 9, 2017 Planning Committee meeting. Motion carried unanimously.
	2017-11-14-03	Meeting Administration					Moved by Hinrichs, seconded by Johnson, to approve the minutes for the November 3rd, 2017 ad hoc ROW Committee meeting. Motion carried unanimously.
	2017-11-14-04	Meeting Administration					Moved by Hinrichs, seconded by Lundeen, to approve the minutes for the November 22 <sup>nd</sup> , 2017 ad hoc ROW Committee meeting. Motion carried unanimously.
	2017-11-14-05	Meeting Administration		12			Moved by Reynolds, seconded by Lundeen to accept the November 2017 financial reports and file for audit. Motion carried.
	2017-11-14-06	Budget		12			Moved by Raffety, seconded Bilka to approve the VISA, attorney bills, JEO and PRD bills. Motion carried.
	2017-11-14-07	Meeting Administration		12			Moved by Bilka, seconded Larson to approve three well decommissioning applications. Motion carried.
	2017-11-14-08	Meeting Administration		12			Moved by Reynolds, seconded Jorgensen to approve four NSWCP and one TBNRD application. Motion carried.
	2017-11-14-09	Certification & Transfers	Steinbrink and JAM	12			Moved by Reynolds, seconded Lundeen to approve three irrigated acre transfer requests (Allen Steinbrink (2) and JAM Farms). Motion carried.
	2017-11-14-10	Certification & Transfers	Alberts and Norder	12			Moved by Reynolds, seconded Larson to approve two corrections to certified irrigated acres (Alberts Farms) a commercial well permit (Norder

							Supply). Motion carried.
	2017-11-14-11	Certification & Transfers	Cavanaugh table	11		1	Moved by Reynolds, seconded Bilka to table a conditional well replacement exception request (Michael Cavanaugh) until after a meeting with CNPPID and add the item to the next Joint CNPPID agenda. Motion carried.
	2017-11-14-12	District Plans & Programs	Blaine Twnshp Phase II & Industry Phase III	12			Moved by Johnson, seconded by Lundeen to designate Blaine Township as Phase II groundwater quantity management area and the remainder of Industry Township at Phase III groundwater quantity management and publish an order specifying that the designation will be effective February 1, 2018. Motion carried.