

MINUTES OF THE TRI-BASIN NRD BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, December 11, 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 1:34 p.m. Olsen noted Public Meeting Law is posted in the boardroom

ROLL CALL

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

Moved by Bilka, seconded by Lundeen, to excuse Phyllis Johnson from the October and November 2018 board Meetings. Motion carried.

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: Johnson

ABSENT: Bergstrom, Jorgensen, Cavanaugh and Garrelts

MINUTES

Thorburn presented the minutes of the November 13, 2018 Board of Directors Meeting.

Moved by Bilka, seconded by Larson, to approve the minutes for the November 13, 2018 Board of Directors Meeting. Motion carried.

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: Harris

ABSENT: Bergstrom, Jorgensen, Cavanaugh and Garrelts

Moved by Johnson, seconded by Lundeen, to approve the November 29, 2018 Planning Committee minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

FINANCIAL REPORT

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

Accrual Expenditures for Month	\$59,132.05
Cash Expenditures for Month.....	\$89,645.35
Accrual Revenues for Month.....	\$23,342.45
Cash Revenues for Month.....	\$22,886.84
Bank Balance–November 30, 2018.....	\$488,724.67
Accounts Receivable – November 30, 2018.....	\$395.80
Investments – Pinnacle Bank – November 30, 2018.....	\$956,018.95
Building Sinking Fund – November 30, 2018.....	\$39,808.35
Vehicle Sinking Fund – November 30, 2018.....	\$54,386.25
Water Resources Fund – November 30, 2018.....	\$494,531.88
Whiskey Slough IPA Balance – November 30, 2018.....	\$13,122.70
Fort Kearny-West IPA Balance – November 30, 2018.....	\$13,768.75
South Dry Creek IPA Balance – November 30, 2018.....	\$11,063.13

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Fort Kearny IPA Balance – November 30, 2018-----	\$14,062.82
Sacramento Creek IPA Balance – November 30, 2018-----	\$1,812.53
North Dry Creek IPA Balance – November 30, 2018-----	\$11,126.74
Water Jamboree – November 30, 2018-----	\$5,620.23
NRRMDA – November 30, 2018-----	\$7,631.34
Odessa IPA – November 30, 2018-----	\$7,500.38

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

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Bergstrom, Jorgensen, Cavanaugh and Garrelts

SPECIAL BILLS

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

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Bergstrom, Jorgensen, Cavanaugh and Garrelts

NRCS REPORT

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

Activity and Progress Report: Cammie Kerner reported that payments are being processed, raking for programs is being done and that the Farm Bill is still in draft mode. Kerner thanked the NRD for the Field Office Secretaries.

COST SHARE REPORT

Well Abandonment – There were no well decommissioning cost-share applications to approve.

NSWCP & NRD Applications – Thorburn presented eighteen NSWCP applications to approve. Moved by Bilka, seconded by Harris, to approve eighteen NSWCP cost-share applications. Motion carried.

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: Lundeen

ABSENT: Bergstrom, Jorgensen, Cavanaugh and Garrelts

GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT

Groundwater & Certified Acre Transfers – Thorburn presented a request to redistribute irrigated acres for Isaac Redfern. Mr. Redfern was present to answer questions. Moved by Reynolds, seconded by Larson to approve a redistribution of irrigated acres for Isaac Redfern. Motion carried.

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Bergstrom, Jorgensen, Cavanaugh and 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. There was no public comment.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Consider Designating Grant Township in Kearney County as Phase II for GW Quantity Mgmt.: Thorburn explained action for this item was tabled until this month. He also presented 2018 Groundwater Quantity data for Eastern Kearney County. Several members of the public spoke about the issue: Terry Sorensen, Dave Nelson and Brian Petersen.

Moved by Reynolds, seconded by Bilka to designate Grant Township in Kearney County as Phase II for Groundwater Quantity Management. Motion carried.

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

NAY: Raffety

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Bergstrom, Jorgensen, Cavanaugh and Garrelts

Consider Approval of Final Version of Republican Basin Mgmt. Plan.: Thorburn mentioned that CNPPID was the only entity that commented on the Republican Basin Management Plan.

Moved by Johnson, seconded by Hinrichs to adopt the Republican River Basin-Wide Plan, as written in the Final Draft, with the exception that the placeholder for the effective date of the plan, which is located on page 4 of the Final Draft, will be replaced with a date that is consistent with the effective date stated in the orders issued by the Districts and NDNR, which will be no later than March 31, 2019. Motion carried.

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Bergstrom, Jorgensen, Cavanaugh and Garrelts

Auditor's Report – Tonniges and Associates.: Ashley McNally gave the 2017-2018 Auditors Report. Randy Tonniges mentioned that he recommended staff and directors complete new W-4's for 2019. Moved by Larson, seconded by Lundeen to approve the 2017-2018 Auditors Report and file with the state. Motion carried.

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Bergstrom, Jorgensen, Cavanaugh and Garrelts

NARD REPORT

Reynolds commented that the NARD Legislative Conference will be held January 29th and 30th, 2019 and the Washington DC Conference will be held March 30th – April 4th, 2019.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Planning Committee Meeting: Thorburn reviewed agenda items from the meeting. The Groundwater Management Plan (a later agenda item) and Water Conservation Incentive Program.

STAFF REPORTS & NECESSARY ACTION

Board Directives to Staff: Moved by Bilka, seconded by Johnson to contribute funds to the employee 414(h) retirement accounts to adjust contributions in accordance with the most recent interpretation of the 414(h) plan. to be paid from cash reserve. Motion carried.

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Bergstrom, Jorgensen, Cavanaugh and Garrelts

Out-of-State Travel: Moved by Bilka, seconded by Hinrichs to approve out-of-state travel for Reynolds in January for the GMDA Conference and February for the NACD Conference. Motion carried.

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Bergstrom, Jorgensen, Cavanaugh and Garrelts

MONTHLY REPORTS

Republican Basin (NRRMDA): Thorburn explained how the Basin-Wide plan integrates with the other plans and districts.

Platte Basin: A Stakeholder meeting will be held at TBNRD on December 12, 2018.

Sand Creek/Little Blue Basin: Final designs for Sand Creek structures are almost completed.

North Dry Creek: Nothing to report.

Odessa IPA: Nothing to report.

Sacramento Creek: Nothing to report.

Fort Kearny: Nothing to report.

Fort Kearny West: Nothing to report.

South Dry Creek: Nothing to report.

Whiskey Slough: Nothing to report.

Middle Lost Creek: Nothing to report.

Lake Seldom: Nothing to report.

CoHyst/Platte Basin Coalition: CoHyst meeting will be Monday, December 17, 2018 to work on feedback report. The Platte Basin Coalition met Thursday, December 6, 2018

Rainwater Basin Joint Venture: This item will be discussed under another agenda item.

Platte-Republican Diversion & Republican Basin Augmentation Well: The final briefing for the water right applicant is due at the end of January 2019.

CNPPID: Trompke reported Lake McConaughey is at 81% of capacity.

NEW BUSINESS

Consider Nominating Thorburn to Serve on RNJV Mgmt. Board: Thorburn explained he has been asked to replace Mike Onnen, who is retiring, on the Rainwater Basin Joint Venture Board of Directors. Moved by Raffety, seconded by Bilka, to nominate John Thorburn to serve on the Rainwater Basin Joint Venture Management Board. Motion carried.

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Bergstrom, Jorgensen, Cavanaugh and Garrelts

Allow Submittal of Revised Groundwater Mgmt. Plan to NDNR for Approval: Moved by Bilka, seconded by Lundeen, to submit the revised Groundwater Management Plan to NDNR for review. Motion carried.

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Bergstrom, Jorgensen, Cavanaugh and Garrelts

Authorize Purchase of Shop Heater: Thorburn explained that the new shop has no heater and the most cost-effective way to heat the shop would be a kerosene/diesel heater. Munter presented cost estimates. Bilka commented that carbon monoxide detectors should also be installed. Larson recommended using kerosene fuel Moved by Reynolds, seconded by Larson, to purchase a portable shop heater in accordance with staff recommendation (maximum \$2,000 from the building maintenance budget line) and install carbon monoxide detectors at the TBNRD Shop Building. Motion carried.

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Bergstrom, Jorgensen, Cavanaugh and Garrelts

COMMENTS AND CONCERNS

There were no comments and concerns.

NEXT BOARD MEETING

TBNRD Regular Board Meeting on Tuesday, January 8, 2019, 2018 at 1:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:27 p.m.

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DIRECTORS PRESENT

Joe Bilka, Ed Harris, Rob Hinrichs, Phyllis Johnson, 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, Marcia Trompke, Wayne Anderson, Ike Redfern, Dave Nelson, Curtis Scheele, Michael Perry, Lisa Berkeypile, Lori Hagan, Terry Sorensen, Amy Dutton, Kent Nielsen, Lance Johnson, Brian Petersen, Randy Tonniges, Ashley McNally and Randy Bienhoff.

Respectfully Submitted:

Carie Lynch, Asst. Secretary

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 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
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ID	Motion #	Category	Subject	Aye	Nay	Abstain	
	2018-12-11-01	Meeting Administration		8		1	Moved by Bilka, seconded by Lundeen, to excuse Phyllis Johnson from the October and November 2018 board Meetings. Motion carried.
	2018-12-11-02	Meeting Administration		8		1	Moved by Bilka, seconded by Larson, to approve the minutes for the November 13, 2018 Board of Directors Meeting. Motion carried.
	2018-12-11-03	Meeting Administration					Moved by Johnson, seconded by Lundeen, to approve the November 29, 2018 Planning Committee minutes. Motion carried unanimously.
	2018-12-11-04	Meeting Administration		9			Moved by Johnson, seconded by Raffety, to approve the November 2018 Financial Report and submit for audit. Motion carried.
	2018-12-11-05	Budget		9			. Moved by Bilka, seconded by Raffety, to approve the VISA, PRD and EA Engineering bills. Motion carried.
	2018-12-11-06	Meeting Administration		8		1	Moved by Bilka, seconded by Harris, to approve eighteen NSWCP cost-share applications. Motion carried.
	2018-12-11-07	Certification & Transfers	Redfern	9			Moved by Reynolds, seconded by Larson to approve a redistribution of irrigated acres for Isaac Redfern. Motion carried.
	2018-12-11-08	District Plans & Programs	Grant Township Phase II GW quantity	8	1		Moved by Reynolds, seconded by Bilka to designate Grant Township in Kearney County as Phase II for Groundwater Quantity Management. Motion carried.
	2018-12-11-09	River Basins	Basin-Wide Plan Republican	9			Moved by Johnson, seconded by Hinrichs to adopt the Republican River Basin-Wide Plan, as written in the Final Draft, with the exception that the placeholder for the effective date of the plan, which is located on page 4 of the Final Draft, will be replaced with a date that is consistent with the effective date stated in the orders issued by the Districts and NDNR, which will be no later than March 31, 2019. Motion carried.

	2018-12-11-10	Budget	Auditor's report	9			Moved by Larson, seconded by Lundeen to approve the 2017-2018 Auditors Report and file with the state. Motion carried.
	2018-12-11-10	Personnel	Pay additional 414(h) Refior/VanE peren	9			Moved by Bilka, seconded by Johnson to contribute funds to the employee 414(h) retirement accounts to adjust contributions in accordance with the most recent interpretation of the 414(h) plan. to be paid from cash reserve. Motion carried.
	2018-12-11-11	Director		9			Moved by Bilka, seconded by Hinrichs to approve out-of-state travel for Reynolds in January for the GMDA Conference and February for the NACD Conference. Motion carried.
	2018-12-11-12	Personnel	RBJV - Thorburn	9			Moved by Raffety, seconded by Bilka, to nominate John Thorburn to serve on the Rainwater Basin Joint Venture Management Board. Motion carried.
	2018-12-11-13	District Plans & Programs	GWMP	9			Moved by Bilka, seconded by Lundeen, to submit the revised Groundwater Management Plan to NDNR for review. Motion carried.
	2018-12-11-14	Budget	Portable shop heater	9			Moved by Reynolds, seconded by Larson, to purchase a portable shop heater in accordance with staff recommendation (maximum \$2,000 from the building maintenance budget line) and install carbon monoxide detectors at the TBNRD Shop Building. Motion carried.