

MINUTES OF THE TRI-BASIN NRD BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, December 10, 2019, 1:30 p.m.
Tri-Basin NRD

The regular monthly board meeting of the Tri-Basin Natural Resources District (NRD) was called to order by Chairman, Bradley Lundeen, at 1:32 p.m. Lundeen noted Public Meeting Law is posted in the boardroom.

ROLL CALL

Roll call was taken with nine directors present: Bilka, Bergstrom, Garrelts, Hinrichs, Johnson, Larson, Lundeen, Raffety and Reynolds. Jorgensen, Cavanaugh, Olsen and Harris 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 Garrelts, seconded by Bilka, to excuse Bergstrom and Raffety from the October and November 2019 Board Meetings. Motion carried.

AYE: Bilka, Garrelts, Hinrichs, Johnson, Larson, Lundeen and Reynolds

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: Bergstrom and Raffety

ABSENT: Cavanaugh, Harris, Jorgensen and Olsen

MINUTES

Thorburn presented the minutes of the November 12, 2019 Board of Directors Meeting. Moved by Johnson, seconded by Larson, to approve the minutes for the November 12, 2019 Board of Directors Meeting. Motion carried.

AYE: Bilka, Garrelts, Hinrichs, Johnson, Larson, Lundeen and Reynolds

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: Bergstrom and Raffety

ABSENT: Cavanaugh, Harris, Jorgensen and Olsen

Thorburn presented the minutes of the November 25, 2019 Meeting with LBNRD Staff. Moved by Raffety, seconded by Bilka, to approve the minutes for the November 25, 2019 LBNRD meeting with Staff. Motion carried unanimously.

Thorburn presented the minutes of the November 18, 2019 IPA Formation Meeting. Moved by Hinrichs, seconded by Bilka, to approve the minutes for the November 18, 2019 IPA Formation Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Hinrichs presented the financial report for the month of November 2019 as follows:

Accrual Expenditures for Month	\$77,998.94
Cash Expenditures for Month.....	\$95,351.67
Accrual Revenues for Month.....	\$76,913.07
Cash Revenues for Month.....	\$81,727.56
Bank Balance–November 30, 2019.....	\$162,211.29
Accounts Receivable – November 30, 2019.....	\$1,446.75
Investments – Pinnacle Bank – November 30, 2019.....	\$263,419.79
Building Sinking Fund – November 30, 2019.....	\$146,871.33
Vehicle Sinking Fund – November 30, 2019.....	\$71,609.93
Water Resources Fund – November 30, 2019.....	\$781,584.68

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Whiskey Slough IPA Balance – November 30, 2019-----	\$10,759.07
Fort Kearny-West IPA Balance – November 30, 2019-----	\$11,813.42
South Dry Creek IPA Balance – November 30, 2019-----	\$11,816.78
Fort Kearny IPA Balance – November 30, 2019-----	\$15,201.03
Sacramento Creek IPA Balance – November 30, 2019-----	\$2,662.08
North Dry Creek IPA Balance – November 30, 2019-----	\$8,975.86
Water Jamboree – November 30, 2019-----	\$3,798.60
NRRCMDA – November 30, 2019-----	\$7,633.61
Odessa IPA – November 30, 2019-----	\$11,007.55

Moved by Johnson, seconded by Bilka, to approve the November 2019 Financial Report and submit for audit. Motion carried.

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Cavanaugh, Harris, Jorgensen and Olsen

SPECIAL BILLS

Thorburn presented the VISA, Flatwater and attorney bills for approval. Moved by Garrelts, seconded by Larson, to approve the VISA, Flatwater and attorney bills. Motion carried.

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Harris, Jorgensen and Olsen

NRCS REPORT

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

Activity and Progress Report: Cammie Kerner reported staff is working on 2019 CSP payments, EQIP training on ranking tool and Dave Beins has been working on a survey for TBNRD.

COST SHARE REPORT

Well Abandonment – Thorburn presented one well decommissioning cost-share application to approve. Moved by Bilka, seconded by Bergstrom, to approve one well decommissioning cost-share application. Motion carried.

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Cavanaugh, Harris, Jorgensen and Olsen

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

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Cavanaugh, Harris, Jorgensen and Olsen

WCIP – There were no applications to approve.

GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT

Groundwater & Certified Acre Transfers – There were no 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

IWMS Report (Scheele): Scheele gave the Irrigation Water Management Specialist Report and explained how the TAPS program works. He mentioned that UNL will present data and results from TAPS at the Water Conference next year.

Memorandum of Agreement with USDA-NRCS): Craig Derickson, State Conservationist, was present to sign an updated version of the Memorandum of Agreement between Tri-Basin NRD and USDA/NRCS. Moved by Johnson, seconded by Bergstrom, to approve the Memorandum of Agreement with USDA-NRCS. Motion carried.

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Cavanaugh, Harris, Jorgensen and Olsen

NARD REPORT

NARD Fall Conference/Delegate and Alternate Delegate: Reynolds encouraged directors to attend the NARD Legislative Conference on January 28-29, 2020 in Lincoln. Thorburn mentioned that he's working to set a meeting with LBNRD board members at the conference. Moved by Reynolds, seconded by Bilka, to designate Dave Raffety as delegate for the 2020 NARD Legislative Conference. Motion carried.

AYE: Bergstrom, Bilka, Garrelts, Hinrichs, Johnson, Larson, Lundeen and Reynolds

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: Raffety

ABSENT: Cavanaugh, Harris, Jorgensen and Olsen

Moved by Raffety, seconded by Bergstrom, to designate Joe Larson as alternate delegate for the 2020 NARD Legislative Conference. Motion carried.

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Cavanaugh, Harris, Jorgensen and Olsen

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Schedule Projects-Construction Committee Meeting: Raffety set the committee meeting date as Tuesday, January 8, 2020 at 1 p.m. The agenda includes repairs to IPA's, new IPA boundaries and

repairs and cost-share manual updates. A Building Committee meeting was set for Tuesday, January 8, 2020 at 3:30 p.m. to discuss building repairs and asbestos removal.

STAFF REPORTS & NECESSARY ACTION

Board Directives to Staff: Bilka asked that Thorburn present information on WCIP at the Water Conference and allow landowners time to apply. Garrelts asked for a summary and sample agreement. Thorburn and Fahrenbruch will provide an updated version. Moved by Bilka, seconded by Garrelts to set the approval deadline for WCIP contracts as March 31, 2020 for approval at the April Board Meeting. Motion carried.

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Cavanaugh, Harris, Jorgensen and Olsen

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

MONTHLY REPORTS

Republican Basin (NRRMDA): Republican Basin Planning meeting will be held December 19, 2020.

Platte Basin: POAC and PBC will meet Wednesday, December 10, 2019 in North Platte.

Sand Creek/Little Blue Basin: There could be a meeting with LBNRD Directors during the legislative conference.

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: Nothing to report.

Rainwater Basin Joint Venture: Observation wells will be drilled on Victor Lakes and Linder Wetlands.

Platte-Republican Diversion & Republican Basin Augmentation Well: Nothing to report.

CNPPID: Ford reported Lake McConaughey is at elevation 3257.3 ft. and 87% capacity.

NEW BUSINESS

Approve Proposed Boundaries of North Dry Creek, Lost Creek IPAs: Thorburn reviewed the IPA formation process so far. Thorburn presented a map of the proposed boundaries for Lower North Dry Creek and Lost Creek IPA. There was discussion about the boundaries and potential additions. Moved by Raffety, seconded by Johnson to table approval of the boundaries for the proposed Lower North Dry Creek IPA until the January Board Meeting. Motion carried.

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Cavanaugh, Harris, Jorgensen and Olsen

Moved by Raffety, seconded by Johnson to table approval of the boundaries for the proposed Lost Creek IPA until the January Board Meeting. Motion carried.

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Cavanaugh, Harris, Jorgensen and Olsen

Schedule Public Hearing on IPA Establishment: This item will be added to the January 2020 agenda.

PERSONELL AND LEGAL MATTERS

Moved by Garrelts, seconded by Larson to move to executive session at 3:02 p.m. for the protection of the public to discuss legal matters. Motion carried.

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Cavanaugh, Harris, Jorgensen and Olsen

Moved by Garrelts, seconded by Johnson to move out of executive session at 3:32 p.m. for the protection of the public to discuss legal matters. Motion carried.

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Cavanaugh, Harris, Jorgensen and Olsen

COMMENTS AND CONCERNS

There were no comments or concerns.

NEXT BOARD MEETING

TBNRD Regular Board Meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 7, 2020, 1:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:35 p.m.

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DIRECTORS PRESENT

Brian Bergstrom Joe Bilka, Todd Garrelts, Rob Hinrichs, Phyllis Johnson, Joe Larson, Dave Raffety, Larry Reynolds and Brad Lundeen

OTHERS PRESENT

Carie Lynch, John Thorburn, Sasha Hahn, Dave Ford, Cammie Kerner, Nolan Little, Tammy Fahrenbruch and Craig Derickson.

Respectfully Submitted:

Carie Lynch, Asst. Secretary

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ID	Motion #	Category	Subject	Aye	Nay	Abstain	
	2019-12-10-01	Meeting Administration		7		2	Moved by Garrelts, seconded by Bilka, to excuse Bergstrom and Raffety from the October and November 2019 Board Meetings. Motion carried.
	2019-12-10-02	Meeting Administration		7		2	Moved by Johnson, seconded by Larson, to approve the minutes for the November 12, 2019 Board of Directors Meeting. Motion carried.
	2019-12-10-03	Meeting Administration					Moved by Raffety, seconded by Bilka, to approve the minutes for the November 25, 2019 LBNRD meeting with Staff. Motion carried unanimously.
	2019-12-10-04	Meeting Administration					Moved by Hinrichs, seconded by Bilka, to approve the minutes for the November 18, 2019 IPA Formation Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.
	2019-12-10-05	Meeting Administration		9			Moved by Johnson, seconded by Bilka, to approve the November 2019 Financial Report and submit for audit. Motion carried.
	2019-12-10-06	Budget		9			Moved by Garrelts, seconded by Larson, to approve the VISA, Flatwater and attorney bills. Motion carried.
	2019-12-10-07	Meeting Administration		9			Moved by Bilka, seconded by Bergstrom, to approve one well decommissioning cost-share application. Motion carried.
	2019-12-10-08	Meeting Administration		9			Moved by Raffety, seconded by Larson, to approve two NSWCP cost-share applications. Motion carried.
	2019-12-10-09	Agreements	USDA	9			Moved by Johnson, seconded by Bergstrom, to approve the Memorandum of Agreement with USDA-NRCS. Motion carried.
	2019-12-10-10	Directors	NARD Delegate	8		1	Moved by Reynolds, seconded by Bilka, to designate Dave Raffety as delegate for the 2020 NARD Legislative Conference. Motion carried.
	2019-12-10-11	Directors	NARD Delegate	9			Moved by Raffety, seconded by Bergstrom, to designate Joe Larson as alternate delegate for the 2020 NARD Legislative Conference. Motion carried.
	2019-12-10-12	District Plans & Programs	WCIP	9			Moved by Bilka, seconded by Garrelts to set the approval deadline for WCIP

							contracts as March 31, 2020 for approval at the April Board Meeting. Motion carried.
	2019-12-10-13	Projects	LNDC and LC IPAs	9			Moved by Raffety, seconded by Johnson to table approval of the boundaries for the proposed Lower North Dry Creek IPA until the January Board Meeting. Motion carried.
	2019-12-10-14	Projects	LNDC and LC IPAs	9			Moved by Raffety, seconded by Johnson to table approval of the boundaries for the proposed Lost Creek IPA until the January Board Meeting. Motion carried.
	2019-12-10-15	Meeting Administration		9			Moved by Garrelts, seconded by Larson to move to executive session at 3:02 p.m. for the protection of the public to discuss legal matters. Motion carried.
	2019-12-10-16	Meeting Administration		9			Moved by Garrelts, seconded by Johnson to move out of executive session at 3:32 p.m. for the protection of the public to discuss legal matters. Motion carried.