

MINUTES OF THE TRI-BASIN NRD BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, February 11, 2020, 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 1:50 p.m. Three hearings were opened prior to this meeting: Little Blue Integrated Management Plan Hearing, Lost Creek IPA and Lower North Dry Creek Hearings. Lundeen noted Public Meeting Law is posted in the boardroom.

ROLL CALL

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

MINUTES

Thorburn presented the minutes of the January 14, 2020 Board of Directors Meeting, January 8, 2020 Projects & Construction Committee Meeting and January 8, 2020 Building Committee Meeting. Moved by Garrelts, seconded by Larson, to approve the minutes for the January 14, 2020 Board of Directors Meeting. Motion carried.

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Moved by Larson, seconded by Johnson, to approve the minutes for the January 8, 2020 Projects & Construction Committee Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Raffety, seconded by Garrelts, to approve the minutes for the January 8, 2020 Building Committee Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Hinrichs presented the financial report for the month of January 2020 as follows:

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| Accrual Expenditures for Month | \$139,457.64 |
| Cash Expenditures for Month..... | \$138,669.74 |
| Accrual Revenues for Month..... | \$207,979.20 |
| Cash Revenues for Month..... | \$194,298.40 |
| Bank Balance—January 31, 2020..... | \$106,430.42 |
| Accounts Receivable – January 31, 2020..... | \$15,486.49 |
| Investments – Pinnacle Bank – January 31, 2020..... | \$264,033.95 |
| Building Sinking Fund – January 31, 2020..... | \$146,963.88 |
| Vehicle Sinking Fund – January 31, 2020..... | \$71,655.05 |
| Water Resources Fund – January 31, 2020..... | \$702,070.61 |
| Whiskey Slough IPA Balance – January 31, 2020..... | \$1,397.66 |
| Fort Kearny-West IPA Balance – January 31, 2020..... | \$11,998.44 |
| South Dry Creek IPA Balance – January 31, 2020..... | \$12,376.27 |

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| Fort Kearny IPA Balance – January 31, 2020----- | \$757.33 |
| Sacramento Creek IPA Balance – January 31, 2020----- | \$3,626.48 |
| North Dry Creek IPA Balance – January 31, 2020----- | \$9,289.33 |
| Water Jamboree – January 31, 2020----- | \$10,029.23 |
| NRRMDA – January 31, 2020----- | \$7,634.00 |
| Odessa IPA – January 31, 2020----- | \$11,985.54 |

Moved by Johnson, seconded by Bergstrom, to approve the January 2020 Financial Report and submit for audit. Motion carried.

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

SPECIAL BILLS

Thorburn presented the VISA, EA Engineering, Flatwater, CNPPID and attorney bills for approval.

Moved by Garrelts, seconded by Reynolds, to approve the VISA, EA Engineering, Flatwater, CNPPID and attorney bills. Motion carried.

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

NRCS REPORT

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

Activity and Progress Report: Cammie Kerner reported staff received a Civil Rights award in Lincoln, NE. Staff has been working on CSP payments and new EQIP software. Kerner reported on new staff.

COST SHARE REPORT

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

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

NSWCP & NRD Applications – Thorburn presented thirteen NSWCP cost-share applications. Moved by Raffety, seconded by Reynolds, to approve thirteen NSWCP cost-share applications. Motion carried.

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

WCIP – There were no applications to approve.

GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT

Groundwater & Certified Acre Transfers – Thorburn presented two irrigated acre transfer requests for 5H Ag LLC for approval. Neil and Phil Carlson were present to answer questions Moved by Garrelts, seconded by Hinrichs, to approve two irrigated acre transfer requests for 5H LLC. Motion carried.

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Educational Land Leases – Thorburn presented one educational land lease to approve. Moved by Reynolds, seconded by Johnson, to approve one educational land lease. Motion carried.

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

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

Approve Proposed Boundaries for Lower North Dry Creek and Lost Creek IPA's: This item will be discussed when the hearing is closed later in the meeting.

Authorize Referendum on IPA Establishment: This item will be discussed when the hearing is closed later in the meeting.

Approve Little Blue Basin IMP: Thorburn explained that the motion to approve the Little Blue Basin Integrated Management Plan needs to be delayed to consider testimony given at the hearing.

Moved by Hinrichs, seconded by Bergstrom, to table approval of the Little Blue Basin Integrated Management Plan until the March 2020 board meeting. Motion carried.

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

NARD REPORT

NARD Legislative Conference: Reynolds mentioned that the National Envirothon will be held in Lincoln in July 2020. Reynolds asked that the legislative update be forwarded to directors and he summarized bills related to NRDs. Reynolds term as NARD president has ended and the board and staff expressed gratitude for his service.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

STAFF REPORTS & NECESSARY ACTION

Board Directives to Staff: There were no directives to staff.

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

MONTHLY REPORTS

Republican Basin (NRRMDA): Annual Republican Basin meeting will be held February 20, 2020 in Cambridge.

Platte Basin: Thorburn mentioned diversions have been made to Victor Lakes.

Sand Creek/Little Blue Basin: Thorburn is waiting on final design so work can start on the recharge structure on Sorensen property.

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: Nothing to report.

Platte-Republican Diversion & Republican Basin Augmentation Well: Munter gave presentation this morning on the prescribed burn plan.

CNPPID: Ford reported Lake McConaughy is at 3257.1 feet of elevation almost 87% of capacity.

NEW BUSINESS

Purchase Offset Credits from CPNRD: Moved by Reynolds, seconded by Raffety to authorize purchase of 1,000-acre feet offset credit from CPNRD. Motion carried.

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Schedule IPA Annual Meetings (February 28, 2020): The IPA meetings are scheduled for February 28, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. in Axtell and 2:00 p.m. in Holdrege. Raffety could attend by video conference only.

UNL Water Use Survey Request: Karina Schoengold, UNL, gave a zoom meeting presentation on a survey she's conducting that asks producers about water use. There was discussion about providing mailing labels or the database. Directors were concerned with privacy. Those that take the survey will get a gift card. Moved by Bergstrom, seconded by Reynolds to approve participation in the UNL Water Use Study by providing addresses for producers and mailing the information from TBNRD. Motion carried.

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Approve Proposed Boundaries for Lower North Dry Creek and Lost Creek IPA's: There was written testimony give during the preceding hearing from North Dry Creek Drainage District.

Moved by Reynolds, seconded by Harris, to approve the proposed boundaries for Lower North Dry Creek and Lost Dry Creek IPA. Motion carried.

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Authorize Referendum on IPA Establishment: Thorburn explained that the voting letter would describe the project, provide the unit of benefit assessment and the number of acres. Thorburn stated that the project will need an engineer. Thorburn will provide the letter to the board prior to mailing to landowners. There was discussion about engineer costs. Thorburn commented that previously TBNRD payed the engineer but landowners could be assessed for those costs. Thorburn said the letter would be sent at the end of February and there would be thirty days to vote. Moved by Bergstrom, seconded by Larson, authorize a referendum of the establishment of Lost Creek IPA and Lower North Dry Creek IPA. Motion carried.

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

PERSONELL AND LEGAL MATTERS

There were no legal or personnel matters to discuss.

COMMENTS AND CONCERNS

Lundeen commented that Little Blue constituents will meet with NRD directors on Wednesday, February 19, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. at TBNRD.

NEXT BOARD MEETING

TBNRD Regular Board Meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 10, 2020, 1:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:12 p.m.

DIRECTORS PRESENT

Brian Bergstrom Todd Garrelts, Ed Harris, 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. Lori Potter, Lee W. Anderson, Max Murray, Erick Erickson, Sarah Andersen, Wayne Andersen, Dale Needham, Jeff Moon, William C. Nickel, Larry Landstrom, Amy Zoller, Neil Carlson, Philip Carlson, Nate Munter, Mark Johnson, David Grimes, Terry Sorensen, Nate Munter and Lance Johnson.

Respectfully Submitted:

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 | |
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| | 2020-2-11-01 | Meeting Administration | | 9 | | | Moved by Garrelts, seconded by Larson, to approve the minutes for the January 14, 2020 Board of Directors Meeting. Motion carried. |
| | 2020-2-11-02 | Meeting Administration | | | | | Moved by Larson, seconded by Johnson, to approve the minutes for the January 8, 2020 Projects & Construction Committee Meeting. Motion carried unanimously. |
| | 2020-2-11-03 | Meeting Administration | | | | | Moved by Raffety, seconded by Garrelts, to approve the minutes for the January 8, 2020 Building Committee Meeting. Motion carried unanimously. |
| | 2020-2-11-04 | Budget | | 9 | | | Moved by Johnson, seconded by Bergstrom, to approve the January 2020 Financial Report and submit for audit. Motion carried. |
| | 2020-2-11-05 | Meeting Administration | Budget | 9 | | | Moved by Garrelts, seconded by Reynolds, to approve the VISA, EA Engineering, Flatwater, CNPPID and attorney bills. Motion carried. |
| | 2020-2-11-06 | Meeting Administration | | 9 | | | Moved by Harris, seconded by Bergstrom, to approve one well decommissioning cost-share application. Motion carried. |
| | 2020-2-11-07 | Meeting Administration | | 9 | | | Moved by Raffety, seconded by Reynolds, to approve thirteen NSWCP cost-share applications. Motion carried. |
| | 2020-2-11-08 | Certification & Transfers | 5H LLC | 9 | | | Moved by Garrelts, seconded by Hinrichs, to approve two irrigated acre transfer requests for 5H LLC. Motion carried. |
| | 2020-2-11-09 | Meeting Administration | | 9 | | | Moved by Reynolds, seconded by Johnson, to approve one educational land lease. Motion carried. |
| | 2020-2-11-10 | District Plans & Programs | LB IMP Table | 9 | | | Moved by Hinrichs, seconded by Bergstrom, to table approval of the Little Blue Basin Integrated Management Plan until the March 2020 board meeting. Motion carried. |
| | 2020-2-11-11 | River Basins | CPNRD Offset | 9 | | | Moved by Reynolds, seconded by Raffety to authorize purchase of 1,000-acre feet offset credit from CPNRD. Motion carried. |

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| | 2020-2-11-12 | Projects | UNL Survey | 9 | | | Moved by Bergstrom, seconded by Reynolds to approve participation in the UNL Water Use Study by providing addresses for producers and mailing the information from TBNRD. Motion carried. |
| | 2020-2-11-13 | Projects | LNDC Boundaries | 9 | | | Moved by Reynolds, seconded by Harris, to approve the proposed boundaries for Lower North Dry Creek and Lost Dry Creek IPA. Motion carried. |
| | 2020-2-11-14 | Projects | LC Boundaries | 9 | | | Moved by Bergstrom, seconded by Larson, authorize a referendum of the establishment of Lost Creek IPA and Lower North Dry Creek IPA. Motion carried. |