

**MINUTES OF THE TRI-BASIN NRD BOARD MEETING**  
**Tuesday, March 12, 2019, 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, Bradley 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: Bergstrom, Cavanaugh, Garrelts, Harris, Hinrichs, Jorgensen, Johnson, Larson, Lundeen, Raffety and Reynolds. Bilka and Cavanaugh 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.

**MINUTES**

Thorburn presented the minutes of the March 12, 2019 Board of Directors Meeting and Public Hearing.

Moved by Johnson, seconded by Garrelts, to approve the minutes for the March 12, 2019 Board of Directors Meeting and Hearing. Motion carried.

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: Cavanaugh

ABSENT: Bilka and Olsen

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

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

Accrual Expenditures for Month -----	\$204,453.22
Cash Expenditures for Month-----	\$222,004.70
Accrual Revenues for Month-----	\$61,753.93
Cash Revenues for Month-----	\$69,749.97
Bank Balance–February 28, 2019-----	\$344,903.34
Accounts Receivable – February 28, 2019-----	\$4,349.57
Investments – Pinnacle Bank – February 28, 2019-----	\$958,614.33
Building Sinking Fund – February 28, 2019-----	\$39,833.44
Vehicle Sinking Fund – February 28, 2019-----	\$54,420.52
Water Resources Fund – February 28, 2019-----	\$494,843.50
Whiskey Slough IPA Balance – February 28, 2019-----	\$14,222.09
Fort Kearny-West IPA Balance – February 28, 2019-----	\$14,096.17
South Dry Creek IPA Balance – February 28, 2019-----	\$12,017.53
Fort Kearny IPA Balance – February 28, 2019-----	\$14,543.43
Sacramento Creek IPA Balance – February 28, 2019-----	\$2,966.07
North Dry Creek IPA Balance – February 28, 2019-----	\$11,490.68
Water Jamboree – February 28, 2019-----	\$6,797.06
NR MDMA – February 28, 2019-----	\$7,631.90
Odessa IPA – February 28, 2019-----	\$12,390.72

Moved by Larson, seconded by Bergstrom, to approve the February 2019 Financial Report and submit for audit. Motion carried.

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Bilka and Olsen

#### **SPECIAL BILLS**

Thorburn presented the VISA, CNPPID and attorney bills for approval. Moved by Garrelts, seconded by Jorgensen, to approve the VISA, CNPPID (4) and attorney bills. Motion carried.

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Bilka and Olsen

#### **NRCS REPORT**

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

**Activity and Progress Report:** Cammie Kerner introduced Kearney County Technicians: Logan Keller and Michael Nielsen and reported that staff has been working on CSP and EQIP. There was discussion about nutrient guidelines. Thorburn will work with NRCS to standardize crop report nutrient guidelines using UNL and NRCS standards.

#### **COST SHARE REPORT**

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

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Bilka and Olsen

**NSWCP & NRD Applications** – There were no NSWCP applications to approve.

#### **GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT**

**Groundwater & Certified Acre Transfers** – Thorburn presented a special request for a meter variance for Greg Jorgensen and a correction to certified irrigated acres for XIT Ranch. Greg Jorgensen was present to answer questions. Moved by Garrelts, seconded by Raffety to approve a correction to irrigated acres for XIT Ranch and meter and meter variance for Jorgensen. Motion carried.

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: Bergstrom and Jorgensen

ABSENT: Bilka and Olsen

**Educational Land Leases** – There were no educational land leases to approve.

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**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**

**Schedule GMA Rules Violator Hearing:** Moved by Garrelts, seconded by Johnson to hold a hearing for groundwater management rules violators on April 17, 2019 at 7 p.m. Motion carried.

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: Cavanaugh

ABSENT: Bilka and Olsen

**Consider Authorizing WCIP Pilot Program in Union Township (Gosper County):** Moved by Garrelts, seconded by Larson to authorize a Water Conservation Incentive Pilot Program for 8,000 acres district-wide excluding com-mingled acres. Motion carried.

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Bilka and Olsen

**NARD REPORT**

Reynolds commented that the Loup Basin Tour conflicts with the June 2019 Board Meeting. Moved by Reynolds, seconded by Raffety to reschedule the June Board meeting from June 11, 2019 to June 18, 2019 with time to be determined. Motion carried.

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Bilka and Olsen

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Information and Education Committee will meet March 26, 2019 at 2 p.m. and the Building Committee will meet March 26, 2019 at 9:00 a.m.

**STAFF REPORTS & NECESSARY ACTION**

**Board Directives to Staff:** Nothing to report.

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

**MONTHLY REPORTS**

**Republican Basin (NRRMDA):** Thorburn reported the Basin Wide Plan was effective March 1, 2019.

**Platte Basin:** The Platte Basin Stakeholders meeting will be held in March.

**Sand Creek/Little Blue Basin:** Thorburn will advertise for cooperators for recharge structures.

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**North Dry Creek:** IPA Meeting was held March 1, 2019.

**Odessa IPA:** IPA Meeting was held March 1, 2019.

**Sacramento Creek:** IPA Meeting was held March 1, 2019.

**Fort Kearny:** IPA Meeting was held March 1, 2019.

**Fort Kearny West:** IPA Meeting was held March 1, 2019.

**South Dry Creek:** IPA Meeting was held March 1, 2019.

**Whiskey Slough:** IPA Meeting was held March 1, 2019.

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

**Lake Seldom:** Nothing to report.

**CoHyst/Platte Basin Coalition:** CoHyst meeting is scheduled for April.

**Rainwater Basin Joint Venture:** RBJV will hold board meeting at TBNRD on Thursday, March 28, 2019.

**Platte-Republican Diversion & Republican Basin Augmentation Well:** No hearing date has been set by NDNR on the filings.

**CNPPID:** Ford reported Lake McConaughy is at 85% capacity and 3255.8 elevation.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

**Consider NRD Shop Building Purchase:** The Building Committee will meet to discuss a shop building.

#### **COMMENTS AND CONCERNS**

There were no comments and concerns.

#### **NEXT BOARD MEETING**

TBNRD Regular Board Meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 9, 2019, 2018 at 7:30 p.m.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:05 p.m.

#### **DIRECTORS PRESENT**

Brian Bergstrom, Mike Cavanaugh, Todd Garrelts, Ed Harris, Rob Hinrichs, Phyllis Johnson, Greg Jorgensen, Joe Larson, Brad Lundeen, Dave Raffety and Larry Reynolds.

#### **OTHERS PRESENT**

Carie Lynch, John Thorburn, Nate Munter, Nolan Little, Nicole Salisbury, Tammy Fahrenbruch, Lori Potter, Wayne Anderson, Camilla Kerner, Michael Nielsen and Logan Keller.

Respectfully Submitted:

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Carie Lynch, Asst. Secretary

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ID	Motion #	Category	Subject	Aye	Nay	Abstain	
	2019-03-12-01	Meeting Administration					Moved by Johnson, seconded by Garrelts, to approve the minutes for the March 12, 2019 Board of Directors Meeting and Hearing. Motion carried.
	2019-03-12-02	Meeting Administration					Moved by Larson, seconded by Bergstrom, to approve the February 2019 Financial Report and submit for audit. Motion carried.
	2019-03-12-03	Budget					Moved by Garrelts, seconded by Jorgensen, to approve the VISA, CNPPID (4) and attorney bills. Motion carried.
	2019-03-12-04	Meeting Administration					Moved by Bergstrom, seconded by Harris, to approve three well decommissioning cost-share applications. Motion carried.
	2019-03-12-05	Certification & Transfers	XIT and Jorgensen				Moved by Garrelts, seconded by Raffety to approve a correction to irrigated acres for XIT Ranch and meter and meter variance for Jorgensen. Motion carried.
	2019-03-12-06	District Plans & Programs	Cavanaugh				Moved by Garrelts, seconded by Johnson to hold a hearing for groundwater management rules violators on April 17, 2019 at 7 p.m. Motion carried.
	2019-03-12-07	District Plans & Programs	WCIP Pilot Program				Moved by Garrelts, seconded by Larson to authorize a Water Conservation Incentive Pilot Program for 8,000 acres district-wide excluding com-mingled acres. Motion carried.
	2019-03-12-08	Meeting Administration					Moved by Reynolds, seconded by Raffety to reschedule the June Board meeting from June 11, 2019 to June 18, 2019 with time to be determined. Motion carried.

