

MINUTES OF THE TRI-BASIN NRD BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, April 6, 2017, 1:30 p.m.
Tri-Basin Natural Resources District

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

Roll call was taken with eleven directors present: Bergstrom, Bilka, Cavanaugh, Garrelts, Harris, Hinrichs, Johnson, Jorgensen, Larson, Lundeen, Raffety and Reynolds. Bilka and Olsen 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 14, 2017, Board of Directors meeting and March 30, 2017 Planning Committee. Moved by Garrelts, seconded by Hinrichs, to approve the minutes for the March, 2017 Board of Directors Meeting. Motion carried.

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Bilka and Olsen

Moved by Johnson, seconded by Larson, to approve the minutes for the March 30, 2017 Planning Committee Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Thorburn presented the financial report for the month of March 2017 as follows:

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| Accrual Expenditures for Month ----- | \$81,974.07 |
| Cash Expenditures for Month----- | \$84,046.02 |
| Accrual Revenues for Month----- | \$170,951.84 |
| Cash Revenues for Month----- | \$166,971.51 |
| Bank Balance--March 31, 2017----- | \$462,561.03 |
| Accounts Receivable – March 31, 2017----- | \$161.25 |
| Investments – Pinnacle Bank – March 31, 2017----- | \$450,240.16 |
| Building Sinking Fund – March 31, 2017----- | \$61,700.60 |
| Vehicle Sinking Fund – March 31, 2017----- | \$49,969.67 |
| Water Resources Fund – March 31, 2017----- | \$290,964.66 |
| Whiskey Slough IPA Balance – March 31, 2017----- | \$18,090.35 |
| Fort Kearny-West IPA Balance – March 31, 2017----- | \$12,196.48 |
| South Dry Creek IPA Balance – March 31, 2017----- | \$15,830.94 |
| Fort Kearny IPA Balance – March 31, 2017----- | \$13,421.64 |
| Sacramento Creek IPA Balance – March 31, 2017----- | \$21,321.55 |
| North Dry Creek IPA Balance – March 31, 2017----- | \$15,035.81 |
| Water Jamboree – March 31, 2017----- | \$7,627.52 |
| NRRMDA – March 31, 2017----- | \$7,627.52 |
| Odessa IPA – March 31, 2017----- | \$7,500.00 |

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Moved by Bergstrom, seconded by Harris to accept the March 2017 financial reports and file 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, attorney and Platte-Republican Diversion bills for approval. Moved by Garrelts, seconded Johnson to approve the visa 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

Garrelts asked if the LRNRD bill was for the final design of the Platte Republican Diversion. Thorburn will check. Moved by Cavanaugh, seconded Larson to approve the Platte-Republican Diversion bill. Motion carried.

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: Garrelts

ABSENT: Bilka and Olsen

NRCS REPORT

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

Activity and Progress Report: There was no NRCS report.

COST SHARE REPORT

Well Abandonment – Thorburn presented four Well Decommissioning Cost-Share applications for approval. Moved by Johnson, seconded Larson to approve four 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 – Thorburn presented six NSWCP applications and thirteen TBNRD applications to approve. Moved by Garrelts, seconded Harris to approve six NSWCP and thirteen TBNRD cost-share applications. Motion carried.

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Johnson, Bilka and Olsen

GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT

Groundwater & Certified Acre Transfers – Thorburn presented a request to pool parcels for allocation for Dale Schutz. Thorburn explained how the allocation would work for Schutz.

Moved by Reynolds, seconded Cavanaugh to approve a special request to pool parcels in Union Township for Dale Schutz. Motion carried.

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Bilka and Olsen

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

Allow Payment of Visa Bills, Subject to Board Approval: The VISA bills were approved under the normal agenda item.

Approve FY 2017-2018 Assessments: Thorburn presented the proposed IPA assessments for 2017-2018. The only change was an increase in Whiskey Slough IPA Assessment. Moved by Raffety, seconded Bergstrom to approve the IPA Assessment for FY 2017-2018 as Fort Kearny IPA - \$.20, Fort Kearny West IPA - \$.10, North Dry Creek IPA - \$.05, Sacramento Creek IPA - \$.00, South Dry Creek IPA - \$.15, Whiskey Slough IPA - \$.10 and Odessa IPA - \$5.66. 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

NARD: Reynolds presented a transcript of statements by Senator Kuehn on LB98 (three cent groundwater levy for NRDs). Reynolds explained that the three-cent levy will expire after FY 2017-2018 unless at least thirty-three senators vote to “unbracket” the measure. Reynolds said NARD is asking for support to keep the levy. Thorburn will submit supporting data to Edson.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Planning Committee: Thorburn reviewed the March 30, 2017 minutes. The committee took no action on allowing landowners to request meter reading for a fee, agreed to get an estimate on database conversion and electronic form submission for the next budget, agreed to allow landowners to submit crop reports/water use reports electronically (provided they submit a release), to revise the current crop report form to conform with a UNL calculation method, make minor changes to the Groundwater Management Plan and recommended approval of the TBNRD Emergency Response Plan (with changes).

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Garrelts questioned Dave Ford about how CNPPID integrates flowmeter data. CNPPID uses a consultant to facilitate flowmeter data management. Thorburn will contact CNPPID to find out more about the consultant. Thorburn is in the process of finding a contractor to perform the database reorganization.

Moved by Reynolds, seconded by Bergstrom to get and estimate on database conversion and electronic form submission, to allow landowners to submit crop reports/Water Use Reports electronically, provided they submit a release, to adjust the current crop report form to conform with the UNL calculation method and to make the proposed changes to the Groundwater Management Plan draft. Motion carried.

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Bilka and Olsen

Moved by Bergstrom, seconded by Jorgensen to approve the TBNRD Emergency Response Plan as revised. Motion carried.

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Bilka and Olsen

STAFF REPORTS & NECESSARY ACTION

Board Directives to Staff: Nothing to report.

Out-of-State Travel: Nothing to report.

MONTHLY REPORTS

Republican Basin (NRRMDA): Stakeholder meeting was held.

Platte Basin: Stakeholder meeting was held.

South Dry Creek: Nothing to report.

Sacramento Creek: Half mile of channel will be cleaned out.

Middle Lost Creek: Nothing to report.

Fort Kearny West: Nothing to report.

Fort Kearny: Nothing to report.

North Dry Creek: Nothing to report.

Whiskey Slough: Biens doing survey.

Odessa IPA: Nothing to report.

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Lake Seldom: Nothing to report.

CoHyst/Platte Basin Coalition: June completion of model is expected.

Sand Creek/Little Blue Basin: Nothing to report.

Platte-Republican Diversion & Republican Basin Augmentation Well: Platte-Republican Diversion meetings are being held with interested agencies, Cox is working on easements and Thorburn presented contract from CNPPID for water diversion. The contract will be discussed in executive session.

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

CNPPID: Ford reported Lake McConaughy is at 3253.5 ft.

NEW BUSINESS

Consider Approval of TBNRD Emergency Response Plan: This item was discussed under a previous agenda item.

COMMENTS AND CONCERNS

Reynolds commented on Platte River Recovery renewal.

PERSONNEL & LEGAL MATTERS

Moved by Garrelts, seconded by Larson to move to executive session for the protection of the public to discuss contractual matters at 2:18 p.m. Motion carried.

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Bilka and Olsen

Moved by Johnson, seconded by Raffety to move out of executive session for the protection of the public to discuss contractual matters at 2:44 p.m. Motion carried.

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Bilka and Olsen

Moved by Raffety, seconded by Reynolds to send the PRD Water Service Agreement to Don Blankenau for legal review. Motion carried.

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Bilka and Olsen

NEXT BOARD MEETING

TBNRD Regular Board Meeting on Tuesday, May 9, 2017 at 7:30 p.m.

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:55 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, Tammy Fahrenbruch, Nolan Little, Nicole Salisbury, Dave Ford, Lori Potter and Lee Wells.

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 | | Aye | Nay | Abstain | |
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| | 2017-04-06-01 | Meeting Administration | | 11 | | | Moved by Garrelts, seconded by Hinrichs, to approve the minutes for the March, 2017 Board of Directors Meeting. Motion carried. |
| | 2017-04-06-02 | Meeting Administration | | | | | Moved by Johnson, seconded by Larson, to approve the minutes for the March 30, 2017 Planning Committee Meeting. Motion carried unanimously. |
| | 2017-04-06-03 | Meeting Administration | | 11 | | | Moved by Bergstrom, seconded by Harris to accept the March 2017 financial reports and file for audit. Motion carried. |
| | 2017-04-06-04 | Budget | | 11 | | | Moved by Garrelts, seconded Johnson to approve the visa and attorney bills. Motion carried. |
| | 2017-04-06-05 | Budget | | 10 | | 1 | Moved by Cavanaugh, seconded Larson to approve the Platte-Republican Diversion bill. Motion carried. |
| | 2017-04-06-06 | Meeting Administration | | 11 | | | Moved by Johnson, seconded Larson to approve four well decommissioning cost-share applications. Motion carried. |
| | 2017-04-06-07 | ministration | | 10 | | | Moved by Garrelts, seconded Harris to approve six NSWCP and thirteen TBNRD cost-share applications. Motion carried. |
| | 2017-04-06-08 | Certification & Transfers | Dale Schutz | 11 | | | Moved by Reynolds, seconded Cavanaugh to approve a special request to pool parcels in Union Township for Dale Schutz. Motion carried. |
| | 2017-04-06-09 | Projects | IPA Assessments | 11 | | | Moved by Raffety, seconded Bergstrom to approve the IPA Assessment for FY 2017-2018 as Fort Kearny IPA - \$.20, Fort Kearny West IPA - \$.10, North Dry Creek IPA - \$.05, Sacramento Creek IPA - \$.00, South Dry Creek IPA - \$.15, Whiskey Slough IPA - \$.10 and Odessa IPA - \$5.66. Motion carried. |

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| 2017-04-06-10A | Budget | Database Conversion and electronic Form Submission | 11 | | | Moved by Reynolds, seconded by Bergstrom to get and estimate on database conversion and electronic form submission, to allow landowners to submit crop reports/Water Use Reports electronically, provided they submit a release, to adjust the current crop report form to conform with the UNL calculation method and to make the proposed changes to the Groundwater Management Plan draft. Motion carried. |
| 2017-04-06-10B | Policies – By-Laws | Electronic Crop Reports & Water Use and Crop Report UNL calculation | 11 | | | Moved by Reynolds, seconded by Bergstrom to get and estimate on database conversion and electronic form submission, to allow landowners to submit crop reports/Water Use Reports electronically, provided they submit a release, to adjust the current crop report form to conform with the UNL calculation method and to make the proposed changes to the Groundwater Management Plan draft. Motion carried. |
| 2017-04-06-10C | District Plans & Programs | Groundwater Management Plan | 11 | | | Moved by Reynolds, seconded by Bergstrom to get and estimate on database conversion and electronic form submission, to allow landowners to submit crop reports/Water Use Reports electronically, provided they submit a release, to adjust the current crop report form to conform with the UNL calculation method and to make the proposed changes to the Groundwater Management Plan draft. Motion carried. |
| 2017-04-06-11 | District Plans & Programs | Emergency Response Plan | 11 | | | Moved by Bergstrom, seconded by Jorgensen to approve the TBNRD Emergency Response Plan as revised. Motion carried. |
| 2017-04-06-12 | Meeting Administration | | 11 | | | Moved by Garrelts, seconded by Larson to move to executive session for the protection of the public to discuss contractual matters at 2:18 p.m. Motion carried. |
| 2017-04-06-13 | Meeting Administration | | 11 | | | Moved by Johnson, seconded by Raffety to move out of executive session for the protection of the public to discuss contractual matters at 2:44 p.m. Motion carried. |
| 2017-04-06-14 | Meeting Administration | | 11 | | | Moved by Raffety, seconded by Reynolds to send the PRD Water Service Agreement to Don Blankenau |

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