

MINUTES OF THE TRI-BASIN NRD BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, May 8, 2018, 7:30 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 7:32 p.m. Olsen noted Public Meeting Law is posted in the boardroom.

ROLL CALL

Roll call was taken with nine directors present: Bergstrom, Cavanaugh, Harris, Hinrichs, Johnson, Lundeen, Olsen, Raffety and Reynolds. Bilka, Garrelts, Jorgensen and Larson 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 April 5, 2018 Board Meeting. Moved by Harris, seconded by Lundeen, to approve the minutes for the April 5, 2018 Board of Directors Meeting. Motion carried.

AYE: Cavanaugh, Harris, Hinrichs, Johnson, Lundeen, Olsen and Reynolds

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: Bergstrom and Raffety

ABSENT: Bilka, Garrelts, Jorgensen and Larson

FINANCIAL REPORT

Thorburn presented the financial report for the month of April 2018 as follows:

Accrual Expenditures for Month -----	\$110,112.70
Cash Expenditures for Month-----	\$109,923.79
Accrual Revenues for Month-----	\$68,624.87
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Cash Revenues for Month-----	\$71,840.13
Bank Balance–April 30, 2018-----	\$659,335.32
Accounts Receivable – April 30, 2018-----	\$161.53
Investments – Pinnacle Bank – April 30, 2018-----	\$451,459.82
Building Sinking Fund – April 30, 2018-----	\$31,220.99
Vehicle Sinking Fund – April 30, 2018-----	\$77,548.26
Water Resources Fund – April 30, 2018-----	\$626,651.13
Whiskey Slough IPA Balance – April 30, 2018-----	\$16,123.93
Fort Kearny-West IPA Balance – April 30, 2018-----	\$13,288.16
South Dry Creek IPA Balance – April 30, 2018-----	\$15,903.08
Fort Kearny IPA Balance – April 30, 2018-----	\$13,791.31
Sacramento Creek IPA Balance – April 30, 2018-----	\$11,811.12
North Dry Creek IPA Balance – April 30, 2018-----	\$13,275.75
Water Jamboree – April 30, 2018-----	\$8,569.39
NRRMDA – April 30, 2018-----	\$7,629.99
Odessa IPA – April 30, 2018-----	\$7,500.55

Lynch asked the board if the value of the J-2 CD's could be updated quarterly. The board agreed. Moved by Bergstrom, seconded by Hinrichs to accept the April 2018 financial reports and file for audit. Motion carried.

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Bilka, Garrelts, Jorgensen and Larson

SPECIAL BILLS

Thorburn presented the VISA, NDNR, Attorney, Brown & Caldwell, CNPPID and PRD bills for approval. Thorburn asked if Brown and Caldwell (bills related to the Blue Basin model – TBNRD total share is \$\$1,083.68) could be paid without board approval in the future. The board agreed. Moved by Johnson, seconded Bergstrom to approve the VISA, attorney, NDNR, Brown & Caldwell, CNPPID and PRD bills.

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Bilka, Garrelts, Jorgensen and Larson

NRCS REPORT

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

Activity and Progress Report: Curtis Scheele, interim District Conservationist, explained that he will be DC until the end of May, unless the position is filled. If the position isn't filled by May, others will temporarily fill the position. Scheele mentioned SAMS and DUNS numbers are no longer required.

COST SHARE REPORT

Well Abandonment – Moved by Lundeen, seconded Harris to approve six well decommissioning applications. Motion carried.

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Bilka, Garrelts, Jorgensen and Larson

NSWCP & NRD Applications – Thorburn presented three NSWCP and ten TBNRD Conservation Tree Cost-Share applications to approve. Moved by Johnson, seconded Cavanaugh to approve three NSWCP and ten TBNRD applications. Motion carried.

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Bilka, Garrelts, Jorgensen and Larson

GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT

Groundwater & Certified Acre Transfers – Thorburn presented a certified irrigated acre transfer request for Cal and Shana Dahlgren. Cal Dahlgren was present to answer questions. Moved by Bergstrom, seconded Reynolds to approve a certified irrigated acre transfer for Cal and Shana Dahlgren. Motion carried.

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Bilka, Garrelts, Jorgensen and Larson

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Educational Land Leases – Thorburn presented an Educational Land Lease in Kearney County for Dwight Schneider. Moved by Lundeen, seconded Cavanaugh to approve an educational land lease in Kearney County for Dwight Schneider. Motion carried.

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: 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

2017 Water Use Report: Thorburn presented 2017 water use data.

Select Vehicle to Replace Dodge Journey: Thorburn presented bids for a replacement for the Dodge Journey. Moved by Raffety, seconded Johnson to approve the purchase of a 2018 Ford Explorer from Janssen Ford. Motion carried.

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

NARD REPORT

NARD Report: Reynolds mentioned that the NARD Basin Tour will be held June 11th & 12th, 2018 and a potential increase in health insurance.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Schedule Planning & Executive Committee Meetings: The Executive Committee will meet Thursday, May 17th, 2018 at 11 a.m. to discuss personnel policy, by-laws groundwater rules violators and groundwater management policy. The Planning Committee will meet Thursday, June 7th, 2018 at 1 pm to continue discussion on water banking.

STAFF REPORTS & NECESSARY ACTION

Board Directives to Staff: There were no items to discuss.

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

MONTHLY REPORTS

Republican Basin (NRRMDA): The Republican Basin Stakeholders will meet in Cambridge on June 1, 2018.

Platte Basin: The Basin Wide Stakeholders and the PRRIP Land Committee both have meetings on May 16, 2018.

Sand Creek/Little Blue Basin: Easements were sent out for the recharge structures.

South Dry Creek: Kuck Construction will be doing channel cleaning.

Sacramento Creek: Ostgren Construction will begin work soon.

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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: Kuck Construction finished culvert reset.

Odessa IPA: Nothing to report.

Rainwater Basin Joint Venture: RBJV Board meeting will be held May 15, 2018 in Crete.

CoHyst/Platte Basin Coalition: CoHyst meeting will be held May 15th, 2018.

Platte-Republican Diversion & Republican Basin Augmentation Well: NDNR sent letter with questions on the water right filing.

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

CNPPID: Trompke reported Lake McConaughy is 84% of capacity, Don Kraus will retire in January 2019 and a firm has been hired to find a replacement.

NEW BUSINESS

Set Hearing Date for Groundwater Management Violators: Thorburn explained only three producers/landowners are not in compliance. Moved by Lundeen, seconded Harris to set the Groundwater Management Hearing for July 10, 2018 at 1 p.m. Motion carried.

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Bilka, Garrelts, Jorgensen and Larson

COMMENTS AND CONCERNS

There were no comments and concerns.

PERSONNEL & LEGAL MATTERS

Moved by Johnson, seconded Hinrichs to move to executive session for protecting the public to discuss contractual matters at 8:32 p.m. Motion carried.

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Bilka, Garrelts, Jorgensen and Larson

Moved by Harris, seconded Raffety to move out of executive session for protecting the public to discuss contractual matters at 8:52 p.m. Motion carried.

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Bilka, Garrelts, Jorgensen and Larson

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NEXT BOARD MEETING

TBNRD Regular Board Meeting on Thursday, June 14, 2018 at 1:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

DIRECTORS PRESENT

Brian Bergstrom, Mike Cavanaugh, Ed Harris, Rob Hinrichs, Phyllis Johnson, Brad Lundeen, Dave Olsen, Dave Raffety and Larry Reynolds.

OTHERS PRESENT

Carie Lynch, John Thorburn, Nolan Little, Marcia Trompke, Cal Dahlgren and Wayne Anderson.

Respectfully Submitted:

Carie Lynch, Asst. Secretary

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ID	Motion #	Category	Subject	Aye	Nay	Abstain	
	2018-05-08-01	Meeting Administration		7		2	Moved by Harris, seconded by Lundeen, to approve the minutes for the April 5, 2018 Board of Directors Meeting. Motion carried.
	2018-05-08-02	Meeting Administration		9			Moved by Bergstrom, seconded by Hinrichs to accept the April 2018 financial reports and file for audit. Motion carried.
	2018-05-08-03	Budget		9			Moved by Johnson, seconded Bergstrom to approve the VISA, attorney, NDNR, Brown & Caldwell, CNPPID and PRD bills.
	2018-05-08-04	Meeting Administration		9			Moved by Lundeen, seconded Harris to approve six well decommissioning applications. Motion carried.
	2018-05-08-05	Meeting Administration		9			Moved by Johnson, seconded Cavanaugh to approve three NSWCP and ten TBNRD applications. Motion carried.
	2018-05-08-06	Certification & Transfers	Cal Dahlgren	9			Moved by Bergstrom, seconded Reynolds to approve a certified irrigated acre transfer for Cal and Shana Dahlgren. Motion carried.
	2018-05-08-07	Meeting Administration		9			Moved by Lundeen, seconded Cavanaugh to approve an educational land lease in Kearney County for Dwight Schneider. Motion carried.
	2018-05-08-08	Budget	2018 Ford Explorer	9			Moved by Raffety, seconded Johnson to approve the purchase of a 2018 Ford Explorer from Janssen Ford. Motion carried.
	2018-05-08-09	Meeting Administration		9			Moved by Lundeen, seconded Harris to set the Groundwater Management Hearing for July 10, 2018 at 1 p.m. Motion carried.
	2018-05-08-10	Meeting Administration		9			Moved by Johnson, seconded Hinrichs to move to executive session for protecting the public to discuss contractual matters at 8:32 p.m. Motion carried.
	2018-05-08-11	Meeting Administration		9			Moved by Harris, seconded Raffety to move out of executive session for protecting the public to discuss contractual matters at 8:52 p.m. Motion carried.

