

MINUTES OF THE TRI-BASIN NRD BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, June 18, 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 1:32p.m. Lundeen noted Public Meeting Law is posted in the boardroom.

ROLL CALL

Roll call was taken with twelve directors present: Bergstrom, Bilka, Cavanaugh, Garrelts, Harris, Hinrichs, Johnson, Jorgensen, Larson, Lundeen, Raffety and Reynolds. Olsen was 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 Bilka, seconded by Garrelts, to excuse Joe Larson and Brian Bergstrom from the April and May 2019 board meetings. Motion carried.

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: Bergstrom and Larson

ABSENT: Olsen

MINUTES

Thorburn presented the minutes of the May 14, 2019 Board of Directors Meeting. Moved by Johnson, seconded by Garrelts, to approve the minutes for the May 14, 2019 Board of Directors Meeting. Motion carried.

AYE: Bilka, Garrelts, Hinrichs, Johnson, Jorgensen, Lundeen, Raffety and Reynolds

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: Cavanaugh, Harris, Bergstrom and Larson

ABSENT: Olsen

FINANCIAL REPORT

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

Accrual Expenditures for Month	\$146,172.67
Cash Expenditures for Month.....	\$159,801.14
Accrual Revenues for Month.....	\$356,436.18
Cash Revenues for Month.....	\$307,782.51
Bank Balance—May 31, 2019.....	\$411,709.33
Accounts Receivable – May 31, 2019.....	\$54,203.23
Investments – Pinnacle Bank – May 31, 2019.....	\$961,274.64
Building Sinking Fund – May 31, 2019.....	\$39,857.99
Vehicle Sinking Fund – May 31, 2019.....	\$54,454.06
Water Resources Fund – May 31, 2019.....	\$495,148.54
Whiskey Slough IPA Balance – May 31, 2019.....	\$15,165.85
Fort Kearny-West IPA Balance – May 31, 2019.....	\$14,276.09
South Dry Creek IPA Balance – May 31, 2019.....	\$12,732.43
Fort Kearny IPA Balance – May 31, 2019.....	\$14,880.15
Sacramento Creek IPA Balance – May 31, 2019.....	\$4,024.03
North Dry Creek IPA Balance – May 31, 2019.....	\$11,828.89
Water Jamboree – May 31, 2019.....	\$4,768.16

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NRRMDA – May 31, 2019-----	\$7,632.48
Odessa IPA – May 31, 2019-----	\$711,940.72

Moved by Bilka, seconded by Harris, to approve the May 2019 Financial Report and submit for audit.

Motion carried.

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Olsen

SPECIAL BILLS

Thorburn presented the VISA, HDR, CNPPID, PRD and attorney bills for approval. Moved by Garrelts, seconded by Johnson, to approve the VISA, PRD, CNPPID and attorney bills. Motion carried.

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Olsen

Moved by Bilka, seconded by Larson, to approve the PRD bill. Motion carried.

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Olsen

NRCS REPORT

FSA Farm Plans: Scheele presented one farm plan for approval for Robb Ranch. Moved by Reynolds, seconded by Bergstrom, to approve a farm plan for Robb Ranch. Motion carried.

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

NAY: Harris, Johnson and Jorgensen

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Olsen

Activity and Progress Report: Curtis Scheele reported that staff is taking new CSP contracts, Tessa Green is summer intern, ECP was approved at Phelps Co. FSA, and he has been busy installing soil moisture sensors.

COST SHARE REPORT

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

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Olsen

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NSWCP & NRD Applications – Thorburn presented two NSWCP cost-share applications for approval.

Moved by Johnson, seconded by Cavanaugh, to approve two NSWCP applications. Motion carried.

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Olsen

WCIP – There were no applications to approve.

GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT

Groundwater & Certified Acre Transfers – Thorburn presented one groundwater transfer request for Randy Reiss and two irrigated acre transfer requests for DDD Kristensen Enterprises and Meadowlark Lands. Justin Brunch was present to answer questions. Moved by Cavanaugh, seconded by Reynolds to approve a groundwater transfer for Randy Reiss and two irrigated acre transfer requests for DDD Kristensen and Meadowlark Lands. Motion carried.

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: 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. Terry Sorensen commented on a news article from the Hastings Tribune concerning LBNRD's plan to set an allocation of 12 inches.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Approve Platte Basin-Wide Plan for Hearing: Thorburn presented the Platte Basin-Wide Plan for approval for hearing. Reynolds commented on a graph in the TBNRD Platte IMP Plan on non-consumptive use and asked that the graph be removed, and language added to the basin-wide plan explaining non-consumptive use. Melissa Mosier, NDNR was present and contacted NDNR during the meeting to make sure this was acceptable with NDNR. NDNR said the changes should be acceptable. Moved by Reynolds, seconded by Garrelts to accept the Platte Basin-wide Plan for Hearing on July 16, 2019 provided that non-consumptive use as a portion of the total basin-wide demand be clarified. Motion carried unanimously.

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Olsen

Approve TBNRD Platte IMP for Hearing: Thorburn presented the TBNRD Platte IMP plan to the board for approval for hearing. This item was also discussed in the previous agenda item.

Moved by Reynolds, seconded by Garrelts to accept the TBNRD Platte IMP for Hearing on July 16, 2019 provided Figure 9 and references to Figure 9 are deleted and clarification of non-consumptive demand as portion of total demand, is referenced. Motion carried.

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Olsen

NARD REPORT

Reynolds commented that is a Wellness Award is available for NRD's. Reynolds and Thorburn commented on the NARD Loup Basin Tour.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

There were no committee reports.

STAFF REPORTS & NECESSARY ACTION

Board Directives to Staff: Little made a presentation on groundwater levels showing the effect of high rainfall this spring. Thorburn reported staff is moving into the new shop building.

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

MONTHLY REPORTS

Republican Basin (NRRMDA): Nothing to report.

Platte Basin: Platte Basin Hearings will be held on July 16, 2019 and coinciding Special Board Meeting will be held on July 25, 2019.

Sand Creek/Little Blue Basin: Nothing to report.

North Dry Creek: Staff will be spraying for broadleaf and Canada thistle

Odessa IPA: Staff will be spraying for broadleaf and Canada thistle

Sacramento Creek: Staff will be spraying for broadleaf and Canada thistle

Fort Kearny: Staff will be spraying for broadleaf and Canada thistle

Fort Kearny West: Staff will be spraying for broadleaf and Canada thistle

South Dry Creek: Staff will be spraying for broadleaf and Canada thistle

Whiskey Slough: Staff will be spraying for broadleaf and Canada thistle and culvert washed out and needs repair.

Middle Lost Creek: Staff will be spraying for broadleaf and Canada thistle

Lake Seldom: Nothing to report.

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CoHyst/Platte Basin Coalition: CoHyst will meet in Sept for a work session and Platte Basin Coalition met in June.

Rainwater Basin Joint Venture: Thorburn will present an ALE application for approval at the next board meeting.

Platte-Republican Diversion & Republican Basin Augmentation Well: Hearing will be held on June 28, 2019 in Lincoln for review the form of the application

CNPPID: Ford reported Lake McConaughey is at 3295' elevation and 90% of capacity.

NEW BUSINESS

PERSONELL AND LEGAL MATTERS

There were not personnel or legal matters to discuss.

COMMENTS AND CONCERNS

There were no comments and concerns.

NEXT BOARD MEETING

TBNRD Regular Board Meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 9, 2019, at 1:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:20 p.m.

DIRECTORS PRESENT

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

OTHERS PRESENT

Carie Lynch, John Thorburn, Nolan Little, Nicole Salisbury, Tammy Fahrenbruch, Curtis Scheele, Nate Munter, Dave Ford, Justin Brunch, Adele Durley, Kelechin Cehibuiken, Andy Pedley, Isabella Peterson and Mellissa Mosier.

Respectfully Submitted:

Carie Lynch, Asst. Secretary

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 TRI-BASIN NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT
 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
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ID	Motion #	Category	Subject	Aye	Nay	Abstain	
	2019-06-18-01	Meeting Administration		10		2	Moved by Bilka, seconded by Garrelts, to excuse Joe Larson and Brian Bergstrom from the April and May 2019 board meetings. Motion carried.
	2019-06-18-02	Meeting Administration		8		4	Moved by Johnson, seconded by Garrelts, to approve the minutes for the May 14, 2019 Board of Directors Meeting. Motion carried.
	2019-06-18-03	Meeting Administration		12			Moved by Bilka, seconded by Harris, to approve the May 2019 Financial Report and submit for audit. Motion carried.
	2019-06-18-04	Budget		12			Moved by Garrelts, seconded by Johnson, to approve the VISA, PRD, CNPPID and attorney bills. Motion carried.
	2019-06-18-05	Budget		12			Moved by Bilka, seconded by Larson, to approve the PRD bill. Motion carried.
	2019-06-18-06	Meeting Administration		9	3		Moved by Reynolds, seconded by Bergstrom, to approve a farm plan for Robb Ranch. Motion carried.
	2019-06-18-07	Meeting Administration		12			Moved by Larson, seconded by Bilka, to approve one well decommissioning cost-share application. Motion carried.
	2019-06-18-08	Meeting Administration		12			Moved by Johnson, seconded by Cavanaugh, to approve two NSWCP applications. Motion carried.
	2019-06-18-09	Certification & Transfers	Reiss, Kristensen and Meadowlark Lands	12			. Moved by Cavanaugh, seconded by Reynolds to approve a groundwater transfer for Randy Reiss and two irrigated acre transfer requests for DDD Kristensen and Meadowlark Lands. Motion carried.
	2019-06-18-10	District Plans & Programs	Platte Basin-wide for hearing	12			Moved by Reynolds, seconded by Garrelts to accept the Platte Basin-wide Plan for Hearing on July 16, 2019 provided that non-consumptive use as a portion of the total basin-wide demand be clarified. Motion carried unanimously.
	2019-06-18-11	District Plans & Programs	TBNRD Platte IMP for hearing	12			Moved by Reynolds, seconded by Garrelts to accept the TBNRD Platte IMP for Hearing on July 16, 2019 provided Figure 9 and references to Figure 9 are deleted and clarification of

							non-consumptive demand as portion of total demand, is referenced. Motion carried.
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