

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL TRI-BASIN NRD BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, July 18, 2017, 10:00 a.m.
Tri-Basin Natural Resources District

CALL TO ORDER

The special board meeting of the Tri-Basin Natural Resources District (NRD) was called to order by Vice Chairman, Brad Lundeen, at 10:30 a.m. Lundeen noted Public Meeting Law is posted in the boardroom.

ROLL CALL

Roll call was taken with eight directors present: Bilka, Garrelts, Hinrichs, Johnson, Larson, Lundeen, Raffety and Reynolds. Jorgensen arrived at 10:32, Harris arrived at 10:33 and Olsen arrived at 12:35. Bergstrom 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

Olsen will be excused at the regular board meeting following this meeting.

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

NEW BUSINESS

FY 2017-2018 Budget: Thorburn reviewed the FY 2017-2018 Budget Line-by-Line. Thorburn mentioned the Executive Committee reviewed the budget and made two recommendations: Salary increases for staff and reduction of the Water Resources Sinking Fund. There was discussion about the Sand Creek Diversion and a check dam. Garrelts suggested holding another meeting with CNPPID to discuss the Sand Creek Diversion. Thorburn will add this item to the Projects and Construction Committee agenda. The current budget has a 30% cut in property taxes. There was discussion about the leased tractor. Lundeen suggested adding the tractor to the replacement schedule. After the motion was made, the tractor lease was examined. The lease is for five years, with a buyout of \$1. 2017-2018 will be the fourth payment of the lease. Bilka asked for comparable values of the tractor. Moved by Reynolds, seconded Raffety to add an additional \$100,000 to the Water Resources Sinking Fund and to budget for the tractor lease in the Vehicle Sinking Fund.
Motion carried.

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Bergstrom, Cavanaugh and Olsen

Groundwater Levels in TBNRD Presentation: Little gave a presentation on spring 2017 water levels. Little mentioned that four new observation wells were drilled, explained how data is combined for replacement and old well locations and the effect on trending.

COMMENTS AND CONCERNS

There were no comments and concerns.

PERSONNEL & LEGAL MATTERS

There were no legal or personnel matters to discuss.

NEXT BOARD MEETING

TBNRD Regular Board Meeting on Tuesday, August 15, 2017 at 1:30 p.m. with Board Tour at 8:00 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:35 p.m.

DIRECTORS PRESENT

Joe Bilka, Todd Garrelts, Ed Harris, Rob Hinrichs, Phyllis Johnson, Greg Jorgensen, Joe Larson, Brad Lundeen, Dave Olsen, Dave Raffety and Larry Reynolds.

OTHERS PRESENT

Carie Lynch, John Thorburn and Nolan Little.

Respectfully Submitted:

Carie Lynch, Asst. Secretary

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
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ID	Motion #	Category	Subject	Aye	Nay	Abstain	
	2017-07-18-01A	Budget	FY 2017-2018 Budget	10			Moved by Reynolds, seconded Raffety to add an additional \$100,000 to the Water Resources Sinking Fund and to budget for the tractor lease in the Vehicle Sinking Fund. Motion carried.