

MINUTES OF THE TRI-BASIN NRD BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, July 9, 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 1:34p.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, 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 June 18, 2019 Board of Directors Meeting. Moved by Johnson, seconded by Bergstrom, to approve the minutes for the June 18, 2019 Board of Directors Meeting.
Motion carried.

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Bilka and Olsen

FINANCIAL REPORT

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

Accrual Expenditures for Month -----	\$108,834.64
Cash Expenditures for Month-----	\$870,216.72
Accrual Revenues for Month-----	\$120,909.28
Cash Revenues for Month-----	\$865,304.08
Bank Balance--June 30, 2019-----	\$406,796.69
Accounts Receivable – June 30, 2019-----	\$10,175.51
Investments – Pinnacle Bank – June 30, 2019-----	\$261,924.50
Building Sinking Fund – June 30, 2019-----	\$146,749.59
Vehicle Sinking Fund – June 30, 2019-----	\$71,530.18
Water Resources Fund – June 30, 2019-----	\$780,772.07
Whiskey Slough IPA Balance – June 30, 2019-----	\$14,446.85
Fort Kearny-West IPA Balance – June 30, 2019-----	\$13,833.45
South Dry Creek IPA Balance – June 30, 2019-----	\$11,121.92
Fort Kearny IPA Balance – June 30, 2019-----	\$14,802.50
Sacramento Creek IPA Balance – June 30, 2019-----	\$2,078.52
North Dry Creek IPA Balance – June 30, 2019-----	\$8,800.32
Water Jamboree – June 30, 2019-----	\$3,748.45
NR MDMA – June 30, 2019-----	\$7,632.66
Odessa IPA – June 30, 2019-----	\$10,003.80

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

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Bilka and Olsen

SPECIAL BILLS

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

AYE: Bergstrom, Bilka, Cavanaugh, Garrelts, Harris, Hinrichs, Johnson, Jorgensen, Larson, Lundeen, Olsen, 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: Curtis Scheele reported on EQIP funding request and CSP applications.

COST SHARE REPORT

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

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Bilka and Olsen

NSWCP & NRD Applications – Thorburn presented one NSWCP cost-share application for approval.

Moved by Reynolds, seconded by Larson, to approve one NSWCP application. Motion carried.

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Bilka and Olsen

WCIP – There were no applications to approve.

GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT

Groundwater & Certified Acre Transfers – Thorburn presented one groundwater transfer request for Ron Thomsen. Moved by Cavanaugh, seconded by Reynolds to approve a groundwater transfer for Ron Thomsen. Motion carried.

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AYE: Bergstrom, Bilka, Cavanaugh, Garrelts, Harris, Hinrichs, Johnson, Jorgensen, Larson, Lundeen, Olsen, 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. Thorburn introduced TBNRD's summer interns: Zach Temple and Grant Edgecomb.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

J-2 Reservoir Funds: Thorburn explained that TBNRD's funds from the J-2 Project are in two places: a CD with NDNR and a cash fund with PRRIP. He mentioned that the funds held with PRRIP can be used to acquire matching funds from NDNR, but a new contract is needed. Thorburn recommended leaving the funds as they are and potentially, using PRRIP funding for this year's budget and WCIP payments. Moved by Reynolds, seconded by Garrelts to accept Thorburn's recommendation to keep the J-2 Reregulation Reservoir funding in the same locations (CDARS and PRRIP) and renew the six-month CD. Motion carried.

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Bilka and Olsen

NARD REPORT

Reynolds mentioned that NRD's should be preparing legislative bills for the Fall Conference. Reynolds mentioned that Jeff Fasset's wife passed and he would like to represent the NRD at the service in Wyoming. Moved by Garrelts, seconded by Raffety to allow two staff/directors to attend the Fasset funeral in Wyoming. Motion carried.

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Bilka and Olsen

COMMITTEE REPORTS

There will be a Projects and Construction Committee Meeting on Friday, July 12, 2019 at 10 am to visit the proposed Whiskey Slough additional drainage work. There will also be an Executive Committee Meeting on Monday, July 15, 2019 at 10 am to review the FY 2019-2020 Budget.

STAFF REPORTS & NECESSARY ACTION

Board Directives to Staff: Thorburn mentioned that Nicole Salisbury will be leaving after fifteen years of service and that Sasha Hahn will be her replacement. Nate Munter gave a presentation on Mosquito Trapping and the results.

Out-of-State Travel: This was already approved under another agenda item.

MONTHLY REPORTS

Republican Basin (NRRMDA): A meeting will be held in preparation for the annual basin plan on July 19, 2019.

Platte Basin: Platte Basin Hearings will be held on July 16, 2019 and Special Board Meeting will be held on July 25, 2019 to approve the plan.

Sand Creek/Little Blue Basin: Terry Sorensen is a new site host for the Sand Creek Structures.

North Dry Creek: Staff has been spraying ditch bottoms and monitoring flooding.

Odessa IPA: Staff has been spraying ditch bottoms and monitoring flooding.

Sacramento Creek: Staff has been spraying ditch bottoms and monitoring flooding.

Fort Kearny: Staff has been spraying ditch bottoms and monitoring flooding.

Fort Kearny West: Staff has been spraying ditch bottoms and monitoring flooding.

South Dry Creek: Staff has been spraying ditch bottoms and monitoring flooding.

Whiskey Slough: Staff has been spraying ditch bottoms and monitoring flooding. and culvert washed out and needs repair.

Middle Lost Creek: Staff has been spraying ditch bottoms and monitoring flooding.

Lake Seldom: Nothing to report.

CoHyst/Platte Basin Coalition: Nothing to report.

Rainwater Basin Joint Venture: Thorburn mentioned the ALE project.

Platte-Republican Diversion & Republican Basin Augmentation Well: Thorburn reviewed testimony given at the hearing that was held on June 28, 2019 for the PRD.

CNPPID: Ford reported Lake McConaughey is at 3259.8' elevation and 91% of capacity.

NEW BUSINESS

N-Management On-Line Interface – Kate Gibson, UNL: Kate Gibson, UNL demonstrated the UNL website that would allow producers to input their crop report information and access information that could improve efficiency. Gibson said the interface could be available to TBNRD producers. Reynolds suggested making the program available to WCIP participants. Moved by Reynolds, seconded by Raffety to direct staff to work with UNL Water for Food Institute to implement the Crop Reporting interface. Motion carried.

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Bilka and Olsen

Schedule Special Board Meeting and Budget Review for July 25, 2019: Thorburn explained that a special board meeting is needed to approve the TBNRD Platte Basin IMP and review the Budget. Moved by Johnson, seconded by Reynolds to hold a Special Board Meeting on July 25, 2019 at 10 a.m. Motion carried.

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Bilka and Olsen

PERSONELL AND LEGAL MATTERS

There were no personnel or legal matters.

COMMENTS AND CONCERNS

There were no comments and concerns.

NEXT BOARD MEETING

TBNRD Board Tour and Regular Board Meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 13, 2019, at 8:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. respectively and a special Board Meeting on July 25, 2019 at 10 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:34 p.m.

DIRECTORS PRESENT

Brian Bergstrom, 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, Nicole Salisbury, Tammy Fahrenbruch, Curtis Scheele, Nate Munter, Dave Ford, Nick Brozovic, Kate Gibson, Grant Edgecombe and Zach Temple.

Respectfully Submitted:

Carie Lynch, Asst. Secretary

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ID	Motion #	Category	Subject	Aye	Nay	Abstain	
	2019-07-09-01	Meeting Administration		11			Moved by Johnson, seconded by Bergstrom, to approve the minutes for the June 18, 2019 Board of Directors Meeting. Motion carried.
	2019-07-09-02	Meeting Administration		11			Moved by Larson, seconded by Raffety, to approve the June 2019 Financial Report and submit for audit. Motion carried.
	2019-07-09-03	Budget		11			Moved by Garrelts, seconded by Hinrichs, to approve the VISA, PRD and attorney bills. Motion carried.
	2019-07-09-04	Meeting Administration		11			Moved by Johnson, seconded by Harris, to approve two well decommissioning cost-share applications. Motion carried.
	2019-07-09-05	Meeting Administration		11			Moved by Reynolds, seconded by Larson, to approve one NSWCP application. Motion carried.
	2019-07-09-06	Certification & Transfers	Thomsen	11			Moved by Cavanaugh, seconded by Reynolds to approve a groundwater transfer for Ron Thomsen. Motion carried.
	2019-07-09-07	Budget	J-2 Funding	11			Moved by Reynolds, seconded by Garrelts to accept Thorburn's recommendation to keep the J-2 Reregulation Reservoir funding in the same locations (CDARS and PRRIP) and renew the six-month CD. Motion carried.
	2019-07-09-08	Meeting Administration		11			Moved by Garrelts, seconded by Raffety to allow two staff/directors to attend the Fasset funeral in Wyoming. Motion carried.
	2019-07-09-09	District Plans & Programs	UNL Crop Reporting	11			Moved by Reynolds, seconded by Raffety to direct staff to work with UNL Water for Food Institute to implement the Crop Reporting interface. Motion carried.
	2019-07-09-10	Meeting Administration		11			Moved by Johnson, seconded by Reynolds to hold a Special Board Meeting on July 25, 2019 at 10 a.m. Motion carried.