

MINUTES OF THE TRI-BASIN NRD BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, August 13, 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 1:30p.m. Lundeen noted Public Meeting Law is posted in the boardroom and mentioned that the most recent version is available for review. Thorburn opened a Budget Hearing for the FY 2019-2020 Budget prior to opening this meeting.

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

Olsen was not present to excuse.

MINUTES

Thorburn presented the minutes of the July 8, 2019 Board of Directors Meeting, July 25, 2019 Special Board Meeting, July 12, 2019, Projects & Construction Committee Meeting and July 15, 2019 Executive Committee Meeting. Moved by Johnson, seconded by Bergstrom, to approve the minutes for the July 8, 2019 Board of Directors Meeting. Motion carried.

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: Bilka

ABSENT: Olsen

Moved by Bilka, seconded by Raffety, to approve the minutes for the July 25, 2019 Special Board of Directors Meeting. Motion carried.

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: Bilka and Larson

ABSENT: Olsen

Moved by Raffety, seconded by Larson, to approve the minutes July 12, 2019 Projects & Construction Committee Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Garrelts, seconded by Bilka, to approve the minutes for the July 15, 2019 Executive Committee Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

FINANCIAL REPORT

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

Accrual Expenditures for Month	\$144,321.06
Cash Expenditures for Month.....	\$148,429.84
Accrual Revenues for Month.....	\$8,786.36
Cash Revenues for Month.....	\$17,913.06
Bank Balance—July 31, 2019.....	\$262,244.19
Accounts Receivable – July 31, 2019.....	\$1,569.11

Investments – Pinnacle Bank – July 31, 2019-----	\$262,244.19
Building Sinking Fund – July 31, 2019-----	\$146,809.99
Vehicle Sinking Fund – July 31, 2019-----	\$71,580.02
Water Resources Fund – July 31, 2019-----	\$781,258.26
Whiskey Slough IPA Balance – July 31, 2019-----	\$14,239.12
Fort Kearny-West IPA Balance – July 31, 2019-----	\$13,604.71
South Dry Creek IPA Balance – July 31, 2019-----	\$11,122.21
Fort Kearny IPA Balance – July 31, 2019-----	\$14,802.88
Sacramento Creek IPA Balance – July 31, 2019-----	\$2,078.57
North Dry Creek IPA Balance – July 31, 2019-----	\$8,800.54
Water Jamboree – July 31, 2019-----	\$3,748.48
NRRCMDA – July 31, 2019-----	\$7,632.86
Odessa IPA – July 31, 2019-----	\$10,004.06

Moved by Raffety, seconded by Bilka, to approve the July 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, Matrix 37, EA Engineering and attorney bills for approval. Cavanaugh commented on the Matrix 37 invoice. Moved by Bilka, seconded by Harris, to approve the VISA, Matrix 37, EA Engineering and attorney bills. Motion carried.

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

NAY: Cavanaugh and Raffety

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Olsen

NRCS REPORT

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

Activity and Progress Report: Cammie Kerner reported eleven CSP application have been pre-approved, eighteen EQIP contracts have been obligated and staff is working on 3 CGI contracts.

COST SHARE REPORT

Well Abandonment – Thorburn presented four well decommissioning cost-share applications to approve. Moved by Larson, seconded by Johnson, to approve four well decommissioning cost-share applications. 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 one NSWCP cost-share application for approval. Moved by Raffety, seconded by Larson, to approve one NSWCP application. 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 – There were no groundwater transfers to approve.

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. Landowners from the North Dry Creek and Lost Dry Creek were present to discuss recent flooding. Max Murry, Steve Roeder commented about flooding on their property and asked about forming an Improvement Project Area (IPA). Thorburn explained how an IPA is formed. Thorburn will mail landowner petitions to area representatives and set up a meeting in Axtell to talk to area landowners about the formation of an IPA.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Approve FY 2019-2020 Budget (after hearing is closed): Moved by Garrelts, seconded by Reynolds to approve the FY 2019-2020 Budget as proposed. Motion carried.

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Olsen

Authorize 1% Unused Budget Authority Increase (after hearing): Moved by Bilka, seconded by Raffety to approve increasing the restricted funds authority by an additional 1%. Motion carried.

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Olsen

Schedule Hearing on Setting the Levy Different from the Previous Year: Moved by Reynolds, seconded by Larson to schedule a hearing to set the FY 2019-2020 levy different from previous year. Motion carried.

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Olsen

NARD REPORT

Resolutions for the Fall Conference: There were no resolutions to consider.

Delegate and Alternate Delegate for Fall Conference: Moved by Bilka, seconded by Hinrichs to designate Dave Raffety as Delegate and Larry Reynolds as Alternate Delegate for the NARD Fall Conference. Motion carried.

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: Raffety

ABSENT: Olsen

COMMITTEE REPORTS

CNPPID/TBNRD Joint Committee Meeting: A Joint CNPPID/TBNRD Committee Meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 19th, 2019 at 2 p.m. There was discussion about the WCIP expansion. Garrelts suggested changes to the points system: locking in 3461 acre-inches, consideration for TBNRD's expense in a "no delivery" year and giving a point for re-signup. Thorburn will get draft for committee before the Joint Meeting with CNPPID on Monday, August 19, 2019. Several committee members can't make the meeting (Reynolds, Raffety and Olsen) so replacements were designated (Larson, Bilka and Hinrichs).

STAFF REPORTS & NECESSARY ACTION

Board Directives to Staff: There was no staff report.

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

MONTHLY REPORTS

Republican Basin (NRRMDA): A coordination meeting will be held Friday, August 23, 2019.

Platte Basin: POAC and PBC meetings will be held Wednesday, August 14, 2019.

Sand Creek/Little Blue Basin: Thorburn got another landowner easement signed 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. Replacement culverts were delivered.

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 was delivered.

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: This item will be discussed later in the agenda.

Platte-Republican Diversion & Republican Basin Augmentation Well: Response briefs are due August 30, 2019.

CNPPID: Ford reported Lake McConaughey is at 3257.9' elevation and 88% of capacity.

NEW BUSINESS

Schedule a Public Hearing for May Township (T6N-R13W) for GW Quantity Phase 3 Management: Thorburn reviewed water level data for May Township.

Schedule a Public Hearing for Eaton Township (T7N-R13W) for GW Quantity Phase 2 Management: Thorburn reviewed water level data for Eaton Township. There was discussion about using the most up-to-date data. Moved by Reynolds, seconded by Johnson to schedule a hearing on September 10th, 2019 at 7:30 pm for Phase III Groundwater Quantity Management for May Township and Groundwater Management Phase II for Eaton Township. Motion carried.

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Olsen

USDA – ALE Cooperative Agreement: Tim Horst, DU/RBJV, spoke about the Schwarz ALE Contract. Horst explained that the program allows landowners to continue to farm the property, when it's possible, and at the same time restore hydrology. TBNRD holds the easement for the property but all funding passes through a third party. Landowners are paid the difference between the original value and value after the work is complete. Moved by Garrelts, seconded by Hinrichs to approve a Cooperative Agreement for the Agriculture Conservation Easement Program. Motion carried.

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

NAY: Harris

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Olsen

PERSONELL AND LEGAL MATTERS

There were no personnel or legal matters.

COMMENTS AND CONCERNS

Thorburn will pick up the portable corral and bring the rental form to the board.

NEXT BOARD MEETING

TBNRD Regular Board Meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 10, 2019, 7:30 p.m.

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:10 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, Sasha Hahn, Tammy Fahrenbruch, Nate Munter, Dave Ford, Cammie Kerner, Lori Hagan, Lori Potter, Amy Dutton, Tami Reese, Nolan Little, Curtis Scheele, Dudley Nelson, Rick Anderberry, Tim Horst, Lee Woollen, Megan Grimes, Michael Nielsen, Ben Zachmann, Lee Anderson, Steve Roeder, Max Murray, Jared Cline, Jerry Bendfeldt, Rick Campbell, Gary Kring, Jeff Roberts, Blake Wells, Ave Lundeen, Wayne Anderson, Dave Westesen, Jay Westesen, Harold Smith, Mark Wells, Ross Bruning, Jeremy Kring, David Grimes and Jeff Nelson.

Respectfully Submitted:

Carie Lynch, Asst. Secretary

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ID	Motion #	Category	Subject	Aye	Nay	Abstain	
	2019-08-13-01	Meeting Administration		11		1	Moved by Johnson, seconded by Bergstrom, to approve the minutes for the July 8, 2019 Board of Directors Meeting. Motion carried.
	2019-08-13-02	Meeting Administration		10		2	Moved by Bilka, seconded by Raffety, to approve the minutes for the July 25, 2019 Special Board of Directors Meeting. Motion carried.
	2019-08-13-03	Meeting Administration					Moved by Raffety, seconded by Larson, to approve the minutes July 12, 2019 Projects & Construction Committee Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.
	2019-08-13-04	Meeting Administration					Moved by Garrelts, seconded by Bilka, to approve the minutes for the July 15, 2019 Executive Committee Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.
	2019-08-13-05	Meeting Administration		12			Moved by Raffety, seconded by Bilka, to approve the July 2019 Financial Report and submit for audit. Motion carried.
	2019-08-13-06	Budget		10	2		Moved by Bilka, seconded by Harris, to approve the VISA, Matrix 37, EA Engineering and attorney bills. Motion carried.
	2019-08-13-07	Meeting Administration		12			Moved by Larson, seconded by Johnson, to approve four well decommissioning cost-share applications. Motion carried.
	2019-08-13-08	Meeting Administration		12			Moved by Raffety, seconded by Larson, to approve one NSWCP application. Motion carried.
	2019-08-13-09	Budget	2019-2020	12			Moved by Garrelts, seconded by Reynolds to approve the FY 2019-2020 Budget as proposed. Motion carried.
	2019-08-13-10	Budget	2019-2020	12			Moved by Bilka, seconded by Raffety to approve increasing the restricted funds authority by an additional 1%. Motion carried.
	2019-08-13-11	Budget	2019-2020	12			Moved by Reynolds, seconded by Larson to schedule a hearing to set the FY 2019-2020 levy different from previous year. Motion carried.
	2019-08-13-12	Directors	NARD Fall Conference	11		1	Moved by Bilka, seconded by Hinrichs to designate Dave Raffety as Delegate and Larry Reynolds as Alternate

							Delegate for the NARD Fall Conference. Motion carried.
	2019-08-13-13	District Plans & Programs	May and Eaton Township	12			Moved by Reynolds, seconded by Johnson to schedule a hearing on September 10 th , 2019 at 7:30 pm for Phase III Groundwater Quantity Management for May Township and Groundwater Management Phase II for Eaton Township. Motion carried.
	2019-08-13-14	District Plans & Programs	Schwarz Ale	11	1		Moved by Garrelts, seconded by Hinrichs to approve a Cooperative Agreement for the Agriculture Conservation Easement Program. Motion carried.