

MINUTES OF THE TRI-BASIN NRD BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, September 11, 2018, 7:30 p.m.
Tri-Basin NRD, Elwood, NE

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 8:12 p.m. Olsen noted Public Meeting Law is posted in the boardroom. Two hearings were opened prior to this meeting: FY 2018-2019 Budget to Set the Levy Different from the Previous Year and Groundwater Quantity Management Phase II Designation for Grant Township. Thorburn gave a presentation on groundwater levels in Kearney County (Grant) township.

ROLL CALL

Roll call was taken with twelve directors present: Bergstrom, Cavanaugh, Garrelts, Harris, Hinrichs, Johnson, Jorgensen, Larson, Lundeen, Olsen, Raffety and Reynolds. Bilka 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

There were no absences to excuse.

MINUTES

Thorburn presented the minutes of the July 10, 2018 Board of Directors Meeting and August 14, 2018 Board of Directors meeting and hearing and August 23, 2018 Projects & Construction Committee Meeting.

Moved by Bergstrom, seconded by Lundeen, to approve the minutes for the August 14, 2018 Board of Directors Meeting and Hearing. Motion carried.

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Bilka

Moved by Raffety, seconded by Cavanaugh, to approve the minutes for the August 23, 2018 Projects & Construction Committee Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

FINANCIAL REPORT

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

Accrual Expenditures for Month -----	\$94,726.78
Cash Expenditures for Month-----	\$114,058.06
Accrual Revenues for Month-----	\$46,358.69
Cash Revenues for Month-----	\$51,192.55
Bank Balance–August 31, 2018-----	\$389,905.31
Accounts Receivable – August 31, 2018-----	\$6,239.79
Investments – Pinnacle Bank – August 31, 2018-----	\$953,604.19
Building Sinking Fund – August 31, 2018-----	\$39,783.28
Vehicle Sinking Fund – August 31, 2018-----	\$54,352.00
Water Resources Fund – August 31, 2018-----	\$494,220.45
Whiskey Slough IPA Balance – August 31, 2018-----	\$12,703.44
Fort Kearny-West IPA Balance – August 31, 2018-----	\$13,534.68
South Dry Creek IPA Balance – August 31, 2018-----	\$10,519.24

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Fort Kearny IPA Balance – August 31, 2018-----	\$13,755.69
Sacramento Creek IPA Balance – August 31, 2018-----	\$1,812.39
North Dry Creek IPA Balance – August 31, 2018-----	\$11,051.66
Water Jamboree – August 31, 2018-----	\$5,620.08
NRRCMDA – August 31, 2018-----	\$7,630.76
Odessa IPA – August 31, 2018-----	\$7,500.76

Moved by Raffety, seconded by Larson, to approve the August 2018 Financial Report and submit for audit.. Motion carried.

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Bilka

SPECIAL BILLS

Thorburn presented the VISA, attorney, HDR, Flatwater, EA Engineering and PRD bills for approval.

Moved by Lundeen, seconded by Johnson, to approve the VISA, PRD, HDR, Flatwater, EA Engineering and attorney bills. Motion carried.

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Bilka

NRCS REPORT

FSA Farm Plans: Scheele presented one farm plan for Schutz Ag for approval.

Moved by Garrelts, seconded by Reynolds, to approve a farm plan for Schutz Ag. Motion carried.

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

NAY: Harris and Johnson

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Bilka

Activity and Progress Report: Scheele reported that staff is working on CSP and EQIP and that Camilla Kerner will start as District Conservationist on Monday, September 17, 2018 and Logan Keller is a new technician in Minden.

COST SHARE REPORT

Well Abandonment – Thorburn recommended two well decommissioning cost-share applications to approve.

Moved by Larson, seconded by Raffety, to approve two well decommissioning cost-share applications. Motion carried.

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Bilka

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NSWCP & NRD Applications – Thorburn presented nine NSWCP applications to approve.

Moved by Lundeen, seconded by Cavanaugh, to approve nine NSWCP cost-share applications. Motion carried.

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Bilka

GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT

Groundwater & Certified Acre Transfers – There were no 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. There was no public comment.

NARD REPORT

Reynolds mentioned the Fall Conference will be held September 24th and 25th, 2018 in Kearney. There were no resolutions to consider for the NARD Fall Conference. Reynolds reported there was a Eastern Red Cedar hearing and testimony was given. Nate Munter spoke about cost-sharing for red cedar and at the same time spending money to get rid of them. Thorburn mentioned that the number of red cedar planted is very small compared to the volunteer red cedars.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Consider Approval of FY 2018-2019 Property Tax Levy: Moved by Reynolds, seconded by Lundeen, to approve setting the FY 2018-2019 tax levy different from the previous year. Motion carried.

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Bilka

Consider Designating Grant Township (T5N, R13W) as Phase II for Groundwater Quantity Management: Moved by Garrelts, seconded by Reynolds, to table a vote on designating Grant Township (T5, R13W) in Kearney County as Phase II for Groundwater Quantity Management until the December 2018 Board Meeting. Motion carried.

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

NAY: Cavanaugh

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Bilka

COMMITTEE REPORTS

P&C Committee Meeting: Thorburn reviewed the projects and construction committee recommendations. The committee recommended hosting the RBJV portable Chute (TBNRD would maintain, insure and rent to landowners). UBBNRD and LBNRD are already doing hosting a chute. Thorburn sent a letter of support to Environmental Trust. The committee visited the new shop. Currently, TBNRD pays to have someone mow the office lot but now the shop lot needs to be mowed too. The committee recommended a mower be purchased. The mower would be funded by the Building Maintenance Account and unused mowing budget line. The committee recommended upgrading the power at the shop to comply with code.

STAFF REPORTS & NECESSARY ACTION

Board Directives to Staff: Thorburn asked directors if they would allow staff to print the full newsletter in color. It would cost about double the current cost but could be accommodated in the budget. Salisbury mentioned she's had positive comments about the color electronic newsletter. Raffety questioned how we would receive comments on the printed newsletter.

Moved by Reynolds, seconded by Raffety, to print the annual report in color. Motion carried.

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Bilka

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

MONTHLY REPORTS

Republican Basin (NRRMDA): In November there will be a Forecast Meeting and public hearing on the Basin-Wide Plan.

Platte Basin: The Platte Basin IMP meeting is scheduled for September 12, 2018, 7 p.m. at TBNRD for revisions to the Platte Basin IMP. The Basin-Wide meeting will be held September 19, 2018 in North Platte.

Sand Creek/Little Blue Basin: This item was discussed under another agenda item.

North Dry Creek: Shredding was done, and Canada thistle sprayed.

Odessa IPA: Shredding was done, and Canada thistle sprayed.

Sacramento Creek: Shredding was done, and Canada thistle sprayed.

Fort Kearny: Shredding was done, and Canada thistle sprayed.

Fort Kearny West: Shredding was done, and Canada thistle sprayed.

South Dry Creek: Shredding was done, and Canada thistle sprayed.

Whiskey Slough: Shredding was done, and Canada thistle sprayed.

Middle Lost Creek: Nothing to report.

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Lake Seldom: Nothing to report.

CoHyst/Platte Basin Coalition: Nothing to report.

Rainwater Basin Joint Venture: TBNRD is working with RBJV to pipe water to wetlands. RBJV just applied for a modeling grant.

Platte-Republican Diversion & Republican Basin Augmentation Well: Comments on the water right application closed Thursday, August 15, 2018. There were seven objectors. NDNR is determining if any of the objectors have “standing”. If an objector has “standing”, there will be a hearing.

CNPPID: Steinke reported Lake McConaughy is at elevation 3252.5 feet.

NEW BUSINESS

Consider Participation in RBJV NET Grant for Wetland Grazing: Moved by Raffety, seconded by Cavanaugh, to cooperate with RBJV and allow them to purchase a portable chute, which TBNRD would maintain, insure and rent to landowners/producers. Motion carried.

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Bilka

Consider Authorizing Electrical Upgrades to NRD Shop: There was discussion about specifications and brand of mowers. Raffety suggested the mower be able to mulch.

Moved by Reynolds, seconded by Garrelts, to purchase a Z535 Trak mower from Landmark Implement for TBNRD to mow the office lot and shop lot. Motion carried.

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Bilka

Moved by Reynolds, seconded by Johnson, to upgrade the power at the new shop so it complies with electrical code but to present an estimate first. Motion carried.

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

NAY: Garrelts and Olsen

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Bilka

COMMENTS AND CONCERNS

There were no comments and concerns.

Moved by Lundeen, seconded by Hinrichs, to move to executive session at 9:10 for the protection of the public to discuss a legal matter. Motion carried.

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Bilka

Moved by Lundeen, seconded by Hinrichs, to move out of executive session at 9:58 for the protection of the public to discuss a legal matter. Motion carried.

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Bilka

NEXT BOARD MEETING

TBNRD Regular Board Meeting on Tuesday, October 9, 2018, 2018 at 7:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:59 p.m.

DIRECTORS PRESENT

Brian Bergstrom, Mike Cavanaugh, 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, Nicole Salisbury, Nolan Little, Corey Steinke, Curtis Scheele, Andy Tomsen, James Wilkinson, Jeanette Wilkinson, Tom Meisenbach, Larry Wilcox, Gene Trausch, Richard Jacobson, Terry Sorensen, Mark Johnson, Brian Petersen, Kevin Raun, Tim Johnson, Tony Dorn, Paul Steen, Miles Steen and Dale Needham.

Respectfully Submitted:

Carie Lynch, Asst. Secretary

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TRI-BASIN NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT
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ID	Motion #	Category	Subject	Aye	Nay	Abstain	
	2018-09-11-01	Meeting Administration		12			Moved by Bergstrom, seconded by Lundeen, to approve the minutes for the August 14, 2018 Board of Directors Meeting and Hearing. Motion carried.
	2018-09-11-02	Meeting Administration					Moved by Raffety, seconded by Cavanaugh, to approve the minutes for the August 23, 2018 Projects & Construction Committee Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.
	2018-09-11-03	Meeting Administration		12			Moved by Raffety, seconded by Larson, to approve the August 2018 Financial Report and submit for audit.. Motion carried.
	2018-09-11-04	Budget		12			Moved by Lundeen, seconded by Johnson, to approve the VISA, PRD, HDR, Flatwater, EA Engineering and attorney bills. Motion carried.
	2018-09-11-05	Meeting Administration		10	2		Moved by Garrelts, seconded by Reynolds, to approve a farm plan for Schutz Ag. Motion carried.
	2018-09-11-06	Meeting Administration		12			Moved by Larson, seconded by Raffety, to approve two well decommissioning cost-share applications. Motion carried.
	2018-09-11-07	Meeting Administration		12			Moved by Lundeen, seconded by Cavanaugh, to approve nine NSWCP cost-share applications. Motion carried.
	2018-09-11-08	Budget	2018-2019 Budget	12			Moved by Reynolds, seconded by Lundeen, to approve setting the FY 2018-2019 tax levy different from the previous year. Motion carried.
	2018-09-11-09	District Plans & Programs	Grant Phase II	11	1		Moved by Garrelts, seconded by Reynolds, to table a vote on designating Grant Township (T5, R13W) in Kearney County as Phase II for Groundwater Quantity Management until the December 2018 Board Meeting. Motion carried.
	2018-09-11-10	Budget	2018-2019 Budget	12			Moved by Reynolds, seconded by Raffety, to print the annual report in color. Motion carried.
	2018-09-11-11	Agreements	RBJV Portable Chute	12			Moved by Raffety, seconded by Cavanaugh, to cooperate with RBJV and allow them to purchase a portable

							chute, which TBNRD would maintain, insure and rent to landowners/producers. Motion carried.
	2018-09-11-12	Budget	2018-2019 Budget	12			Moved by Reynolds, seconded by Garrelts, to purchase a Z535 Trak mower from Landmark Implement for TBNRD to mow the office lot and shop lot. Motion carried.
	2018-09-11-13	Budget	2018-2019 Budget	10	2		Moved by Reynolds, seconded by Johnson, to upgrade the power at the new shop so it complies with electrical code but to present an estimate first. Motion carried.
	2018-09-11-14	Meeting Administration		12			Moved by Lundeen, seconded by Hinrichs, to move to executive session at 9:10 for the protection of the public to discuss a legal matter. Motion carried.
	2018-09-11-15	Meeting Administration		12			Moved by Lundeen, seconded by Hinrichs, to move out of executive session at 9:58 for the protection of the public to discuss a legal matter. Motion carried.