

MINUTES OF THE TRI-BASIN NRD BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, June 14, 2022, 1:30 p.m.
Tri-Basin Natural Resources District
1723 Burlington St., Holdrege, NE

The regular monthly board meeting of the Tri-Basin Natural Resources District (NRD) was called to order by Chairman, Bradley Lundeen at 1:31 p.m. Lundeen noted Public Meeting Law is posted in the boardroom.

ROLL CALL

Roll call was taken with eleven directors present: Bergstrom, Bilka, Garrelts, Grimes, Harris, Hinrichs, Larson, Lundeen, Raffety, Reynolds and Ryan. Philips and Cavanaugh were absent. Notice of the meeting was published in the Holdrege Citizen, Elwood Bulletin and Minden Courier and announced on radio station KRVN, Lexington.

EXCUSE ABSENCES

There were no absences to excuse.

MINUTES

Thorburn presented the minutes of the May 18, 2022, Board of Directors Meeting and May 24, 2022, Planning Committee Meeting. Moved by Reynolds, seconded by Larson, to approve the minutes for the May 18, 2022, Board of Directors meeting. Motion carried.

AYE: Bergstrom, Bilka, Garrelts, Grimes, Harris, Hinrichs, Larson, Lundeen, Raffety, Ryan and Reynolds

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Philips and Cavanaugh

Moved by Bergstrom, seconded by Larson, to approve the minutes for the May 24, 2022, Planning Committee meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Hinrichs presented the financial report for the month of May 2022 as follows:

Accrual Expenditures for Month	\$68,973.95
Accrual Revenues for Month.....	\$307,109.98
Actual Expenditures for Month	\$128,767.11
Actual Revenues for Month.....	\$306,037.77
Bank Balance—May 31, 2022.....	\$459,466.36
Accounts Receivable – May 31, 2022.....	\$154,058.53
Investments – Pinnacle Bank – May 31, 2022.....	\$114,598.84
Building Sinking Fund – May 31, 2022.....	\$169,934.51
Vehicle Sinking Fund – May 31, 2022.....	\$110,868.07
Water Resources Fund – May 31, 2022.....	\$424,420.74
Whiskey Slough IPA Balance – May 31, 2022.....	\$9,405.38
Fort Kearny-West IPA Balance – May 31, 2022.....	\$10,447.12
South Dry Creek IPA Balance – May 31, 2022.....	\$5,552.79
Fort Kearny IPA Balance – May 31, 2022.....	\$10,447.12
Sacramento Creek IPA Balance – May 31, 2022.....	\$1,840.23
North Dry Creek IPA Balance – May 31, 2022.....	\$6,160.67
Water Jamboree – May 31, 2022.....	\$11,162.48
NRMDA – May 31, 2022.....	\$7,637.18
Odessa IPA – May 31, 2022.....	\$20,090.51

Moved by Bilka, seconded by Garrelts, to accept the May 2022 Financial Report, and submit for audit. Motion carried.

AYE: Bergstrom, Bilka, Garrelts, Grimes, Harris, Hinrichs, Larson, Lundeen, Raffety, Ryan and Reynolds

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Philips and Cavanaugh

SPECIAL BILLS

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

AYE: Bergstrom, Bilka, Garrelts, Grimes, Harris, Hinrichs, Larson, Lundeen, Raffety, Ryan and Reynolds

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Philips and Cavanaugh

NRCS REPORT

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

Activity and Progress Report: Cammie Kerner said staff is assessing CSP and a special fire initiative for Gosper County preferred grazing and cover crops is open.

COST SHARE REPORT

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

AYE: Bergstrom, Bilka, Garrelts, Grimes, Harris, Hinrichs, Larson, Lundeen, Raffety, Ryan and Reynolds

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Philips and Cavanaugh

NSWCP & NRD Applications – Thorburn presented three TBNRD Conservation Tree Cost-share applications, three NSWCP cost-share applications and one Ne Bufferstrip application to approve. Moved by Bilka, seconded by Raffety to approve three TBNRD Conservation Tree Cost-Share applications, three NSWCP cost-share applications and one Nebraska Bufferstrip application. Motion carried.

AYE: Bergstrom, Bilka, Garrelts, Grimes, Harris, Hinrichs, Larson, Lundeen, Raffety, Ryan and Reynolds

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Philips and Cavanaugh

GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT

Groundwater, Certified Acre Transfers & WCIP – Thorburn presented three certified irrigated transfer requests (Griess, Charity Field and Behrens) and one WCIP application (Holen) for approval. Grace Grove, Rob Johnson, Shane Westcott and Christy Follett were present to answer questions.

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The Holen WCIP application was not approved. Moved by Garrelts, seconded by Hinrichs to approve three irrigated acre transfer requests (Griess, Charity Field and Behrens). Motion carried.

AYE: Bergstrom, Bilka, Garrelts, Grimes, Harris, Hinrichs, Larson, Lundeen, Raffety, Ryan and Reynolds

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Philips and Cavanaugh

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 or discussion. Thorburn introduced Karlie Rumbeck, summer intern for TBNRD.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Issue Cease and Desist Orders for GQMA Violators: This item will be discussed in executive session.

Resolution Restating Participation in NARD 414(h) Retirement Plan: Thorburn explained that the 414(h) retirement resolution needs to be approved. Moved by Reynolds, seconded by Bergstrom, to adopt the Resolution for TBNRD retirement for 414(h). Motion carried.

AYE: Bergstrom, Bilka, Garrelts, Grimes, Harris, Hinrichs, Larson, Lundeen, Raffety, Ryan and Reynolds

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Philips and Cavanaugh

Resolution Restating Participation in NARD 457(b) Supplemental Retirement Plan: Thorburn explained that the 457(b) supplemental retirement resolution needs to be approved. Moved by Grimes, seconded by Larson, to adopt the Resolution for TBNRD supplemental retirement for 457(b). Motion carried.

AYE: Bergstrom, Bilka, Garrelts, Grimes, Harris, Hinrichs, Larson, Lundeen, Raffety, Ryan and Reynolds

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Philips and Cavanaugh

Spring Groundwater Levels (Little): Little presented information for 2022 spring groundwater levels.

NARD REPORT

Reynolds introduced Dave Dahlgren, Central NE Water Users. Dahlgren spoke about the proposed CNPPID/Dawson Public Power merger.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Schedule Executive and Dual Connex Committee Meetings: The Executive Committee Meeting, to discuss the budget, is set for Thursday, July 14, 2022 at 1:30 p.m. and the Dual Connex meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 19, 2022 at 1:30 p.m. at CNPPID. On July 14, 2022, NRCS State Conservationist Rob Lawson would like to meet with a couple TBNRD directors at 10:30 a.m.

(all directors would be welcome). There will be a special board meeting on Wednesday, July 27, 2022 at 9am to discuss the budget.

STAFF REPORTS & NECESSARY ACTION

Board Directives to Staff: A 50th Anniversary Celebration of the NRDs will be held at TBNRD on Friday, July 15, 2022. There was discussion about the August Board Tour.

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

MONTHLY REPORTS

Republican Basin: Thorburn, Lundeen and Reynolds attended the Drought Planning Exercise in Cambridge on Wednesday, May 25th, 2022.

Platte Basin: Atlas of Lands in PRRIP was included in board information. A paper copy is available.

Sand Creek/Little Blue Basin: Nothing to report.

North Dry Creek: Staff has been shredding and spraying.

Odessa IPA: Staff has been shredding and spraying.

Sacramento Creek: Staff has been shredding and spraying.

Fort Kearny: Staff has been shredding and spraying.

Fort Kearny West: Staff has been shredding and spraying.

South Dry Creek: Staff has been shredding and spraying.

Whiskey Slough: Staff has been shredding and spraying.

Middle Lost Creek: Staff has been shredding and spraying.

Lake Seldom: Nothing to report.

CoHyst/Platte Basin Coalition: There will be updates to the CoHyst model and the cost will be split with NDNR.

Rainwater Basin Joint Venture: Nothing to report.

Platte-Republican Diversion & Republican Basin Augmentation Well: Kuck is grazing.

CNPPID: Scott Dicke reported Lake McConaughy is going down because of releases. Dicke presented information about spring water levels in observations wells. Lundeen asked Dicke if he could provide information about parcels that haven't had deliveries in the last five years.

NEW BUSINESS

There is no new business.

COMMENTS AND CONCERNS

Garrelts is willing to have a test plot this year. Thorburn commented that an agreement will be needed.

Moved by Reynolds, seconded by Larson to proceed with Garrelts Nitrogen Demonstration project. Motion carried.

AYE: Bergstrom, Bilka, Grimes, Harris, Hinrichs, Larson, Lundeen, Raffety, Ryan and Reynolds

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: Garrelts

ABSENT: Philips and Cavanaugh

PERSONNEL AND LEGAL MATTERS

Moved by Bilka, seconded by Garrelts to move to Executive Session to discuss legal matters relating to the for the protection of the public at 3:10 p.m. Motion carried.

AYE: Bergstrom, Bilka, Garrelts, Grimes, Harris, Hinrichs, Larson, Lundeen, Raffety, Ryan and Reynolds

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Philips and Cavanaugh

Moved by Bilka, seconded by Bergstrom to move out of the Executive Session to discuss legal matters for the protection of the public at 3:25 p.m. Motion carried.

AYE: Bergstrom, Bilka, Garrelts, Grimes, Harris, Hinrichs, Larson, Lundeen, Raffety, Ryan and Reynolds

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Philips and Cavanaugh

NEXT BOARD MEETING

TBNRD Regular Board Meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 12, 2022, at 1:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:32 p.m.

DIRECTORS PRESENT

Brian Bergstrom, Joe Bilka, Todd Garrelts, David Grimes, Ed Harris, Rob Hinrichs, Joe Larson, Brad Lundeen, Dave Raffety, Jeff Ryan and Larry Reynolds.

OTHERS PRESENT

John Thorburn, Scott Dicke, Nate Munter, Cammie Kerner, Grace Grove, Christy Follett, Shane Westcott, Karlie Rumbeck, Rob Johnson, Tammy Fahrenbruch, Sasha Hahn, Nolan Little and Carie Lynch.

Respectfully Submitted:

Carie Lynch, Asst. Secretary

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ID	Motion #	Category	Subject	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Motion
	2022-06-14-01	Meeting Administration		11			Moved by Reynolds, seconded by Larson, to approve the minutes for the May 18, 2022, Board of Directors meeting. Motion carried.
	2022-06-14-02	Meeting Administration					Moved by Bergstrom, seconded by Larson, to approve the minutes for the May 24, 2022, Planning Committee meeting. Motion carried unanimously.
	2022-06-14-03	Meeting Administration		11			Moved by Bilka, seconded by Garrelts, to accept the May 2022 Financial Report, and submit for audit. Motion carried.
	2022-06-14-04	Budget		11			Moved by Garrelts, seconded by Ryan, to approve the Visa and attorney bills. Motion carried.
	2022-06-14-05	Meeting Administration		11			Moved by Bilka, seconded by Raffety, to approve two well decommissioning cost-share applications. Motion carried.
	2022-06-14-06	Meeting Administration		11			Moved by Bilka, seconded by Raffety to approve three TBfNRD Conservation Tree Cost-Share applications, three NSWCP cost-share applications and one Nebraska Bufferstrip application. Motion carried.
	2022-06-14-07	Certification & Transfers		11			Moved by Garrelts, seconded by Hinrichs to approve three irrigated acre transfer requests (Griess, Charity Field and Behrens). Motion carried.
	2022-06-14-08	Resolution	414(h)	11			Moved by Reynolds, seconded by Bergstrom, to adopt the Resolution for TBNRD retirement for 414(h). Motion carried.
	2022-06-14-09	Resolution	457(b)	11			Moved by Grimes, seconded by Larson, to adopt the Resolution for TBNRD supplemental retirement for 457(b). Motion carried.
	2022-06-14-10	Projects	Nitrogen Demo Plot	10		1	Moved by Reynolds, seconded by Larson to proceed with Garrelts Nitrogen Demonstration project. Motion carried.
	2022-06-14-11	Meeting Administration		11			Moved by Bilka, seconded by Garrelts to move to Executive Session to discuss legal matters relating to the for the protection of the public at 3:10 p.m. Motion carried.

	2022-06-14-12	Meeting Administration		11			<u>Moved by Bilka, seconded by Bergstrom to move out of the Executive Session to discuss legal matters for the protection of the public at 3:25 p.m. Motion carried.</u>
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