

MINUTES OF THE TRI-BASIN NRD BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, July 12, 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 1:30 p.m. Lundeen noted Public Meeting Law is posted in the boardroom.

ROLL CALL

Roll call was taken with ten directors present: Bilka, Grimes, Harris, Hinrichs, Larson, Lundeen, Philips, Raffety, Reynolds and Ryan. Cavanaugh, Garrelts and Bergstrom 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 June 14, 2022, Board of Directors Meeting. Reynolds noted an error in the minutes. Moved by Reynolds, seconded by Grimes, to approve the minutes for the June 14, 2022, Board of Directors meeting as amended. Motion carried.

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: Philips

ABSENT: Bergstrom, Garrelts and Cavanaugh

FINANCIAL REPORT

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

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| Accrual Expenditures for Month ----- | \$167,992.75 |
| Accrual Revenues for Month----- | \$163,510.45 |
| Actual Expenditures for Month ----- | \$319,605.78 |
| Actual Revenues for Month----- | \$205,565.76 |
| Bank Balance–June 30, 2022----- | \$577,703.38 |
| Accounts Receivable – June 30, 2022----- | \$17,019.17 |
| Investments – Pinnacle Bank – June 30, 2022----- | \$114,598.84 |
| Building Sinking Fund – June 30, 2022----- | \$169,459.77 |
| Vehicle Sinking Fund – June 30, 2022----- | \$71,657.82 |
| Water Resources Fund – June 30, 2022----- | \$443,822.36 |
| Whiskey Slough IPA Balance – June 30, 2022----- | \$9,894.55 |
| Fort Kearny-West IPA Balance – June 30, 2022----- | \$7,073.49 |
| South Dry Creek IPA Balance – June 30, 2022----- | \$5,581.54 |
| Fort Kearny IPA Balance – June 30, 2022----- | \$10,462.84 |
| Sacramento Creek IPA Balance – June 30, 2022----- | \$990.02 |
| North Dry Creek IPA Balance – June 30, 2022----- | \$6,320.47 |
| Water Jamboree – June 30, 2022----- | \$10,815.79 |
| NR MDMA – June 30, 2022----- | \$7,637.24 |
| Odessa IPA – June 30, 2022----- | \$20,090.68 |

Moved by Raffety, seconded by Larson, to accept the June 2022 Financial Report, and submit for audit. Motion carried.

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Bergstrom, Garrelts and Cavanaugh

SPECIAL BILLS

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

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Bergstrom, Garrelts and Cavanaugh

NRCS REPORT

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

Activity and Progress Report: Cammie Kerner reported that staff is ranking EQIP applications and working on CSP pre-approvals. Scheele has been working on NAWMN. Rob Lawson will be in Holdrege on July 14, 2022, for Rotary and will meet with TBNRD Directors in the morning.

COST SHARE REPORT

Well Abandonment – There were no well decommissioning cost-share applications to approve.

NSWCP & NRD Applications – Thorburn presented one TBNRD Conservation Tree Cost-share applications and twelve NSWCP cost-share applications to approve. There was discussion about the number of brush management applications. Thorburn explained that the NSWCP allocation hasn't been provided yet. It was suggested that brush management applications be approved later in the year. Moved by Bilka, seconded by Grimes to approve one TBNRD Conservation Tree Cost-Share applications and one NSWCP flowmeter cost-share application. Motion carried.

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Bergstrom, Garrelts and Cavanaugh

GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT

Groundwater, Certified Acre Transfers & WCIP – Thorburn presented one certified irrigated transfer request (Dawson) for approval. Phil High was present to answer questions.

Moved by Bilka, seconded by Larson to approve one irrigated acre transfer request for Kimberli Dawson. Motion carried.

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Bergstrom, Garrelts 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.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Tree Planting Report - Munter: Munter gave a short presentation on the 2022 Tree Planting season.

Select AHMP Proposal: Thorburn explained funding for the Hazard Mitigation Plan. Only one bid was received: JEO, which did the plan the last time. Moved by Larson, seconded by Philips, to approve the JEO cost proposal for the Hazard Mitigation Plan. Motion carried.

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Bergstrom, Garrelts and Cavanaugh

NARD REPORT

There was no NARD report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Joint Meeting with CNPPID: Lundeen reviewed the agenda asked for input on dual connections. The Dual Connection meeting is July 19, 2022, at CNPPID and the Executive Committee will meet July 14, 2022, 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: Nothing to report.

Platte Basin: Annual Meeting and Drought Plan on July 21, 2022, at 10 am CST at Lake McConaughy.

Sand Creek/Little Blue Basin: Nothing to report.

North Dry Creek: Staff has been shredding and cutting trees.

Odessa IPA: Staff has been shredding and cutting trees.

Sacramento Creek: Staff has been shredding and cutting trees.

Fort Kearny: Staff has been shredding and cutting trees.

Fort Kearny West: Staff has been shredding and cutting trees.

South Dry Creek: Staff has been shredding and cutting trees.

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Whiskey Slough: Staff has been shredding and cutting trees.

Middle Lost Creek: Staff has been shredding and cutting trees.

Lake Seldom: Nothing to report.

CoHyst/Platte Basin Coalition: Nothing to report.

Rainwater Basin Joint Venture: Nothing to report.

Platte-Republican Diversion & Republican Basin Augmentation Well: PRD needs a new attorney.

CNPPID: Scott Dicke reported Lake McConaughy is at 54% of capacity. The last delivery is schedule for September 10, 2022.

NEW BUSINESS

Establish Temporary Water Use Account: Thorburn explained that TBNRD would make a block of acre inches available to anyone participating in the WCIP program to augment their water use for a term of one year. Moved by Raffety, seconded by Bilka, to develop a Temporary Groundwater Use Acct. and allow Thorburn to collaborate with legal counsel on it. Motion carried.

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Bergstrom, Garrelts and Cavanaugh

Discuss Allocation for Union Township in Gosper County: Landowners will be invited to attend the August board meeting. Bilka asked that Thorburn check LRNRD's allocation and present information at the August board meeting. Moved by Reynolds, seconded by Grimes, to change the allocation for Union Township to a 9-inch allocation over five years starting in 2023. Motion carried.

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Bergstrom, Garrelts and Cavanaugh

COMMENTS AND CONCERNS

Reynolds suggested water used for emergencies be added to the Compact agenda .

PERSONNEL AND LEGAL MATTERS

Moved by Bilka, seconded by Larson to move to Executive Session to legal matters and personnel matters for the protection of the public at 3:06 p.m. Motion carried.

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Bergstrom, Garrelts and Cavanaugh

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Moved by Grimes, seconded by Bilka to move out of the Executive Session to discuss legal matters and personnel matters for the protection of the public. at 3:43 p.m. Motion carried.

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Bergstrom, Garrelts and Cavanaugh

NEXT BOARD MEETING

TBNRD Regular Board Meeting and Tour will be held on Tuesday, August 9, 2022, at 8:15 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. respectively.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

DIRECTORS PRESENT

Joe Bilka, David Grimes, Ed Harris, Rob Hinrichs, Joe Larson, Brad Lundeen, Reed Philips, Dave Raffety, Jeff Ryan and Larry Reynolds.

OTHERS PRESENT

John Thorburn, Scott Dicke, Nate Munter, Cammie Kerner, Phil High, Wayne Anderson, Tammy Fahrenbruch, Sasha Hahn, and Carie Lynch.

Respectfully Submitted:

Carie Lynch, Asst. Secretary

INDEX OF BOARD DECISIONS
 TRI-BASIN NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT
 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
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| ID | Motion # | Category | Subject | Aye | Nay | Abstain | Motion |
|----|---------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|-----|-----|---------|---|
| | 2022-07-12-01 | Meeting Administration | | 8 | | 1 | Moved by Reynolds, seconded by Grimes, to approve the minutes for the June 14, 2022, Board of Directors meeting as amended. Motion carried. |
| | 2022-07-12-02 | Meeting Administration | | 9 | | | Moved by Raffety, seconded by Larson, to accept the June 2022 Financial Report, and submit for audit. Motion carried. |
| | 2022-07-12-03 | Budget | Budget | 9 | | | Moved by Bilka, seconded by Larson, to approve the Visa and attorney bills. Motion carried. |
| | 2022-07-12-04 | Meeting Administration | | 9 | | | Moved by Bilka, seconded by Grimes to approve one TBNRD Conservation Tree Cost-Share applications and one NSWCP flowmeter cost-share application. Motion carried. |
| | 2022-07-12-05 | Certification & Transfers | Dawson | 9 | | | Moved by Bilka, seconded by Larson to approve one irrigated acre transfer request for Kimberli Dawson. Motion carried. |
| | 2022-07-12-06 | Agreements | Haz Mit | 9 | | | Moved by Larson, seconded by Philips, to approve the JEO cost proposal for the Hazard Mitigation Plan. Motion carried. |
| | 2022-07-12-07 | District Plans & Programs | GW Use Acct | 9 | | | Moved by Raffety, seconded by Bilka, to develop a Temporary Groundwater Use Acct. and allow Thorburn to collaborate with legal counsel on it. Motion carried. |
| | 2022-07-12-08 | District Plans & Programs | Union Township allocation | 9 | | | Moved by Reynolds, seconded by Grimes, to change the allocation for Union Township to a 9-inch allocation over five years starting in 2023. Motion carried. |
| | 2022-07-12-09 | Meeting Administration | | 9 | | | Moved by Bilka, seconded by Larson to move to Executive Session to legal matters and personnel matters for the protection of the public at 3:06 p.m. Motion carried. |
| | 2022-07-12-10 | Meeting Administration | | 9 | | | Moved by Grimes, seconded by Bilka to move out of the Executive Session to discuss legal matters and personnel matters for the protection of the public. at 3:43 p.m. Motion carried. |