

MINUTES OF THE TRI-BASIN NRD BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, August 9, 2022, 1:30 p.m.
Tri-Basin Natural Resources District
Canyon Lakes Brewery, Johnson Lake, 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: Bergstrom, Bilka, Grimes, Harris, Hinrichs, Larson, Lundeen, Philips, Raffety and Reynolds and Ryan. Cavanaugh, Garrelts and Ryan 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 July 12, 2022, Board of Directors Meeting, July 27, 2022, Special Board Meeting, July 14, 2022, Executive Committee Meeting and July 19, 2022, Joint Meeting with CNPPID. Moved by Reynolds, seconded by Harris, to approve the minutes for the July 12, 2022, Board of Directors meeting Motion carried

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: Bergstrom

ABSENT: Ryan, Garrelts and Cavanaugh

Moved by Bilka, seconded by Reynolds, to approve the minutes for the July 27, 2022 Special Board of Directors meetings Motion carried

AYE: Bilka, Hinrichs, Larson, Lundeen, Philips, Ryan and Reynolds

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: Bergstrom, Grimes, Harris and Raffety

ABSENT: Ryan, Garrelts and Cavanaugh

Moved by Bilka, seconded by Hinrichs, to approve the Executive Committee minutes for the July 14, 2022. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Bilka, seconded by Philips, to approve the Joint Meeting with CNPPID minutes for the July 19, 2022. Motion carried unanimously.

FINANCIAL REPORT

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

Accrual Expenditures for Month	\$177,933.64
Accrual Revenues for Month.....	\$7,398.68
Actual Expenditures for Month	\$319,605.78
Actual Revenues for Month.....	\$37,181.87
Bank Balance—June 30, 2022.....	\$433,382.31
Accounts Receivable – July 31, 2022.....	\$9,762.37
Investments – Pinnacle Bank – July 31, 2022.....	\$114,598.84
Building Sinking Fund – July 31, 2022.....	\$169,459.77
Vehicle Sinking Fund – July 31, 2022.....	\$71,657.82

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Water Resources Fund – July 31, 2022-----	\$443,822.36
Whiskey Slough IPA Balance – July 31, 2022-----	\$10,334.59
Fort Kearny-West IPA Balance – July 31, 2022-----	\$7,073.55
South Dry Creek IPA Balance – July 31, 2022-----	\$5,697.20
Fort Kearny IPA Balance – July 31, 2022-----	\$10,462.92
Sacramento Creek IPA Balance – July 31, 2022-----	\$998.20
North Dry Creek IPA Balance – July 31, 2022-----	\$6,355.07
Water Jamboree – July 31, 2022-----	\$10,815.88
NRMDA – July 31, 2022-----	\$7,637.30
Odessa IPA – July 31, 2022-----	\$20,090.68

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

Motion carried.

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Ryan, Garrelts and Cavanaugh

SPECIAL BILLS

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

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Ryan, Garrelts and Cavanaugh

NRCS REPORT

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

Activity and Progress Report: Cammie Kerner reported that an extra \$1 million was awarded for CSP, that staff is working on CSP renewals and EQIP.

COST SHARE REPORT

Well Abandonment – Thorburn presented two well decommissioning cost-share applications for approval. Moved by Bilka, seconded by Larson to approve two well decommissioning Cost-Share applications. Motion carried.

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Ryan, Garrelts and Cavanaugh

NSWCP & NRD Applications – Thorburn presented eight NSWCP cost-share and one TBNRD application to approve. Moved by Grimes, seconded by Philips to approve eight NSWCP cost-share applications. Motion carried.

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Ryan, Garrelts and Cavanaugh

Moved by Bilka, seconded by Bergstrom to approve one TBNRD cost-share application. Motion carried.

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Ryan, Garrelts and Cavanaugh

GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT

Groundwater, Certified Acre Transfers & WCIP – Thorburn presented two well variance requests.

Moved by Reynolds, seconded by Grimes to approve two well variance requests. Motion carried.

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Ryan, 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. State Senator Dave Murman and Terry Sorensen spoke.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Discuss Allocation for Union Township: Thorburn presented information about Union Township allocations and water levels. There was discussion about changing the allocation time frame from three years to five years. Lundeen suggested that Thorburn look at 2006-2008 pumping and run different scenarios. Brad Schutz suggested Union Township landowners meet with the Planning Committee before the September board meeting. Moved by Reynolds, seconded by Raffety, to table changes to allocations in Union Township until the September board meeting. Motion carried.

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Ryan, Garrelts and Cavanaugh

Approve FY 2022-2023 Budget: Moved by Bilka, seconded by Bergstrom, to approve the 2022-2023 FY Budget. Motion carried.

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Ryan, Garrelts and Cavanaugh

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Approve 1% unused budget authority: Moved by Reynolds, seconded by Bilka, to approve a one percent increase in unused budget authority. Motion carried.

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Ryan, Garrelts and Cavanaugh

NARD REPORT

NARD Conference Sept. 26-27, 2022: Thorburn explained the NARD Fall Conference will be held September 26-27, 2022, in Kearney.

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

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Ryan, Garrelts and Cavanaugh

There was discussion about the sustainability statement Thorburn, and Reynolds prepared. Reynolds asked that the statement be submitted as a resolution at the NARD Fall Conference. Thorburn mentioned that the resolution would need to be submitted to NARD prior to the next board meeting but would be provided to directors at the next meeting. Moved by Bilka, seconded by Harris, to allow Thorburn to use Reynold's definition and examples of sustainability as the basis for a resolution at the NARD Fall Conference. Motion carried.

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Ryan, Garrelts and Cavanaugh

Reynolds asked that directors complete a worksheet on Drought Vulnerability and Mitigation. Thorburn will mail Director responses to state. Copies were handed out to landowners that were present.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Schedule Planning Committee Meeting: The Planning Committee Meeting will be held August 24, 2022, at 7 p.m. at TBNRD. Union Township irrigators will be invited.

STAFF REPORTS & NECESSARY ACTION

Board Directives to Staff: Nothing to report.

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

MONTHLY REPORTS

Republican Basin: Nothing to report.

Platte Basin: Nothing to report.

Sand Creek/Little Blue Basin: Stakeholders meeting is September 15, 2022.

North Dry Creek: Staff has been spraying and shredding.

Odessa IPA: Staff has been spraying and shredding.

Sacramento Creek: Staff has been spraying and shredding.

Fort Kearny: Staff has been spraying and shredding.

Fort Kearny West: Staff has been spraying and shredding.

South Dry Creek: Staff has been spraying and shredding.

Whiskey Slough: Staff has been spraying and shredding.

Middle Lost Creek: Staff has been spraying and shredding.

Lake Seldom: Nothing to report.

CoHyst/Platte Basin Coalition: Nothing to report.

Rainwater Basin Joint Venture: Andy Bishop is looking for potential projects for grant applications.

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

CNPPID: Scott Dicke reported Lake McConaughy is at 47.4% of capacity.

NEW BUSINESS

Schedule Public Hearing on FY 2022-2023 Levy and Tax Request: Moved by Grimes, seconded by Larson, to schedule a public hearing for September 13, 2022, to set the levy and tax request. Motion carried.

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Ryan, Garrelts and Cavanaugh

COMMENTS AND CONCERNS

There were no comments or concerns.

PERSONNEL AND LEGAL MATTERS

There were no personnel or legal matters.

NEXT BOARD MEETING

TBNRD Regular Board Meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 13, 2022, at 7:30 p.m. respectively.

ADJOURNMENT

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

DIRECTORS PRESENT

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

OTHERS PRESENT

John Thorburn, Scott Dicke, Nate Munter, Cammie Kerner, Tammy Fahrenbruch, Levi Adam, Curtis Scheele, Tim Schaff, State Senator Dave Murman, Brad Schutz, Terry Sorensen, Amy Dutton, Lori Potter, Sasha Hahn, and Carie Lynch.

Respectfully Submitted:

Carie Lynch, Asst. Secretary

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ID	Motion #	Category	Subject	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Motion
	2022-08-09-01	Meeting Administration		9		1	Moved by Reynolds, seconded by Harris, to approve the minutes for the July 12, 2022, Board of Directors meeting Motion carried.
	2022-08-09-02	Meeting Administration		6		4	Moved by Bilka, seconded by Reynolds, to approve the minutes for the July 27, 2022 Special Board of Directors meetings Motion carried.
	2022-08-09-03	Meeting Administration					Moved by Bilka, seconded by Hinrichs, to approve the Executive Committee minutes for the July 14, 2022. Motion carried unanimously.
	2022-08-09-04	Meeting Administration					Moved by Bilka, seconded by Philips, to approve the Joint Meeting with CNPPID minutes for the July 19, 2022. Motion carried unanimously.
	2022-08-09-05	Meeting Administration		10			Moved by Raffety, seconded by Larson, to accept the July 2022 Financial Report, and submit for audit. Motion carried.
	2022-08-09-06	Budget		10			Moved by Bergstrom, seconded by Bilka, to approve the CNPPID, Visa and attorney bills. Motion carried.
	2022-08-09-07	Meeting Administration		10			Moved by Bilka, seconded by Larson to approve two well decommissioning Cost-Share applications. Motion carried.
	2022-08-09-08	Meeting Administration		10			Moved by Grimes, seconded by Philips to approve eight NSWCP cost-share applications. Motion carried.
	2022-08-09-09	Meeting Administration		10			Moved by Bilka, seconded by Bergstrom to approve one TBNRD cost-share application. Motion carried.
	2022-08-09-10	Certification & Transfers		10			Moved by Reynolds, seconded by Grimes to approve two well variance requests. Motion carried.
	2022-08-09-11	Policies – By-Laws	Union Township	10			Moved by Reynolds, seconded by Raffety, to table changes to allocations in Union Township until the September board meeting. Motion carried.
	2022-08-09-12	Budget		10			Moved by Bilka, seconded by Bergstrom, to approve the 2022-2023 FY Budget. Motion carried.

	2022-08-09-13	Budget		10			Moved by Reynolds, seconded by Bilka, to approve a one percent increase in unused budget authority. Motion carried.
	2022-08-09-14	Directors	NARD Conf.	10			Moved by Bilka, seconded by Raffety, to designate Dave Raffety as Delegate and Larry Reynolds as alternate delegate for the NARD Fall Conference. Motion carried.
	2022-08-09-15	Resolutions & Legislation	sustainability	10			Moved by Bilka, seconded by Harris, to allow Thorburn to use Reynold's definition and examples of sustainability as the basis for a resolution at the NARD Fall Conference. Motion carried.
	2022-08-09-16	Meeting Administration		10			Moved by Grimes, seconded by Larson, to schedule a public hearing for September 13, 2022, to set the levy and tax request. Motion carried.