

MINUTES OF THE TRI-BASIN NRD BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, July 11, 2023, 1:30 p.m.
Tri-Basin Natural Resources District

The regular monthly board meeting of the Tri-Basin Natural Resources District (NRD) was called to order by Chairman, Todd Garrelts at 1:30 p.m. Garrelts noted Public Meeting Law is posted in the boardroom.

ROLL CALL

Roll call was taken with ten directors present: Bergstrom, Bilka, Garrelts, Grams, Grimes, Harris, Hinrichs, Lundeen, Reynolds and Ryan. Philips arrived at 1:31 p.m. Larson and Raffety were absent. Notice of the meeting was published in the Holdrege Citizen, Valley Voice and Minden Courier and announced on radio station KRVN, Lexington.

EXCUSE ABSENCES

Moved by Lundeen, seconded by Bilka, to excuse Bergstrom and Ryan from the May and June 2023 Board of Directors meeting. Motion carried.

AYE: Bergstrom, Bilka, Garrelts, Grams, Grimes, Harris, Hinrichs, Lundeen and Reynolds

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: Ryan

ABSENT: Philips, Larson and Raffety

MINUTES

Thorburn presented the minutes of the June 20, 2023, Board of Directors meeting and June 26, 2023, Executive Committee meeting. Moved by Lundeen, seconded by Harris, to approve the minutes for the June 20, 2023 Regular Board of Directors meeting. Motion carried.

AYE: Bilka, Garrelts, Grams, Grimes, Harris, Hinrichs, Lundeen, Reynolds and Ryan

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: Bergstrom

ABSENT: Philips, Larson and Raffety

Moved by Bilka, seconded by Hinrichs to approve the minutes for the June 26, 2023 Executive Committee meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Hinrichs presented the financial report for the month of June 2023 as follows:

Accrual Expenditures for Month	\$119,471.74
Accrual Revenues for Month.....	\$318,841.26
Actual Expenditures for Month	\$203,544.91
Actual Revenues for Month.....	\$308,786.12
Bank Balance–June 30, 2023.....	\$308,843.85
Accounts Receivable – June 30, 2023.....	\$95,826.96
Investments – Pinnacle Bank – June 30, 2023.....	\$14,908.88
Building Sinking Fund – June 30, 2023.....	\$137,967.42
Vehicle Sinking Fund – June 30, 2023.....	\$98,498.57
Water Resources Fund – June 30, 2023.....	\$326,071.01
Whiskey Slough IPA Balance – June 30, 2023.....	\$15,837.63
Fort Kearny-West IPA Balance – June 30, 2023.....	\$8,658.89
South Dry Creek IPA Balance – June 30, 2023.....	\$6,794.71
Fort Kearny IPA Balance – June 30, 2023.....	\$4,593.98
Sacramento Creek IPA Balance – June 30, 2023.....	\$1,771.50
North Dry Creek IPA Balance – June 30, 2023.....	\$7,648.85
Water Jamboree – June 30, 2023.....	\$4,593.98

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NRRMDA – June 30, 2023-----	\$7,637.99
Odessa IPA – June 30, 2023-----	\$20,036.00
Sacramento Creek IPA Loan Balance – June 30, 2023-----	\$6,0708.32

Moved by Bilka, seconded by Bergstrom, to accept the June 2023 Financial Report, and submit for audit. Motion carried.

AYE: Bergstrom, Bilka, Garrelts, Grams, Grimes, Harris, Hinrichs, Lundeen, Philips, Reynolds and Ryan

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Larson and Raffety

SPECIAL BILLS

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

AYE: Bergstrom, Bilka, Garrelts, Grams, Grimes, Harris, Hinrichs, Lundeen, Philips, Reynolds and Ryan

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Larson and Raffety

NRCS REPORT

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

Activity and Progress Report: Kerner reported staff has been working on final contracting for CSP and EQIP, a new field office secretary was hired for the Elwood Field office, and both Elwood and Minden have vacancy announcements.

COST SHARE REPORT

Well Decommissioning – Thorburn presented twenty-nine well decommissioning applications for approval. Thorburn explained that most of the applications were rolled over from the previous fiscal year. Moved by Harris, seconded by Philips to approve twenty-nine well decommissioning cost-share applications. Motion carried.

AYE: Bilka, Garrelts, Grams, Grimes, Harris, Hinrichs, Philips, Reynolds and Ryan

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: Bergstrom and Lundeen

ABSENT: Larson and Raffety

NSWCP & NRD Applications – There were no NSWCP cost-share applications to approve

GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT

Groundwater, Certified Acre Transfers & WCIP – Thorburn presented one groundwater transfer requests for Brad Lundeen. Moved by Bilka, seconded by Ryan to approve three groundwater transfer request for Lundeen. Motion carried.

AYE: Bergstrom, Bilka, Garrelts, Grams, Grimes, Harris, Hinrichs, Philips, Reynolds and Ryan

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: Lundeen

ABSENT: Larson and Raffety

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 Amanda Cline, TBNRD Summer Intern. Scott Dicke reported on CNPPID activities.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

2023 Tree Planting Season - Munter: Munter reported on the 2023 Tree Planting season.

NARD REPORT

NARD Report: Reynolds mentioned the NARD Fall Conference will be held September 25-26, 2023 in Kearney and NRDs need to submit requests for resolutions on potential legislative actions by mid-August. Executive Travel is providing cost-share funds to NRDs to pay for Arbor Day Trees. Tri-Basin used these funds.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Committee Reports: Thorburn asked for direction on signage for the armory building. Bilka suggested Bergstrom use his plasma cutter to make a metal sign and suggested staff work out the details. Moved by Bilka, seconded by Grimes to have Brian Bergstrom make a sign for the TBNRD shop. Motion carried.

AYE: Bilka, Garrelts, Grams, Grimes, Harris, Hinrichs, Lundeen, Philips, Reynolds and Ryan

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: Bergstrom

ABSENT: Larson and Raffety

STAFF REPORTS & NECESSARY ACTION

Board Directives to Staff: There were no staff directives.

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

MONTHLY REPORTS

Republican Basin: Water-short year designation was avoided this year thanks to heavy rains in May and June.

Platte Basin: Annual Platte Basin IMP meeting will be August 3, 2023 in Scottsbluff, NE. Platte Drought Task Force will bring draft plan soon.

Sand Creek/Little Blue Basin: There will be a basin-wide meeting including LBNRD and UBBNRD in September 2023.

North Dry Creek: WFPO meeting will be held July 18, 2023, at TBNRD and staff has been spraying.

Odessa IPA: Staff has been spraying.

Sacramento Creek: Staff has been spraying.

Fort Kearny: Staff has been spraying.

Fort Kearny West: Staff has been spraying.

South Dry Creek: Staff has been spraying.

Whiskey Slough: Staff has been spraying.

Middle Lost Creek: Staff has been spraying.

Lake Seldom: Nothing to report.

CoHyst/Platte Basin Coalition: Nothing to report.

Rainwater Basin Joint Venture: Thorburn is working with NRCS on diverting excess flows into the Mosaic Wetland for groundwater recharge.

Platte-Republican Diversion & Republican Basin Augmentation Well: Nothing to report.

CNPPID Report: Dicke reported earlier in the meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

August Board Tour & Meeting: Thorburn revised tour plans to Kearney County.

COMMENTS AND CONCERNS

There were no comments or concerns.

PERSONNEL AND LEGAL MATTERS

There were no personnel or legal issues.

NEXT BOARD MEETING

TBNRD Regular Board Meeting and Board of Directors Tour will be held on Tuesday, August 8, 2023, at 8:15 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. respectively.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:15 p.m.

DIRECTORS PRESENT

Brian Bergstrom, Joe Bilka, Todd Garrelts, Joel Grams, David Grimes, Ed Harris, Rob Hinrichs, Joe Larson, Brad Lundeen, Reed Philips, Larry Reynolds and Jeff Ryan.

OTHERS PRESENT:

John Thorburn, Sasha Hahn, Nate Munter, Jefferson Delegates, Amanda Cline, Tammy Fahrenbruch, Scott Dicke, Cammie Kerner and Carie Lynch.

Respectfully Submitted:

Carie Lynch, Asst. Secretary

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ID	Motion #	Category	Subject	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Motion
	2023-06-20-01	Meeting Administration		9		1	Moved by Lundeen, seconded by Bilka, to excuse Bergstrom and Ryan from the May and June 2023 Board of Directors meeting. Motion carried.
	2023-06-20-02	Meeting Administration		9		1	Moved by Lundeen, seconded by Harris, to approve the minutes for the June 20, 2023 Regular Board of Directors meeting. Motion carried.
	2023-06-20-03	Meeting Administration					Moved by Bilka, seconded by Hinrichs to approve the minutes for the June 26, 2023 Executive Committee meeting. Motion carried unanimously.
	2023-06-20-04	Meeting Administration		11			Moved by Bilka, seconded by Bergstrom, to accept the June 2023 Financial Report, and submit for audit. Motion carried.
	2023-06-20-05	Budget		11			Moved by Reynolds, seconded by Grimes, to approve the Visa and attorney bills. Motion carried.
	2023-06-20-06	Meeting Administration		11			Moved by Harris, seconded by Philips to approve twenty-nine well decommissioning cost-share applications. Motion carried.
	2023-06-20-07	Certification & Transfers		11			Moved by Bilka, seconded by Ryan to approve three groundwater transfer request for Lundeen. Motion carried.
	2023-06-20-08	Building	Armory sign	11			Moved by Bilka, seconded by Grimes to have Brian Bergstrom make a sign for the TBNRD shop. Motion carried.