

MINUTES OF THE TRI-BASIN NRD BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, March 9, 2021, 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, Bradley Lundeen, at 1:30 p.m. Lundeen noted Public Meeting Law is posted in the boardroom.

ROLL CALL

Roll call was taken with twelve directors present: Bergstrom, Bilka, Cavanaugh, Grimes, Harris, Hinrichs, Larson, Philips, Raffety, Reynolds, Ryan and Lundeen. Garrelts 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 February 9, 2021 Board of Directors Meeting and February 23, 2021 Planning Committee Committees. Moved by Bilka, seconded by Raffety, to approve the minutes for the February 9, 2021 Board of Directors meeting. Motion carried.

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Garrelts

Moved by Bergstrom, seconded by Ryan, to approve the minutes for the February 23, 2021 Planning Committee. Motion carried unanimously.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Hinrichs presented the financial report for the month of February 2021 as follows:

Accrual Expenditures for Month	\$80,015.07
Cash Expenditures for Month.....	\$88,024.64
Accrual Revenues for Month.....	\$159,241.27
Cash Revenues for Month.....	\$68,981.00
Bank Balance—February 28, 2021.....	\$98,497.92
Accounts Receivable – February 28, 2021.....	\$98,134.61
Investments – Pinnacle Bank – February 28, 2021.....	\$114,556.83
Building Sinking Fund – February 28, 2021.....	\$185,256.87
Vehicle Sinking Fund – February 28, 2021.....	\$93,550.34
Water Resources Fund – February 28, 2021.....	\$613,973.06
Whiskey Slough IPA Balance – February 28, 2021.....	\$2,030.40
Fort Kearny-West IPA Balance – February 28, 2021.....	\$5,035.08
South Dry Creek IPA Balance – February 28, 2021.....	\$14,426.95
Fort Kearny IPA Balance – February 28, 2021.....	\$8,960.14
Sacramento Creek IPA Balance – February 28, 2021.....	\$6,539.08
North Dry Creek IPA Balance – February 28, 2021.....	\$9,419.18
Water Jamboree – February 28, 2021.....	\$12,002.59
NR MDMA – February 28, 2021.....	\$7,636.23
Odessa IPA – February 28, 2021.....	\$19,306.26

Moved by Larson, seconded by Bilka, to approve the February 2021 Financial Report, and submit for audit. Motion carried.

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Garrelts

SPECIAL BILLS

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

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Garrelts

NRCS REPORT

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

Activity and Progress Report: Kerner reported staff is working on CSP/EQIP.

COST SHARE REPORT

Well Abandonment – Thorburn presented one well decommissioning cost-share application to approve. Moved by Bilka, seconded by Hinrichs, to approve one well decommissioning cost-share application. Motion carried.

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Garrelts

NSWCP & NRD Applications – Thorburn presented five NSWCP cost-share applications to approve. Moved by Bergstrom, seconded by Raffety, to approve five NSWCP cost-share applications. Motion carried.

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Garrelts

WCIP – There were no WCIP applications to approve.

GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT

Groundwater & Certified Acre Transfers - Thorburn presented eight irrigated acre transfers to approve (Charity Field Farms – 4, Joyce Family Farms, Cedar Hill Farms, Stanley Schultz, and Gale Lush.

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Moved by Bilka, seconded by Ryan to approve irrigated acre transfers for Charity Field Farms (4), Joyce Family Farms, Cedar Hill Farms, Stanley Schultz, and Gale Lush. Motion carried.

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Garrelts

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.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

2020 TAPS Competition – Chuck Burr-UNL: Chuck Burr gave a presentation on the 2020 UNL TAPS Competition.

Little Blue Basin Water User Survey: Thorburn presented the revised Little Blue Basin Water User Survey. Three questions were added: Do you plant seed corn, do you gravity irrigate and what townships do you farm. Thorburn explained that he will revise the survey and send it out this week, if the board approves. When all the responses are compiled, a meeting will be held with the Planning Committee and a larger group of Little Blue Basin landowners to discuss the results. Moved by Ryan, seconded by Grimes to approve distribution of the Little Blue Basin Water Use Survey after edits are finalized. Motion carried.

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Garrelts

NARD REPORT

NARD Report: Reynolds reported on the new NARD building. Harris presented a handout on the 30x30 Presidential Executive Order and commented that the NARD and Legislature should be informed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Planning Committee: Thorburn is working on rules and regulations relating to livestock confinements suggested by the Planning Committee that allow landowners flexibility on the number of certified acres needed for conversion to livestock use..

STAFF REPORTS & NECESSARY ACTION

Board Directives to Staff: There were no directives to staff.

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

MONTHLY REPORTS

Republican Basin: Republican Basin NRD's will be holding a meeting to update their management plans on March 10th, 2021.

Platte Basin: Nothing to report.

Sand Creek/Little Blue Basin: Already Discussed.

North Dry Creek: IPA meetings were held.

Odessa IPA: IPA meetings were held.

Sacramento Creek: IPA meetings were held.

Fort Kearny: IPA meetings were held.

Fort Kearny West: IPA meetings were held.

South Dry Creek: IPA meetings were held.

Whiskey Slough: IPA meetings were held.

Middle Lost Creek: Nothing to report.

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: The response to objectors is due March 22, 2021.

CNPPID: Scott Dicke reported Lake McConaughy is at 71% capacity and Elwood Reservoir will be getting water.

NEW BUSINESS

Replace 2014 Ford F-150: Thorburn explained that the 2014 Ford F-150 should have been in the 2020-2021 Budget. There is funding available in the Vehicle Sinking Fund. Thorburn presented bids for a Ford and Dodge. Grimes question the need to replace the pickup based on the mileage. Moved by Reynolds, seconded by Raffety to approve the purchase of the 2021 Ford F-150. Motion carried.

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Garrelts

COMMENTS AND CONCERNS

There were no comments or concerns.

PERSONNEL AND LEGAL MATTERS

There were personnel or legal matters.

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NEXT BOARD MEETING

TBNRD Regular Board Meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 13, 2021, at 7:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:34 p.m.

DIRECTORS PRESENT

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

OTHERS PRESENT

John Thorburn, Sasha Hahn, Pat Nott, Scott Dicke, Nolan Little, Tammy Fahrenbruch, Chuck Burr, Wayne Anderson, Carie Lynch Alex Lush, Drake Johnson, Christy Follett, Stan Schutz, Dale Lush and Cammie Kerner.

Respectfully Submitted:

Carie Lynch, Asst. Secretary

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ID	Motion #	Category	Subject	Aye	Nay	Abstain	
	2021-02-09-01	Meeting Administration		12			Moved by Bilka, seconded by Raffety, to approve the minutes for the February 9, 2021 Board of Directors meeting. Motion carried.
	2021-02-09-02	Meeting Administration		12			Moved by Bergstrom, seconded by Ryan, to approve the minutes for the February 23, 2021 Planning Committee. Motion carried unanimously.
	2021-02-09-03	Meeting Administration		12			Moved by Larson, seconded by Bilka, to approve the February 2021 Financial Report, and submit for audit. Motion carried.
	2021-02-09-04	Budget		12			Moved by Raffety, seconded by Grimes, to approve the VISA, attorney and PRD bills. Motion carried.
	2021-02-09-05	Meeting Administration		12			Moved by Bilka, seconded by Hinrichs, to approve one well decommissioning cost-share application. Motion carried.
	2021-02-09-06	Meeting Administration		12			Moved by Bergstrom, seconded by Raffety, to approve five NSWCP cost-share applications. Motion carried.
	2021-02-09-07	Certification & Transfers	Charity Fields, Joyce, Cedar Hill, Stanley Schultz, Gale Lush	12			Moved by Bilka, seconded by Ryan to approve irrigated acre transfers for Charity Field Farms (4), Joyce Family Farms, Cedar Hill Farms, Stanley Schultz, and Gale Lush. Motion carried.
	2021-02-09-08	River Basins	Little Blue Survey	12			Moved by Ryan, seconded by Grimes to approve distribution of the Little Blue Basin Water Use Survey after edits are finalized. Motion carried.
	2021-02-09-09	Budget	2021 Ford F-150	12			Moved by Reynolds, seconded by Raffety to approve the purchase of the 2021 Ford F-150. Motion carried.