

MINUTES OF THE TRI-BASIN NRD BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, August 10, 2021, 1:30 p.m.
Windmill Event Center

The regular monthly board meeting of the Tri-Basin Natural Resources District (NRD) was called to order by Chairman, Bradley Lundeen, at 2:06 p.m. Lundeen noted Public Meeting Law is posted in the boardroom. Two hearings were opened prior to this meeting: Groundwater Management Rules Hearing and FY 2021-2022 Budget Hearing.

ROLL CALL

Roll call was taken with nine directors present: Bergstrom, Grimes, Harris, Hinrichs, Larson, Raffety, Reynolds, Ryan and Lundeen. Bilka, Cavanaugh, Garrelts and Philips were absent. Notice of the meeting was published in the Holdrege Citizen, Bertrand Herald, 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 13, 2021, Board of Directors Meeting, July 21, 2021, Special Board of Directors Meeting and July 8, 2021, Executive Committee Meeting. Reynolds commented that the reference to the chemigation form should be taken out of the motion to approve the W-9 as a replacement for the Citizenship form because it's redundant. Moved by Reynolds, seconded by Raffety, to approve the minutes for the July 13, 2021 Board of Directors meeting as amended. Motion carried.

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Bilka, Cavanaugh, Garrelts and Philips

Moved by Raffety, seconded by Reynolds, to approve the minutes for the July 21, 2021 Special Board of Directors meeting. Motion carried.

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Bilka, Cavanaugh, Garrelts and Philips

Moved by Hinrichs, seconded by Ryan, to approve the minutes for the July 8, 2021 Executive Committee meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

FINANCIAL REPORT

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

Accrual Expenditures for Month	\$147,643.55
Cash Expenditures for Month.....	\$169,339.62
Accrual Revenues for Month.....	\$21,951.78
Cash Revenues for Month.....	\$22,979.81
Bank Balance—July 31, 2021.....	\$321,836.75
Accounts Receivable – July 31, 2021.....	\$72,810.20
Investments – Pinnacle Bank – July 31, 2021.....	\$114,581.00

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Building Sinking Fund – July 31, 2021-----	\$163,872.99
Vehicle Sinking Fund – July 31, 2021-----	\$110,826.46
Water Resources Fund – July 31, 2021-----	\$424,261.47
Whiskey Slough IPA Balance – July 31, 2021-----	\$3,731.26
Fort Kearny-West IPA Balance – July 31, 2021-----	\$5,338.11
South Dry Creek IPA Balance – July 31, 2021-----	\$4,459.61
Fort Kearny IPA Balance – July 31, 2021-----	\$9,283.61
Sacramento Creek IPA Balance – July 31, 2021-----	\$8,006.16
North Dry Creek IPA Balance – July 31, 2021-----	\$7,547.78
Water Jamboree – July 31, 2021-----	\$9,652.32
NR MDMA – July 31, 2021-----	\$7,636.55
Odessa IPA – July 31, 2021-----	\$19,775.75

Moved by Larson, seconded by Raffety, to accept the July 2021 Financial Report, and submit for audit. Motion carried.

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Bilka, Cavanaugh, Garrelts and Philips

SPECIAL BILLS

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

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Bilka, Cavanaugh, Garrelts and Philips

NRCS REPORT

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

Activity and Progress Report: Kerner reported staff will start assessing CSP renewals and are done writing EQIP contracts.

COST SHARE REPORT

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

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Bilka, Cavanaugh, Garrelts and Philips

NSWCP & NRD Applications – Thorburn presented four NSWCP cost-share applications to approve. Moved by Reynolds, seconded by Grimes, to approve four NSWCP cost-share applications. Motion carried.

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Bilka, Cavanaugh, Garrelts and Philips

GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT

Groundwater, Certified Acre Transfers & WCIP – There were no transfers to approve.

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. There was testimony for the groundwater management rule changes. See the minutes from the hearing.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Approve FY 2021-2022 TBNRD Budget: Moved by Larson, seconded by Grimes, to approve the FY 2021-2022 TBNRD Budget. Motion carried.

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Bilka, Cavanaugh, Garrelts and Philips

Approve Revised TBNRD Rules and Regulations: Moved by Grimes, seconded by Reynolds, to approve the revised Groundwater Management Rules and Regulations except for Section 8.2. Motion carried.

AYE: Grimes, Harris, Hinrichs, Lundeen, Ryan and Reynolds

NAY: Bergstrom, Larson and Raffety

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Bilka, Cavanaugh, Garrelts and Philips

Moved by Grimes, seconded by Ryan, to approve Section 8.2 of the revised Groundwater Management Rules and Regulations. Motion carried.

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

NAY: Grimes

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Bilka, Cavanaugh, Garrelts and Philips

NARD REPORT

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

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: Raffety and Reynolds

ABSENT: Bilka, Cavanaugh, Garrelts and Philips

Propose and Review NARD Fall Conference Resolutions: Moved by Reynolds, seconded by Larson, to amend the 30x30 Resolution and submit for the Fall NARD Conference. Motion carried.

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Bilka, Cavanaugh, Garrelts and Philips

COMMITTEE REPORTS

There were not committee reports.

STAFF REPORTS & NECESSARY ACTION

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

Out-of-State Travel: Thorburn asked for out-of-state travel to go to a meeting in Hoxie, KS on August 25, 2021. Moved by Reynolds, seconded by Grimes, to approve out-of-state travel for Thorburn on August 25, 2021, to Hoxie, KS. Motion carried.

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Bilka, Cavanaugh, Garrelts and Philips

MONTHLY REPORTS

Republican Basin: Republican River Coordinating Meeting will be held August 11, 2021 at TBNRD.

Platte Basin: Nothing to report.

Sand Creek/Little Blue Basin: Annual Progress Meeting will be September 8, 2021, at the Adams Co. Fairgrounds.

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: Board Meeting will be September 21, 2021, at TBNRD.

Platte-Republican Diversion & Republican Basin Augmentation Well: Objector Hearing was held in July.

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CNPPID: Dicke reported the morning glory at Lake McConaughey is being painted, geo synthetic tubes are being tested for shoreline protection, Lake McConaughey is at 63% final irrigation water deliveries are August 29-September 3 and Central District Water Users Meeting will be held at the Roadway Inn on September 7, 2021.

NEW BUSINESS

Schedule a Hearing on FY 2021-2022 Tax Request: Moved by Harris, seconded by Ryan, to hold a hearing for the FY 2021-2022 Budget to set the levy different from the previous year at the September Board Meeting. Motion carried.

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Bilka, Cavanaugh, Garrelts and Philips

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 14, 2021, at 7:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

DIRECTORS PRESENT

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

OTHERS PRESENT

John Thorburn, Sasha Hahn, Scott Dicke, Nolan Little, Nate Munter, Terry Sorensen, Amy Dutton, Charles, Brooks, Rich Holloway, Kevin Smith, Scott Jorgensen, Kevin Raun, Bennett Peters, Ryan Binderup, Brian Petersen, Hamsa Ganapathi, Dale Needham, Wayne Anderson, James Tomsen, Gunnar Tomsen, Tammy Fahrenbruch, Stuart Anderson, Terry Ryan, Bjorn Tomsen, Jennifer Pittner, Cindy Ramsey, Tim Johnson, Lawrence Johnson, Larry Wilcox, Cammie Kerner and Carie Lynch,

Respectfully Submitted:

Carie Lynch, Asst. Secretary

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ID	Motion #	Category	Subject	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Motion
	2021-08-10-01	Meeting Administration		9			Moved by Reynolds, seconded by Raffety, to approve the minutes for the July 13, 2021 Board of Directors meeting as amended. Motion carried.
	2021-08-10-02	Meeting Administration		9			Moved by Raffety, seconded by Reynolds, to approve the minutes for the July 21, 2021 Special Board of Directors meeting Motion carried.
	2021-08-10-03	Budget					Moved by Hinrichs, seconded by Ryan, to approve the minutes for the July 8, 2021 Executive Committee meeting. Motion carried unanimously.
	2021-08-10-04	Meeting Administration		9			Moved by Larson, seconded by Raffety, to accept the July 2021 Financial Report, and submit for audit. Motion carried.
	2021-08-10-05	Budget		9			Moved by Ryan, seconded by Grimes, to approve the VISA, attorney and PRD bills. Motion carried.
	2021-08-10-06	Meeting Administration		9			Moved by Reynolds, seconded by Larson, to approve one well decommissioning cost-share application. Motion carried.
	2021-08-10-07	Meeting Administration		9			Moved by Reynolds, seconded by Grimes, to approve four NSWCP cost-share applications. Motion carried.
	2021-08-10-08	Budget	Approve FY 2021-2022 Budget	9			Moved by Larson, seconded by Grimes, to approve the FY 2021-2022 TBNRD Budget. Motion carried.
	2021-08-10-09	District Plans & Programs	GW MGMT Rules	6	3		Moved by Grimes, seconded by Reynolds, to approve the revised Groundwater Management Rules and Regulations except for Section 8.2. Motion carried.
	2021-08-10-10	District Plans & Programs	GW MGMT Rules	8	1		Moved by Grimes, seconded by Ryan, to approve Section 8.2 of the revised Groundwater Management Rules and Regulations. Motion carried.
	2021-08-10-11	Associations	NARD Delegates	7		2	Moved by Reynolds, seconded by Grimes, to appoint Dave Raffety as delegate and Larry Reynolds as alternate delegate to the NARD Fall Conference. Motion carried.

	2021-08-10-12	Resolutions & Legislation	30x30	9			Moved by Reynolds, seconded by Larson, to amend the 30x30 Resolution and submit for the Fall NARD Conference. Motion carried.
	2021-08-10-13	Personnel	Out-of-State Travel	9			Moved by Reynolds, seconded by Grimes, to approve out-of-state travel for Thorburn on August 25, 2021, to Hoxie, KS. Motion carried.
	2021-08-10-14	Meeting Administration		9			Moved by Harris, seconded by Ryan, to hold a hearing for the FY 2021-2022 Budget to set the levy different from the previous year at the September Board Meeting. Motion carried.