

**MINUTES OF THE TRI-BASIN NRD BOARD MEETING**  
**Tuesday, September 8, 2020, 7:30 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 7:34 p.m. Lundeen noted Public Meeting Law is posted in the boardroom. The FY 2020-2021 Budget Hearing was opened before this meeting was opened.

**ROLL CALL**

Roll call was taken with seven directors present: Bergstrom, Garrelts, Grimes, Harris, Hinrichs, Raffety and Lundeen. Cavanaugh, Bilka, Johnson, Larson, Reynolds, and Ryan were 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 August 11, 2020 Board of Directors Meeting and Budget Hearing and September 1, 2020 Building Committee Meeting. Moved by Bergstrom, seconded by Harris, to approve the minutes for the August 11, 2020 Board of Directors meeting and hearing. Motion carried.

AYE: Bergstrom, Garrelts, Grimes, Harris, Lundeen and Raffety

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: Hinrichs

ABSENT: Bilka, Cavanaugh, Johnson, Larson, Reynolds and Ryan

Moved by Garrelts, seconded by Raffety, to approve the minutes for the September 1, 2020 Building Committee meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

Hinrichs presented the financial report for the month of August 2020 as follows:

Accrual Expenditures for Month -----	\$284,220.63
Cash Expenditures for Month-----	\$292,802.47
Accrual Revenues for Month-----	\$12,748.28
Cash Revenues for Month-----	\$64,937.26
Bank Balance–August 31, 2020-----	\$102,650.90
Accounts Receivable – August 31, 2020-----	\$40,399.92
Investments – Pinnacle Bank – August 31, 2020-----	\$164,514.68
Building Sinking Fund – August 31, 2020-----	\$185,163.52
Vehicle Sinking Fund – August 31, 2020-----	\$93,503.20
Water Resources Fund – August 31, 2020-----	\$613,663.66
Whiskey Slough IPA Balance – August 31, 2020-----	\$574.31
Fort Kearny-West IPA Balance – August 31, 2020-----	\$4,084.91
South Dry Creek IPA Balance – August 31, 2020-----	\$12,743.73
Fort Kearny IPA Balance – August 31, 2020-----	\$8,051.25
Sacramento Creek IPA Balance – August 31, 2020-----	\$3,949.28
North Dry Creek IPA Balance – August 31, 2020-----	\$8,317.90
Water Jamboree – August 31, 2020-----	\$7,914.50
NR MDMA – August 31, 2020-----	\$7,635.33
Odessa IPA – August 31, 2020-----	\$13,768.10

Moved by Raffety, seconded by Grimes, to approve the August 2020 Financial Report, and submit for audit. Motion carried.

AYE: Bergstrom, Garrelts, Grimes, Harris, Hinrichs, Lundeen and Raffety

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Bilka, Cavanaugh, Johnson, Larson, Reynolds and Ryan

#### **SPECIAL BILLS**

Thorburn presented the VISA, attorney and EA Engineering bills for approval. Moved by Bergstrom, seconded by Raffety, to approve the VISA, attorney and EA Engineering bills. Motion carried.

AYE: Bergstrom, Garrelts, Grimes, Harris, Hinrichs, Lundeen and Raffety

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Bilka, Cavanaugh, Johnson, Larson, Reynolds and Ryan

#### **NRCS REPORT**

**FSA Farm Plans:** Kerner presented two farm plans to approve. Moved by Raffety, seconded by Bergstrom, to approve two farm plans. Motion carried.

AYE: Bergstrom, Garrelts, Grimes, Hinrichs, Lundeen and Raffety

NAY: Harris

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Bilka, Cavanaugh, Johnson, Larson, Reynolds and Ryan

**Activity and Progress Report:** Kerner reported staff has been working on CSP and EQIP and explained how each field office is dealing with Covid 19 requirements.

#### **COST SHARE REPORT**

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

**NSWCP & NRD Applications** – Thorburn presented one NSWCP cost-share application for approval. Moved by Garrelts, seconded by Harris, to approve one NSWCP cost-share application. Motion carried.

AYE: Bergstrom, Garrelts, Grimes, Harris, Hinrichs, Lundeen and Raffety

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Bilka, Cavanaugh, Johnson, Larson, Reynolds and Ryan

**WCIP** – There were no WCIP applications to approve.

#### **GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT**

**Groundwater & Certified Acre Transfers** – 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. Terry Sorensen spoke about the recharge structure that the NRD recently constructed on his property.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**2020 Spring Groundwater Levels (Little):** Little presented spring groundwater level data and showed the interaction with weather. No action was taken on Grant and May townships. There was discussion about 2021 crop season. Thorburn explained that action wouldn't affect the 2021 planting season. Sorensen suggested holding a Little Blue stakeholder's meeting.

**Approve FY 2020-21 TBNRD Tax Levy:** Moved by Garrelts, seconded by Grimes, to approve Resolution #2020-1 concerning the FY 2020-2021 Budget Levy at a rate different from the previous. Motion carried.

AYE: Bergstrom, Garrelts, Grimes, Harris, Hinrichs, Lundeen and Raffety

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Bilka, Cavanaugh, Johnson, Larson, Reynolds and Ryan

**Review Revised Water Service Agreement with CNPPID for PRD:** Thorburn reviewed minor changes recommended by NDNR on the PRD water service agreement. Moved by Raffety, seconded by Hinrichs, to approve the revised Water Service Agreement with CNPPID for the Platte Republican Diversion, pending legal review. Motion carried.

AYE: Bergstrom, Garrelts, Grimes, Harris, Hinrichs, Lundeen and Raffety

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Bilka, Cavanaugh, Johnson, Larson, Reynolds and Ryan

### **NARD REPORT**

**NARD Report and Resolutions:** Thorburn explained that the NARD Fall Conference will be limited to NARD Board Members as delegates. There will be one resolution for consideration. Reynolds suggested reviewing expenses related to the conference to consider providing funding relief to NARD for lost revenue. This item will be considered at the October 2020 board meeting.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Building Committee Meeting:** This item will be discussed under a different agenda item.

### **STAFF REPORTS & NECESSARY ACTION**

**Board Directives to Staff:** TBNRD has free radon test kits available.

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

### **MONTHLY REPORTS**

**Republican Basin:** MRNRD, LRNRD and URNRD are meeting with NDNR to discuss compact accounting within the state.

**Platte Basin:** Thorburn reported on the Joint Meeting with CNPPID.

**Sand Creek/Little Blue Basin:** Sorensen talked about the recharge structure earlier in the meeting.

**North Dry Creek:** Staff has been shredding.

**Odessa IPA:** Staff has been shredding.

**Sacramento Creek:** Staff has been shredding.

**Fort Kearny:** Staff has been shredding.

**Fort Kearny West:** Staff has been shredding.

**South Dry Creek:** Staff has been shredding.

**Whiskey Slough:** Staff has been shredding.

**Middle Lost Creek:** Staff has been shredding.

**Lake Seldom:** Nothing to report.

**CoHyst/Platte Basin Coalition:** Nothing to report.

**Rainwater Basin Joint Venture:** RBJV committee is working on property tax incentives for habitat and best management practices.

**Platte-Republican Diversion & Republican Basin Augmentation Well:** The agreement was approved earlier in the meeting.

**CNPPID:** Ford reported Lake McConaughey is at 3239.3 elevation and 61% capacity. Garrelts asked for a recap of WCIP water savings including information from CNPPID.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

**Authorize Armory Roof and Plumbing Repairs:** Thorburn explained the repairs to the roof and Raffety suggested upgrading the roof repair to extend the life of the roof. Moved by Raffety, seconded by Grimes, to accept the Doberstein bid (upgraded) and plumbing repairs. Motion carried.

AYE: Bergstrom, Grimes, Harris, Hinrichs, Lundeen and Raffety

NAY: Garrelts

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Bilka, Cavanaugh, Johnson, Larson, Reynolds and Ryan

**Authorize Sale of 48' Trailer and Pallet Racks:** Moved by Grimes, seconded by Hinrichs, to authorize the sale of a 48-foot trailer and any surplus pallet racks. Motion carried.

AYE: Bergstrom, Grimes, Harris, Hinrichs, Lundeen and Raffety

NAY: Garrelts

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Bilka, Cavanaugh, Johnson, Larson, Reynolds and Ryan

**Long-Term Armory Plan:** There was discussion about an architect and Garrelts suggested sending long-term armory plan to the Building Committee to make a recommendation of whether it should be a shop or shop/office.

#### **PERSONNEL AND LEGAL MATTERS**

Moved by Harris, seconded by Grimes to move to executive session at 9:17 p.m. for the protection of the public to discuss legal matters. Motion carried.

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AYE: Bergstrom, Garrelts, Grimes, Harris, Hinrichs, Lundeen and Raffety  
NAY: None  
ABSTAIN: None  
ABSENT: Bilka, Cavanaugh, Johnson, Larson, Reynolds and Ryan

Moved by Raffety, seconded by Garrelts to move out of executive session at 9:33 p.m. for the protection of the public to discuss legal matters. Motion carried.

AYE: Bergstrom, Garrelts, Grimes, Harris, Hinrichs, Lundeen and Raffety  
NAY: None  
ABSTAIN: None  
ABSENT: Bilka, Cavanaugh, Johnson, Larson, Reynolds and Ryan

#### **COMMENTS AND CONCERNS**

There were no comments or concerns.

#### **NEXT BOARD MEETING**

TBNRD Regular Board Meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 8, 2020, at 7:30 p.m.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:37 p.m.

#### **DIRECTORS PRESENT**

Brian Bergstrom, Todd Garrelts, David Grimes, Ed Harris, Rob Hinrichs, Dave Raffety, and Brad Lundeen

#### **OTHERS PRESENT**

Carie Lynch, John Thorburn, Sasha Hahn, Dave Ford, Nolan Little, Cammie Kerner, Nate Munter, Dale Needham, Mark Johnson, Terry Sorensen, Leonard Johnson.

Respectfully Submitted:

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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	
	2020-09-08-01	Meeting Administration		6			Moved by Bergstrom, seconded by Harris, to approve the minutes for the August 11, 2020 Board of Directors meeting and hearing. Motion carried.
	2020-09-08-02	Meeting Administration					Moved by Garrelts, seconded by Raffety, to approve the minutes for the September 1, 2020 Building Committee meeting. Motion carried unanimously.
	2020-09-08-03	Meeting Administration		7			Moved by Raffety, seconded by Grimes, to approve the August 2020 Financial Report, and submit for audit. Motion carried.
	2020-09-08-04	Budget		7			Moved by Bergstrom, seconded by Raffety, to approve the VISA, attorney and EA Engineering bills. Motion carried.
	2020-09-08-05	Meeting Administration		6	1		Moved by Raffety, seconded by Bergstrom, to approve two farm plans. Motion carried.
	2020-09-08-06	Meeting Administration		7			Moved by Garrelts, seconded by Harris, to approve one NSWCP cost-share application. Motion carried.
	2020-09-08-07	Budget	Resolution	7			Moved by Garrelts, seconded by Grimes, to approve Resolution #2020-1 concerning the FY 2020-2021 Budget Levy at a rate different from the previous. Motion carried.
	2020-09-08-08	Agreements	CNPPID/PR D	7			Moved by Raffety, seconded by Hinrichs, to approve the revised Water Service Agreement with CNPPID for the Platte Republican Diversion, pending legal review. Motion carried.
	2020-09-08-09	Budget	Doberstein Roof	6	1		Moved by Raffety, seconded by Grimes, to accept the Doberstein bid (upgraded) and plumbing repairs. Motion carried.
	2020-09-08-10	Budget	Pallet racks and tree trailer	6	1		Moved by Grimes, seconded by Hinrichs, to authorize the sale of a 48-foot trailer and any surplus pallet racks. Motion carried.
	2020-09-08-11	Meeting Administration		7			Moved by Harris, seconded by Grimes to move to executive session at 9:17 p.m. for the protection of the public to discuss legal matters. Motion carried.

	2020-09-08-12	Meeting Administration		7			Moved by Raffety, seconded by Garrelts to move out of executive session at 9:33 p.m. for the protection of the public to discuss legal matters. Motion carried.
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