

MINUTES OF THE TRI-BASIN NRD BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, November 9, 2021, 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 7:30 p.m. Lundeen noted Public Meeting Law is posted in the boardroom.

ROLL CALL

Roll call was taken with eleven directors present: Bilka, Cavanaugh (zoom), Grimes, Harris, Hinrichs, Larson, Philips, Raffety, Reynolds, Ryan and Lundeen. Bergstrom and Garrelts 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 October 12, 2021, Board of Directors Meeting and October 26, 2021, Special Board Meeting. Moved by Hinrichs, seconded by Philips, to approve the minutes for the October 12, 2021, Board of Directors meeting and October 26, 2021 Special Board of Directors meeting. Motion carried.

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: Bilka, Cavanaugh, Reynolds, Ryan, and Larson

ABSENT: Bergstrom and Garrelts

FINANCIAL REPORT

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

Accrual Expenditures for Month	\$82,181.28
Cash Expenditures for Month.....	\$95,989.45
Accrual Revenues for Month.....	\$1,010,466.78
Cash Revenues for Month.....	\$35,729.88
Bank Balance–October 31, 2021.....	\$304,651.47
Accounts Receivable – October 31, 2021.....	\$1,037,587.11
Investments – Pinnacle Bank – October 31, 2021.....	\$114,592.14
Building Sinking Fund – October 31, 2021.....	\$163,893.64
Vehicle Sinking Fund – October 31, 2021.....	\$110,840.43
Water Resources Fund – October 31, 2021.....	\$424,314.94
Whiskey Slough IPA Balance – October 31, 2021.....	\$5,322.58
Fort Kearny-West IPA Balance – October 31, 2021.....	\$5,765.44
South Dry Creek IPA Balance – October 31, 2021.....	\$5,142.99
Fort Kearny IPA Balance – October 31, 2021.....	\$9,680.68
Sacramento Creek IPA Balance – October 31, 2021.....	\$9,086.51
North Dry Creek IPA Balance – October 31, 2021.....	\$5,892.06
Water Jamboree – October 31, 2021.....	\$8,038.57
NR MDMA – October 31, 2021.....	\$7,636.74
Odessa IPA – October 31, 2021.....	\$20,224.74

Moved by Bilka, seconded by Grimes, to accept the October 2021 Financial Report, and submit for audit. Motion carried.

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: Cavanaugh

ABSENT: Bergstrom and Garrelts

SPECIAL BILLS

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

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: Cavanaugh

ABSENT: Bergstrom and Garrelts

NRCS REPORT

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

Activity and Progress Report: Kerner reported staff has been working on CSP, EQIP, CRP, Training, NSWCP and EQIP. Staff can take appointments for essential business in the office.

COST SHARE REPORT

Well Abandonment – Thorburn presented six well decommissioning cost-share applications to approve. Moved by Ryan, seconded by Harris, to approve six well decommissioning cost-share applications. Motion carried.

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: Cavanaugh

ABSENT: Bergstrom and Garrelts

NSWCP & NRD Applications – Thorburn presented seven NSWCP cost-share applications to approve. Moved by Hinrichs, seconded by Larson to approve seven NSWCP cost-share applications. Motion carried.

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: Cavanaugh

ABSENT: Bergstrom and Garrelts

GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT

Groundwater, Certified Acre Transfers & WCIP – There are no applications 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.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NARD REPORT

NARD: Reynolds asked the board to think about solutions to high nitrate regulation for the future: local vs state-wide, statute change, agriculture monitoring. Reynolds mentioned the UNL study that linked birth defects and high nitrates and the difficulty monitoring actual nitrate application rates. Current regulations lack consequences for over application.

Thorburn reported NARD is offering 50th Anniversary apparel or a commemorative pocketknife. He suggested staff and directors will be allowed a \$75 credit to purchase their choice.

Moved by Reynolds, seconded by Raffety to allow staff and directors to purchase commemorative 50th anniversary merchandise and increase the yearly clothing allowance from \$50 to \$75/person. Motion carried.

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: Cavanaugh

ABSENT: Bergstrom and Garrelts

COMMITTEE REPORTS

STAFF REPORTS & NECESSARY ACTION

Board Directives to Staff: Thorburn and Little have been working on new subdistrict boundaries and will have a map ready for the December board meeting.

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

MONTHLY REPORTS

Republican Basin: Basin-wide planning and annual accounting meeting will be held November 15, 2021, in Cambridge. Thorburn would like to have director(s) attend.

Platte Basin: Nothing to report.

Sand Creek/Little Blue Basin: Nothing to report.

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: Thorburn explained the TIF property tax credit cost-share proposal.

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

CNPPID: Dicke presented handouts (diversions/deliveries/recharge/rainfall). Hinrichs asked for a comparison of deliveries by county. Dicke reported Elwood Reservoir repair is moving forward, J2 hydro maintenance is being done, deliveries were made to Linder wetland for TBNRD, and Central Water User meeting was held.

NEW BUSINESS

Armory Lawn Sprinklers: Thorburn got three estimates for underground sprinklers. Work on the sprinklers will begin as soon as possible to allow grass to be planted in the spring. Moved by Bilka, seconded by Raffety, to approve The Lawn Guy's estimate for underground sprinklers (\$4,000). Motion carried.

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: Cavanaugh

ABSENT: Bergstrom and Garrelts

COMMENTS AND CONCERNS

Thorburn mentioned State Land Judging held at TBNRD. Lundeen commented on the potential effects of inflation on next year's budget.

PERSONNEL AND LEGAL MATTERS

There was no personnel or legal business to discuss.

NEXT BOARD MEETING

TBNRD Regular Board Meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 14, 2021, at 1:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

DIRECTORS PRESENT

Joe Bilka, Mike Cavanaugh (Zoom), David Grimes, Ed Harris, Rob Hinrichs, Joe Larson, Reed Philips, Dave Raffety, Larry Reynolds, Jeff Ryan, and Brad Lundeen

OTHERS PRESENT

John Thorburn, Sasha Hahn, Scott Dicke, Nolan Little (Zoom), Cammie Kerner and Carie Lynch.

Respectfully Submitted:

Carie Lynch, Asst. Secretary

INDEX OF BOARD DECISIONS
TRI-BASIN NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
November 9, 2021

ID	Motion #	Category	Subject	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Motion
	2021-11-09-01	Meeting Administration		6	0	5	Moved by Hinrichs, seconded by Philips, to approve the minutes for the October 12, 2021, Board of Directors meeting and October 26, 2021 Special Board of Directors meeting. Motion carried.
	2021-11-09-02	Meeting Administration		10		1	Moved by Bilka, seconded by Grimes, to accept the October 2021 Financial Report, and submit for audit. Motion carried.
	2021-11-09-03	Budget		10		1	Moved by Larson, seconded by Grimes, to approve the VISA, attorney and PRD bills. Motion carried.
	2021-11-09-04	Meeting Administration		10		1	Moved by Ryan, seconded by Harris, to approve six well decommissioning cost-share applications. Motion carried.
	2021-11-09-05	Meeting Administration		10		1	Moved by Hinrichs, seconded by Larson to approve seven NSWCP cost-share applications. Motion carried.
	2021-11-09-06	Personnel	50 th ann. apparel	10		1	Moved by Reynolds, seconded by Raffety to allow staff and directors to purchase commemorative 50 th anniversary merchandise and increase the yearly clothing allowance from \$50 to \$75/person. Motion carried.
	2021-11-09-07	Budget	Sprinklers	10		1	Moved by Bilka, seconded by Raffety, to approve The Lawn Guy's estimate for underground sprinklers (\$4,000). Motion carried.