

MINUTES OF THE TRI-BASIN NRD SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, December 13, 2022, 10:00 a.m.
Tri-Basin Natural Resources District

The special monthly board meeting of the Tri-Basin Natural Resources District (NRD) was called to order by Chairman, Bradley Lundeen at 10:04 a.m. Lundeen noted Public Meeting Law is posted in the boardroom.

ROLL CALL

Roll call was taken with ten directors present: Bergstrom, Bilka, Garrelts, Grimes, Harris, Hinrichs, Larson, Lundeen, Philips and Reynolds. Ryan arrived at 11:28 a.m. Cavanaugh 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

There were no absences to excuse.

OTHER BUSINESS

The public was given the opportunity to bring other specific business or non-agenda items before the board for comment or discussion. There were no public comments.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Review Master Plan: Thorburn explained that every 10 years the Master Plan needs to be reviewed and submitted to NDNR for approval. Thorburn reviewed proposed changes to the Master Plan. Thorburn explained that graphics, pictures and performance metrics have been added. Thorburn asked directors if their names, as shown, were acceptable. Directors agreed on their names. Harris noted he is from Loomis. Thorburn mentioned an election subdistrict map will be included.

Thorburn reviewed Visions and Goals. Cooperation outside the district such as gaging stations, ice jam control and weather service should be added to Erosion and Flood Control. There was discussion about the regulation of surface water. NRDs can manage surface water but not regulate it. Little's comment to remove "old wells" on page 13 was accepted. IPA maps will be included. Thorburn noted that a vegetation management objective was added. There was discussion about grass drills. Pheasants Forever wants TBNRD to purchase and manage their drills if TBNRD provides manpower for projects. The objective on grass drills section was removed. There was discussion about the Pheasants Forever drill in Minden. Thorburn commented that even though the grass drill section was removed, grass drills can still be provided.

Moved by Bilka, seconded by Garrelts to remove the section of the Master Plan concerning providing grass drills. Motion carried.

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Ryan, Raffety and Cavanaugh

There was discussion about controlling cedars. A section will be added concerning management of cedar trees and other invasive trees and plants on rangeland. "Ample supplies of Good Quality Groundwater" was approved for change in Chapter III. Lundeen suggested adding an objective under pollution that the NRD will collaborate with producers to increase nitrogen efficiency. Bilka suggested a vision or mission to adapt to new and changing technology in a timely fashion.

Metrics: There was discussion about the metrics section. Thorburn explained each of the district's responsibilities would have a measurement to validate progress or maintenance. Lundeen suggested adding a metric for improved nitrogen efficiency.

Reynolds expressed concern about including specific numbers in the Master Plan. He suggested promoting the practices and not the numbers. Hahn suggested just including current numbers and the intention to increase efficiency. Reynolds suggested metrics be available only as a tool for the district and they could be reviewed periodically.

Thorburn will make changes and bring to board for final approval next month.

Review Afternoon Meeting Agenda Items: Thorburn reviewed transfers and the armory fan proposal. Thorburn reviewed the new recharge agreement. He noted that the rate is effective for 15 years. J-2 funding will be transferred to CNPPID. CNPPID will use the funding for diversions and keep a running balance. TBNRD and CPNRD get 25% of offset credit, but TBNRD gets all the recharge benefit. TPNRD is not a partner.

Thorburn reviewed the USGS agreement. This is an agreement for a camera on the Overton gage. The total cost of the Overton Stream Gage Camera is \$22,850. TBNRD will pay \$14,985 over three years starting this budget year. PRRIP will pay half cost of camera (\$4000) and will be billed by TBNRD. The weather station budget will cover most of this year's expense.

Reynolds gave the NARD report. Reynolds reviewed "Nitrates talking Points." Reynolds reported on the Regenerative Ag Conference.

Thorburn reviewed the recent PRD decision. Thorburn is optimistic that a PRD water right is coming. Reynolds suggested talking with objector NPPD (Ed Schrock) about their complaint. The next step is easements.

COMMENTS AND CONCERNS

There were no comments or concerns.

NEXT BOARD MEETING

TBNRD Regular Board Meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 10, 2023 at 1:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:05 p.m.

DIRECTORS PRESENT

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

OTHERS PRESENT

John Thorburn, Scott Dicke, Nolan Little, Sasha Hahn, Nate Munter and Carie Lynch.

Respectfully Submitted:

Carie Lynch, Asst. Secretary

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 TRI-BASIN NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT
 SPECIAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
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ID	Motion #	Category	Subject	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Motion
	2022-12-13-01-A	District Plans & Programs	Grass Drill	10			<u>Moved by Bilka, seconded by Garrelts to remove the section of the Master Plan concerning providing grass drills. Motion carried.</u>