

**MINUTES OF THE TRI-BASIN NRD BOARD MEETING**  
**Thursday, June 12, 1:30 p.m.**  
**Tri-Basin Natural Resources District**  
**1723 Burlington, Holdrege, NE**

The regular monthly board meeting of the Tri-Basin Natural Resources District (NRD) was called to order by Chairman, Todd Garrelts at 1:30 p.m. Garrelts noted Public Meeting Law was posted in the meeting room.

**ROLL CALL**

Roll call was taken with directors present: Bergstrom, Bilka, Garrelts, Grams, Grimes, Harris, Hinrichs, Larson, Lundeen, Reynolds and Ryan  
Notice of the meeting was published in the Holdrege Citizen, Valley Voice and Minden Courier and announced on radio station KRVN, Lexington.

**EXCUSED ABSENCES**

No absences to excuse

**MEETING AGENDA**

Moved by Grimes, seconded by Bergstrom to accept the meeting agenda for the June 12, 2025 Board Meeting. Motion carried

AYE: Bergstrom, Bilka, Garrelts, Grams, Grimes, Harris, Hinrichs, Larson, Lundeen, Reynolds, Ryan  
NAY:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Philips, Raffety

**MINUTES**

Thorburn presented the minutes of May 21, 2025, Board of Directors meeting.

Moved by Reynolds seconded by Bilka, to approve the minutes for the May 21, 2025, Regular Board of Directors meeting. Motion carried.

AYE: Bergstrom, Bilka, Garrelts, Grams, Grimes, Harris, Hinrichs, Larson, Lundeen, Reynolds, Ryan  
NAY:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Philips, Raffety

Thorburn presented the minutes of June 2, 2025 Planning Committee Meeting.

Moved by Hinrichs, seconded by Larson, to approve the minutes for the June 2, 2025 Planning committee meeting. Motion carried.

AYE: Bergstrom, Bilka, Garrelts, Grams, Grimes, Harris, Hinrichs, Larson, Lundeen, Reynolds, Ryan  
NAY:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Philips, Raffety

**FINANCIAL REPORT:**

Ryan presented the financial report for the month of May 2025 as follows:

Accrual Expenditures for Month -----	\$139,798.32
Accrual Revenues for Month-----	\$570,808.75
Actual Expenditures for Month -----	\$154,827.05
Actual Revenues for Month-----	\$574,716.96
Main Checking- May 31, 2025-----	\$700,317.75
Accounts Receivable – May 31, 2025-----	\$497,846.22
CD/Sinking Funds – Bruning Bank – May 31, 2025-----	\$161,966.21
Building Sinking Fund – May 31, 2025-----	\$3,924.69
Vehicle Sinking Fund – May 31, 2025-----	\$55,906.02

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Water Resources Fund – May 31, 2025-----	\$10,091.21
Whiskey Slough IPA Balance – May 31, 2025-----	\$5,222.68
Fort Kearny-West IPA Balance – May 31, 2025-----	\$12,252.42
South Dry Creek IPA Balance – May 31, 2025-----	\$10,027.54
Fort Kearny IPA Balance – May 31, 2025-----	\$10,739.40
Sacramento Creek IPA Balance – May 31, 2025-----	\$3,662.00
North Dry Creek IPA Balance – May 31, 2025-----	\$9,304.72
Water Jamboree – May 31, 2025-----	\$7,419.55
Odessa IPA – May 31, 2025-----	\$20,643.47
Sacramento Creek IPA Loan Balance – May 31, 2025-----	\$1,554.81

Moved by Bilka, seconded by Reynolds, to , to accept the May 2025 Financial Report, and submit for audit. Motion carried.

AYE: Bergstrom, Bilka, Garrelts, Grams, Grimes, Harris, Hinrichs, Larson, Lundeen, Reynolds, Ryan  
NAY:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Philips, Raffety

### SPECIAL BILLS

Thorburn presented the VISA and attorney bills for approval.

Moved by Bilka, seconded by Grams, to approve the Visa and attorney bills. Motion carried.

AYE: Bergstrom, Bilka, Garrelts, Grams, Grimes, Harris, Hinrichs, Larson, Lundeen, Reynolds, Ryan  
NAY:

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### NRCS REPORT

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

**Activity and Progress Report:** Levi Adam filled in for Cammie Kerner and reported that they were focused on CSP. We have 52 active CSP contracts across the district. They have additional funds for that, so that's why they are focused on that right now. They are not funding anything right now related to the inflation reduction act. FSA status reviews are wrapping up.

### COST SHARE REPORT

**Well Decommissioning** – Thorburn presented two Well Decommissioning cost-share applications for approval.

Moved by Larson, seconded by Bilka, to approve two Well Decommissioning cost-share applications for approval. Motion carried.

AYE: Bergstrom, Bilka, Garrelts, Grams, Grimes, Harris, Hinrichs, Larson, Lundeen, Reynolds, Ryan  
NAY:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Philips, Raffety

**NSWCP & NRD Applications** – Thorburn presented two flowmeter cost-share applications for approval.

Moved by Ryan, seconded by Grimes, to approve two flowmeter cost-share applications. Motion carried.

AYE: Bergstrom, Bilka, Garrelts, Grams, Grimes, Harris, Hinrichs, Larson, Lundeen, Reynolds, Ryan  
NAY:

ABSTAIN:

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ABSENT: Philips, Raffety

**GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT**

Nothing to report

**Educational Land Leases** – There were no Educational Lands and Funds applications for approval.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

The public was given the opportunity to bring other specific business or non-agenda items before the board for comment or discussion.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Little reported on the 2025 spring groundwater levels.

**NARD REPORT**

**NARD Report:** Reynolds reported that the NARD's Annual Basin Tour was June 9 & 10<sup>th</sup> at the Niobrara Basin. Insurance is staying steady.

Thorburn introduced summer interns Ashley Wacker and Kendra Podbbregar.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

The Planning Committee met and looked at some proposed rule changes, mainly in Section 8, on our groundwater quantity management section. Focused more on industrial use. Blankenau recommended adding clarification and specifications to Tri-Basin's Groundwater Management Rules and Regulations. The committee recommended making the changes. Reynolds requested to bring to the board for review.

Moved by Reynolds, seconded by Lundeen, to take the committee recommendation to the full board on a work session. Motion approved.

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

NAY:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Philips, Raffety

Executive Committee will meet July 8th at 9 am.

**STAFF REPORTS & NECESSARY ACTION**

Nothing to report

**MONTHLY REPORTS**

**Republican Basin:** Nothing to report.

**Platte Basin:** Platte River Governance Committee Meeting, WY June 18

**Sand Creek/Little Blue Basin:** LB Allocation of 65" over 5 years begins in 2025

**North Dry Creek:** Interns spraying

**Odessa IPA:** Interns spraying

**Sacramento Creek:** Interns spraying

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**Fort Kearny:** Interns spraying

**Fort Kearny West:** Interns spraying

**South Dry Creek:** Interns spraying

**Whiskey Slough:** Interns spraying

**Middle Lost Creek:** Nothing to report.

**Lake Seldom:** Nothing to report.

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

**Rainwater Basin Joint Venture:** Planning a Legislative tour on August 13th

**Platte-Republican Diversion & Republican Basin Augmentation Well:** NE G&P sent a letter to NeDNR regarding the management of Asian Carp.

**CNPPID Report:** – Lake McConaughy is at 56%. They released EA water and water for seed suppression but had excess flows due to rains and put water in Elwood, Johnson and Linder. CNPPID is reviewing infrastructure and looking at where to find funding resources. TBNRD Executive Committee attended the CNPPID Meeting in North Platte.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Nothing to report

**COMMENTS AND CONCERNS**

Nothing to report

**PERSONNEL AND LEGAL MATTERS**

There were no personnel or legal issues.

**NEXT BOARD MEETING**

TBNRD Regular Board Meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 16, 2025, at 1:30 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:52 p.m.

**DIRECTORS PRESENT**

Bergstrom, Bilka, Garrelts, Grams, Grimes, Harris, Hinrichs, Larson, Lundeen, Reynolds, Ryan

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

John Thorburn, Sasha Hahn, Scott Dicke, Levi Adam, Tammy Fahrenbruch, Lisa Schroeder, Ashley Wacker, Kendra Podbergar, Nolan Little and Nicole Simeon

Respectfully Submitted:

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Nicole Simeon, 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	Motion
	2025-06-12-01	Meeting Administration		11			Moved by Grimes, seconded by Bergstrom to accept the meeting agenda for the June 12, 2025 Board Meeting. Motion carried
	2025-06-12-02	Meeting Administration		11			Moved by Reynolds seconded by Bilka, to approve the minutes for the May 21, 2025, Regular Board of Directors meeting. Motion carried.
	2025-06-12-03	Meeting Administration		11			Moved by Hinrichs, seconded by Larson, to approve the minutes for the June 2, 2025 Planning committee meeting. Motion carried.
	2025-06-12-04	Budget		11			Moved by Bilka, seconded by Reynolds, to , to accept the May 2025 Financial Report, and submit for audit. Motion carried.
	2025-06-12-05	Meeting Administration		11			Moved by Bilka, seconded by Grams, to approve the Visa and attorney bills. Motion carried.
	2025-06-12-06	District Plan & Programs		11			Moved by Larson, seconded by Bilka, to approve two Well Decommissioning cost-share applications for approval. Motion carried.
	2025-06-12-07	District Plan & Programs		11			Moved by Ryan, seconded by Grimes, to approve two flowmeter cost-share applications. Motion carried.
	2025-06-12-08	Meeting Administration		11			Moved by Reynolds, seconded by Lundeen, to take the committee recommendation to the full board on a work session. Motion approved.

