

MINUTES OF THE TRI-BASIN NRD BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, September 13, 2022, 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 7:31 p.m. Lundeen noted Public Meeting Law is posted in the boardroom.

ROLL CALL

Roll call was taken with nine directors present: Bergstrom, Bilka, Grimes, Hinrichs, Larson, Lundeen, Philips, and Reynolds and Ryan. Cavanaugh, Raffety, Harris and Larson were absent. Notice of the meeting was published in the Holdrege Citizen, Elwood Bulletin and Minden Courier and announced on radio station KRVN, Lexington.

EXCUSE ABSENCES

Moved by Bilka, seconded by Hinrichs, to excuse Garrelts from the July and August 2022 Board Meetings. Motion carried

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: Garrelts

ABSENT: Raffety, Harris, Larson and Cavanaugh

MINUTES

Thorburn presented the minutes of the August 9, 2022, Board of Directors Meeting and Budget Hearing and August 24, 2022, and Planning Committee Meeting. Moved by Grimes, seconded by Philips, to approve the minutes for the August 9, 2022, Board of Directors meeting and Budget Hearing. Motion carried

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: Garrelts

ABSENT: Raffety, Harris, Larson and Cavanaugh

Moved by Ryan, seconded by Bergstrom, to approve August 24, 2022 Planning Committee minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Hinrichs presented the financial report for the month of August 2022 as follows:

Accrual Expenditures for Month -----	\$177,933.64
Accrual Revenues for Month-----	\$7,398.68
Actual Expenditures for Month -----	\$319,605.78
Actual Revenues for Month-----	\$37,181.87
Bank Balance—June 30, 2022-----	\$433,382.31
Accounts Receivable – August 30, 2022-----	\$9,762.37
Investments – Pinnacle Bank – August 30, 2022-----	\$114,598.84
Building Sinking Fund – August 30, 2022-----	\$169,459.77
Vehicle Sinking Fund – August 30, 2022-----	\$71,657.82
Water Resources Fund – August 30, 2022-----	\$443,822.36
Whiskey Slough IPA Balance – August 30, 2022-----	\$10,334.59
Fort Kearny-West IPA Balance – August 30, 2022-----	\$7,073.55
South Dry Creek IPA Balance – August 30, 2022-----	\$5,697.20
Fort Kearny IPA Balance – August 30, 2022-----	\$10,462.92
Sacramento Creek IPA Balance – August 30, 2022-----	\$998.20

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North Dry Creek IPA Balance – August 30, 2022-----	\$6,355.07
Water Jamboree – August 30, 2022-----	\$10,815.88
NRRMDA – August 30, 2022-----	\$7,637.30
Odessa IPA – August 30, 2022-----	\$20,090.68

Moved by Bilka, seconded by Grimes, to accept the August 2022 Financial Report, and submit for audit. Motion carried.

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Raffety, Harris, Larson and Cavanaugh

SPECIAL BILLS

Thorburn presented the attorney and VISA bills for approval. It was determined that any JEO (Hazard Mitigation billing) did not need board approval. Moved by Garrelts, seconded by Bilka, to approve the attorney and Visa bills. Motion carried.

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Raffety, Harris, Larson and Cavanaugh

NRCS REPORT

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

Activity and Progress Report: Cammie Kerner reported eighteen new CStwP contracts and 47 new EQIP contracts. Garrelts asked for CSP application history.

COST SHARE REPORT

Well Abandonment – Thorburn presented two well decommissioning cost-share applications for approval. Moved by Bilka, seconded by Garrelts to approve two well decommissioning Cost-Share applications. Motion carried.

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Raffety, Harris, Larson and Cavanaugh

NSWCP & NRD Applications – Thorburn presented two NSWCP cost-share and one TBNRD amendment to approve. Moved by Bergstrom, seconded by Bilka to approve two NSWCP cost-share applications and one TBNRD cost-share amendment. Motion carried.

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Raffety, Harris, Larson and Cavanaugh

GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT

Groundwater, Certified Acre Transfers & WCIP – Thorburn presented three certified acre corrections (Dahlgren’s, Inc., Phyllis Vandell and James B. Lueking Trust) from the county assessor. No approval is required for these corrections. Affected landowners can appeal the corrections if they can prove that land was irrigated at least one year from 1997-2004 and three of the past five years.

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 or discussion. There were no public comments.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Set Allocation for Union Township (Gosper County) for 2023-2027: Thorburn presented water level data for Union Township. Hinrichs expressed concern about changing the allocation and the affect on the Platte Republican Diversion Project Diversion Project. Moved by Garrelts, seconded by Grimes, to table changing the Groundwater Management allocation for Phase III in Union Township (15” allocation over 5 years with 9” carry-over) until the October 2022 board meeting. Motion carried.

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Raffety, Harris, Larson and Cavanaugh

Resolution Setting Property Tax Request: This item will be addressed after the hearing is closed.

NARD REPORT

NARD Conference Sept. 26-27, 2022: Thorburn mentioned the NARD Fall Conference will be held September 26-27, 2022, in Kearney. The TBNRD Resolution will be considered.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Planning Committee Meeting: Thorburn reviewed the Planning Committee recommendations. There will be a special board meeting this fall to discuss the Master Plan.

STAFF REPORTS & NECESSARY ACTION

Board Directives to Staff: Two Rivers Public Health will be providing flu shots and covid boosters at TBNRD on October 12th, 2022, at 8 a.m.

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

MONTHLY REPORTS

Republican Basin: Thorburn reported the PRD hired a new attorney. LRNRD held hearings on watershed plans.

Platte Basin: Nothing to report.

Sand Creek/Little Blue Basin: Stakeholders meeting is September 15, 2022.

North Dry Creek: Staff has been shredding weeds.

Odessa IPA: Staff has been shredding weeds.

Sacramento Creek: Staff has been shredding weeds.

Fort Kearny: Staff has been shredding weeds.

Fort Kearny West: Staff has been shredding weeds.

South Dry Creek: Staff has been shredding weeds.

Whiskey Slough: Staff has been shredding weeds.

Middle Lost Creek: Staff has been shredding weeds.

Lake Seldom: Nothing to report.

CoHyst/Platte Basin Coalition: Nothing to report.

Rainwater Basin Joint Venture: RBJV meets September 29, 2022.

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

CNPPID: Dusty Way reported Lake McConaughy is at 3218.1 elevation and 37% of capacity. Lundeen asked for a summary of total of water delivered this season for the next board meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Resolution Setting Property Tax Request: Thorburn presented a Resolution to set the final tax request for FY 2022-2023. Moved by Grimes, seconded by Ryan, to adopt a Resolution to Set the Final Tax Request for FY 2022-2023. Motion carried.

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Raffety, Harris, Larson and Cavanaugh

NEW BUSINESS

COMMENTS AND CONCERNS

There were no comments or concerns.

PERSONNEL AND LEGAL MATTERS

Moved by Bilka, seconded by Hinrichs to move to Executive Session to discuss legal matters relating to the for the protection of the public at 8:44 p.m. Motion carried.

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Raffety, Harris, Larson and Cavanaugh

Moved by Bilka, seconded by Garrelts to move out of the Executive Session to discuss legal matters for the protection of the public at 9:07 p.m. Motion carried.

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Raffety, Harris, Larson and Cavanaugh

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NEXT BOARD MEETING

TBNRD Regular Board Meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 11, 2022, at 7:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:07 p.m.

DIRECTORS PRESENT

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

OTHERS PRESENT

John Thorburn, Dusty Way, Nate Munter, Cammie Kerner, Sasha Hahn, and Carie Lynch.

Respectfully Submitted:

Carie Lynch, Asst. Secretary

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ID	Motion #	Category	Subject	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Motion
	2022-09-13-01	Meeting Administration		8		1	Moved by Bilka, seconded by Hinrichs, to excuse Garrelts from the July and August 2022 Board Meetings. Motion carried.
	2022-09-13-02	Meeting Administration		8		1	Moved by Grimes, seconded by Philips, to approve the minutes for the August 9, 2022, Board of Directors meeting and Budget Hearing. Motion carried.
	2022-09-13-03	Meeting Administration					Moved by Ryan, seconded by Bergstrom, to approve August 24, 2022 Planning Committee minutes. Motion carried unanimously.
	2022-09-13-04	Meeting Administration		9			Moved by Bilka, seconded by Grimes, to accept the August 2022 Financial Report, and submit for audit. Motion carried.
	2022-09-13-05	Budget		9			Moved by Garrelts, seconded by Bilka, to approve the attorney and Visa bills. Motion carried.
	2022-09-13-06	Meeting Administration		9			Moved by Bilka, seconded by Garrelts to approve two well decommissioning Cost-Share applications. Motion carried.
	2022-09-13-07	Meeting Administration		9			Moved by Bergstrom, seconded by Bilka to approve two NSWCP cost-share applications and one TBNRD cost-share amendment. Motion carried.
	2022-09-13-08	District Plans & Programs	GW Mgmt Phase III	9			Moved by Garrelts, seconded by Grimes, to table changing the Groundwater Management allocation for Phase III in Union Township (15" allocation over 5 years with 9" carry-over) until the October 2022 board meeting. Motion carried.
	2022-09-13-09	Budget		9			Moved by Grimes, seconded by Ryan, to adopt a Resolution to Set the Final Tax Request for FY 2022-2023. Motion carried.
	2022-09-13-10	Meeting Administration		9			Moved by Bilka, seconded by Hinrichs to move to Executive Session to discuss legal matters relating to the for the protection of the public at 8:44 p.m. Motion carried.
	2022-09-13-11	Meeting Administration		9			Moved by Bilka, seconded by Garrelts to move out of the Executive Session to

							discuss legal matters for the protection of the public at 9:07 p.m. Motion carried.
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