

MINUTES OF THE TRI-BASIN NRD BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, October 11, 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, Cavanaugh, Grimes, Hinrichs, Lundeen, Philips, and Reynolds, Raffety and Ryan. Garrelts, Bilka, 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 Hinrichs, seconded by Grimes, to excuse Mike Cavanaugh from April through September 2022 board meetings. Motion carried

AYE: Bergstrom, Cavanaugh, Grimes, Hinrichs, Lundeen, Philips, Raffety, Ryan and Reynolds

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Harris, Garrelts, Bilka and Larson

MINUTES

Thorburn presented the minutes of the September 13, 2022, Board of Directors Meeting and Budget Hearing. Moved by Grimes, seconded by Philips, to approve the minutes for the September 13, 2022, Board of Directors meeting and Budget Hearing. Motion carried

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: Cavanaugh and Raffety

ABSENT: Harris, Garrelts, Bilka and Larson

FINANCIAL REPORT

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

Accrual Expenditures for Month	\$291,375.24
Accrual Revenues for Month.....	\$307,646.88
Actual Expenditures for Month	\$260,166.04
Actual Revenues for Month.....	\$234,642.34
Bank Balance–September 30, 2022.....	\$291,482.15
Accounts Receivable – September 30, 2022.....	\$76,201.45
Investments – Pinnacle Bank – September 30, 2022.....	\$114,598.84
Building Sinking Fund – September 30, 2022.....	\$169,483.45
Vehicle Sinking Fund – September 30, 2022.....	\$71,667.83
Water Resources Fund – September 30, 2022.....	\$443,884.37
Whiskey Slough IPA Balance – September 30, 2022.....	\$11,809.70
Fort Kearny-West IPA Balance – September 30, 2022.....	\$7,378.47
South Dry Creek IPA Balance – September 30, 2022.....	\$6,086.09
Fort Kearny IPA Balance – September 30, 2022.....	\$10,799.50
Sacramento Creek IPA Balance – September 30, 2022.....	\$1,776.65
North Dry Creek IPA Balance – September 30, 2022.....	\$6,452.83
Water Jamboree – September 30, 2022.....	\$10,836.08
NRMDA – September 30, 2022.....	\$7,637.43
Odessa IPA – September 30, 2022.....	\$20,091.19

Moved by Raffety, seconded by Bergstrom, to accept the September 2022 Financial Report, and submit for audit. Motion carried.

AYE: Bergstrom, Cavanaugh, Grimes, Hinrichs, Lundeen, Philips, Raffety, Ryan and Reynolds

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Harris, Garrelts, Bilka and Larson

SPECIAL BILLS

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

AYE: Bergstrom, Cavanaugh, Grimes, Hinrichs, Lundeen, Philips, Raffety, Ryan and Reynolds

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Harris, Garrelts, Bilka and Larson

NRCS REPORT

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

Activity and Progress Report: Cammie Kerner gave a history of approved CSP and EQIP contracts. Kerner updated the board on staffing changes.

Program	Contracts	Acres	Dollars
CSP since 2002 Farm Bill	765	766,652	\$72,032,625
EQIP since 1996 Farm Bill	1096	243,746	\$21,043,463
Total EQIP & CSP since 1996 Farm Bill	1861	1,010,398	\$93,076,088

COST SHARE REPORT

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

AYE: Bergstrom, Cavanaugh, Grimes, Hinrichs, Lundeen, Philips, Raffety, Ryan and Reynolds

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Harris, Garrelts, Bilka and Larson

NSWCP & NRD Applications – Thorburn presented one NSWCP cost-share to approve. Moved by Reynolds, seconded by Grimes to approve one NSWCP cost-share applications. Motion carried.

AYE: Bergstrom, Cavanaugh, Grimes, Hinrichs, Lundeen, Philips, Raffety, Ryan and Reynolds

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Harris, Garrelts, Bilka and Larson

GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT

Groundwater, Certified Acre Transfers & WCIP – Thorburn presented two irrigated acre transfer requests for Dave Dahlgren. Dave Dahlgren was present to answer questions. Moved by Raffety, seconded by Reynolds to approve two irrigated acre transfer requests for Dave Dahlgren and Dahlgren, Inc. Motion carried.

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

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): Thorburn reviewed feedback he received from landowners. The board decided to leave the policy as it is: a three-year allocation with a beginning nine inch carryover.

IPA Maintenance Work (Munter): Nate Munter reviewed work done on the IPAs.

Reviewed Groundwater Management Triggers and Credits: Thorburn reviewed groundwater triggers and credits. Lundeen asked for a running total of Platte Basin excess flows. Reynolds suggested Dr. Dean Eisenhauer make a presentation to the board.

NARD REPORT

NARD Report: Reynolds commented that the resolution failed but there was good discussion.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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. Thorburn mentioned that he hired Dana Christensen as the new water technician and a Regenerative Ag Conference is planned for November 18, 2022. TBNRD could sponsor the event.

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

MONTHLY REPORTS

Republican Basin: Annual meeting and IMP meeting will be held November 15, 2022 in Cambridge at 10 a.m.

Platte Basin: PBC meeting was held.

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

North Dry Creek: This item was discussed under another agenda item.

Odessa IPA: This item was discussed under another agenda item.

Sacramento Creek: This item was discussed under another agenda item.

Fort Kearny: This item was discussed under another agenda item.

Fort Kearny West: This item was discussed under another agenda item.

South Dry Creek: This item was discussed under another agenda item.

Whiskey Slough: This item was discussed under another agenda item.

Middle Lost Creek: This item was discussed under another agenda item.

Lake Seldom: Nothing to report.

CoHyst/Platte Basin Coalition: Nothing to report.

Rainwater Basin Joint Venture: RBJV meeting was held September 29, 2022.

Platte-Republican Diversion & Republican Basin Augmentation Well: Attorney was hired for PRD.

CNPPID: Scott Dicke reported Lake McConaughy is at 37.6% of capacity. Public informational meetings will be held on the merger. Dave Dahlgren commented on the merger.

NEW BUSINESS

COMMENTS AND CONCERNS

There were no comments or concerns.

PERSONNEL AND LEGAL MATTERS

Moved by Grimes, seconded by Hinrichs to move to Executive Session to discuss legal matters relating to the for the protection of the public at 8:42 p.m. Motion carried.

AYE: Bergstrom, Cavanaugh, Grimes, Hinrichs, Lundeen, Philips, Raffety, Ryan and Reynolds

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Harris, Garrelts, Bilka and Larson

Moved by Raffety, seconded by Bergstrom to move out of the Executive Session to discuss legal matters for the protection of the public at 9:02 p.m. Motion carried.

AYE: Bergstrom, Cavanaugh, Grimes, Hinrichs, Lundeen, Philips, Raffety, Ryan and Reynolds

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Harris, Garrelts, Bilka and Larson

NEXT BOARD MEETING

TBNRD Regular Board Meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 8, 2022, at 7:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

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

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DIRECTORS PRESENT

Brian Bergstrom, Mike Cavanaugh, David Grimes, Rob Hinrichs, Brad Lundeen, Reed Philips, Jeff Ryan, Dave Raffety and Larry Reynolds.

OTHERS PRESENT

John Thorburn, Dave Dahlgren, Scott Dicke, Nate Munter, Nolan Little, Tammy Fahrenbruch, 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
	2022-10-11-01	Meeting Administration		9			Moved by Hinrichs, seconded by Grimes, to excuse Mike Cavanaugh from April through September 2022 board meetings. Motion carried.
	2022-10-11-02	Meeting Administration		7		2	Moved by Grimes, seconded by Philips, to approve the minutes for the September 13, 2022, Board of Directors meeting and Budget Hearing. Motion carried.
	2022-10-11-03	Meeting Administration		9		0	Moved by Raffety, seconded by Bergstrom, to accept the September 2022 Financial Report, and submit for audit. Motion carried.
	2022-10-11-04	Budget		9			Moved by Bergstrom, seconded by Grimes, to approve the attorney and Visa bills. Motion carried.
	2022-10-11-05	Meeting Administration		9			Moved by Grimes, seconded by Philips to approve three well decommissioning Cost-Share applications. Motion carried.
	2022-10-11-06	Meeting Administration		9			Moved by Reynolds, seconded by Grimes to approve one NSWCP cost-share applications. Motion carried.
	2022-10-11-07	Certification & Transfers	Dahlgren	9			Moved by Raffety, seconded by Reynolds to approve two irrigated acre transfer requests for Dave Dahlgren and Dahlgren, Inc. Motion carried.
	2022-10-11-08	Meeting Administration		9			Moved by Grimes, seconded by Hinrichs to move to Executive Session to discuss legal matters relating to the for the protection of the public at 8:42 p.m. Motion carried.
	2022-10-11-09	Meeting Administration		9			Moved by Raffety, seconded by Bergstrom to move out of the Executive Session to discuss legal matters for the protection of the public at 9:02 p.m. Motion carried.