

**MINUTES OF THE TRI-BASIN NRD BOARD MEETING**  
**Tuesday, June 3, 2021, 1:30 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 1:30 p.m. Lundeen noted Public Meeting Law is posted in the boardroom.

**ROLL CALL**

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

**EXCUSE ABSENCES**

There were no absences to excuse.

**MINUTES**

Thorburn presented the minutes of the May 11, 2021 Board of Directors Meeting. Lynch noted there was an error in the minutes that listed the incorrect time for the next board meeting. Moved by Bilka, seconded by Garrelts, to approve the minutes for the May 11, 2021 Board of Directors meeting as amended. Motion carried.

AYE: Bilka, Garrelts, Grimes, Harris, Hinrichs, Lundeen, Raffety and Reynolds

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: Larson and Philips

ABSENT: Bergstrom, Ryan, and Cavanaugh

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

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

Accrual Expenditures for Month -----	\$227,856.64
Cash Expenditures for Month-----	\$229,901.82
Accrual Revenues for Month-----	\$533,078.32
Cash Revenues for Month-----	\$196,687.88
Bank Balance–May 31, 2021-----	\$373,005.54
Accounts Receivable – May 31, 2021-----	\$132,862.00
Investments – Pinnacle Bank – May 31, 2021-----	\$114,571.11
Building Sinking Fund – May 31, 2021-----	\$163,850.98
Vehicle Sinking Fund – May 31, 2021-----	\$110,813.87
Water Resources Fund – May 31, 2021-----	\$424,194.55
Whiskey Slough IPA Balance – May 31, 2021-----	\$3,425.59
Fort Kearny-West IPA Balance – May 31, 2021-----	\$5,397.46
South Dry Creek IPA Balance – May 31, 2021-----	\$8,145.43
Fort Kearny IPA Balance – May 31, 2021-----	\$9,344.28
Sacramento Creek IPA Balance – May 31, 2021-----	\$7,830.05
North Dry Creek IPA Balance – May 31, 2021-----	\$8,543.29
Water Jamboree – May 31, 2021-----	\$9,962.03
NR MDMA – May 31, 2021-----	\$7,636.42
Odessa IPA – May 31, 2021-----	\$19,583.24

Moved by Bilka, seconded by Larson, to approve the May 2021 Financial Report, and submit for audit. Motion carried.

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Bergstrom, Ryan, and Cavanaugh

#### **SPECIAL BILLS**

Thorburn presented the VISA and PRD bills for approval. Moved by Garrelts, seconded by Harris, to approve the VISA and PRD bills. Motion carried.

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Bergstrom, Ryan, and Cavanaugh

#### **NRCS REPORT**

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

**Activity and Progress Report:** There was no activity/progress report.

#### **COST SHARE REPORT**

**Well Abandonment** – Thorburn presented one well decommissioning cost-share application to approve. Moved by Raffety, seconded by Grimes, to approve one well decommissioning cost-share application. Motion carried.

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Bergstrom, Ryan, and Cavanaugh

**NSWCP & NRD Applications** – There were no NSWCP or TBNRD cost-share applications to approve.

#### **GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT**

**Groundwater, Certified Acre Transfers & WCIP** – There were no transfers 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. Terry Sorensen thanked the board for continued support.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**Aquifer Geology & Well Drilling (Downey):** Tom Downey (Downey Drilling) presented information about aquifer geology and saturated thickness. There was discussion about saturated thickness and eastern Kearney County.

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**Elwood Reservoir Improvements (Dicke):** Scott Dicke gave a presentation about the Elwood E-65 Siphon Complex which will mitigate drought and protect against system failure. Dicke asked for a letter of support from TBNRD. Reynolds asked for assurance that pumping rates for diversions wouldn't change. Dicke explained that the Agreement between TBNRD and CNPPID will expire about the same time the project is completed. Moved by Garrelts, seconded by Bilka send a letter to the Water Sustainability Task Force in support of the E-65 Siphon Complex Grant. Motion carried.

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Bergstrom, Ryan, and Cavanaugh

**Tree Planting Program Report (Munter):** Munter reported on the 2021 Tree Planting Season. Plantings increased from the previous year and Arbor Day was successful with 750 trees and shrubs distributed.

**NARD REPORT**

**NARD Report:** Reynolds reported that health and dental insurance rates are going up five percent this FY year.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Set Committee Meeting Dates (Planning, Executive and Projects & Construction):** The board decided to hold a special board meeting on June 15, 2021, starting at 9am for the Planning Committee, 11 am for the Building Committee and 1 pm for the Projects and Construction Committee. Lunch will be provided. The Planning Committee will discuss turnout cost-share, cost-share allocation and citizen attestation forms. The Projects and Construction Committee will discuss: WCIP and other long-range planning. The Building Committee will discuss: the plans for the armory and fiber optic internet installation.

The Executive Committee will meet to discuss the first draft of the 2021-2022 Budget on July 8, 2021, at 9 am. Lundeen asked for a 5-year plan with the J-2 CD's and PBC funding, WCIP and Cottonwood Ranch.

**STAFF REPORTS & NECESSARY ACTION**

**Board Directives to Staff:** Thorburn listed producers with missing crop reports. If the reports aren't submitted, a hearing will be needed in July. Thorburn explained that Directors might be getting a form relating to LR23 and that staff will complete the form for them.

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

**MONTHLY REPORTS**

**Republican Basin:** Nothing to report.

**Platte Basin:** Robust Review meeting will be held.

**Sand Creek/Little Blue Basin:** Thorburn mentioned a revised saturated thickness table was provided to directors.

**North Dry Creek:** Staff has been shredding and spraying.

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**Odessa IPA:** Staff has been shredding and spraying.

**Sacramento Creek:** Staff has been shredding and spraying.

**Fort Kearny:** Staff has been shredding and spraying.

**Fort Kearny West:** Staff has been shredding and spraying.

**South Dry Creek:** Culverts were installed.

**Whiskey Slough:** Staff has been shredding and spraying.

**Middle Lost Creek:** Staff has been shredding and spraying.

**Lake Seldom:** Nothing to report.

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

**Rainwater Basin Joint Venture:** Nothing to report.

**Platte-Republican Diversion & Republican Basin Augmentation Well:** The response to objectors was submitted and a hearing will be held July 19, 2021, in Lincoln.

**CNPPID:** Scott Dicke reported Lake McConaughy is at 77% and the Dawson merger is on-going.

### NEW BUSINESS

### COMMENTS AND CONCERNS

There were no comments or concerns.

### PERSONNEL AND LEGAL MATTERS

Moved by Bilka, seconded by Garrelts to move to executive session at 3:38 p.m. for the protection of the public to discuss legal matters. Motion carried.

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Bergstrom, Ryan, and Cavanaugh

Moved by Bilka, seconded by Garrelts to move out of executive session at 3:52 p.m. for the protection of the public to discuss legal matters. Motion carried.

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Bergstrom, Ryan, and Cavanaugh

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**NEXT BOARD MEETING**

TBNRD Regular Board Meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 13, 2021, at 1:30 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:52 p.m.

**DIRECTORS PRESENT**

Joe Bilka, Todd Garrelts, David Grimes, Ed Harris, Rob Hinrichs, Joe Larson, Reed Philips, Dave Raffety, Larry Reynolds and Brad Lundeen

**OTHERS PRESENT**

John Thorburn, Sasha Hahn, Scott Dicke, Nolan Little, Nate Munter, Terry Sorenson, Wayne Anderson, Tom Downey, Tammy Fahrenbruch and Carie Lynch,

Respectfully Submitted:

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Carie Lynch, Asst. Secretary

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<b>ID</b>	<b>Motion #</b>	<b>Category</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Aye</b>	<b>Nay</b>	<b>Abstain</b>	
	2021-06-03-01	Meeting Administration		8		2	Moved by Bilka, seconded by Garrelts, to approve the minutes for the May 11, 2021 Board of Directors meeting as amended. Motion carried.
	2021-06-03-02	Meeting Administration		10			Moved by Bilka, seconded by Larson, to approve the May 2021 Financial Report, and submit for audit. Motion carried.
	2021-06-03-03	Budget		10			Moved by Garrelts, seconded by Harris, to approve the VISA and PRD bills. Motion carried.
	2021-06-03-04	Meeting Administration		10			Moved by Raffety, seconded by Grimes, to approve one well decommissioning cost-share application. Motion carried.
	2021-06-03-05	Policies – By-Laws	Letter of Support for CNPPID	10			Moved by Garrelts, seconded by Bilka send a letter to the Water Sustainability Task Force in support of the E-65 Siphon Complex Grant. Motion carried.
	2021-06-03-06	Meeting Administration		10			Moved by Bilka, seconded by Garrelts to move to executive session at 3:38 p.m. for the protection of the public to discuss legal matters. Motion carried.
	2021-06-03-07	Meeting Administration		10			Moved by Bilka, seconded by Garrelts to move out of executive session at 3:52 p.m. for the protection of the public to discuss legal matters. Motion carried.