

MINUTES OF THE TRI-BASIN NRD BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, July 13, 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 eleven directors present: Bergstrom, Bilka, Cavanaugh, Garrelts, Grimes, Harris, Hinrichs, Larson, Philips, Raffety, Reynolds, Ryan and Lundeen. Philips arrived at 1:32 p.m. and Cavanaugh was 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

Moved by Garrelts, seconded by Ryan, to excuse Cavanaugh from the April, May and June 2021 board meetings. Motion carried.

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Cavanaugh

MINUTES

Thorburn presented the minutes of the June 3, 2021, Board of Directors Meeting and June 15, 2021, Special Board of Directors Meeting. Reynolds commented that the motion concerning the letter of support for CNPPID should not be conditional. Moved by Larson, seconded by Reynolds, to approve the minutes for the June 3, 2021 Board of Directors meeting as amended. Motion carried.

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: Ryan

ABSENT: Cavanaugh

Moved by Garrelts, seconded by Grimes, to approve the minutes for the June 13, 2021 Special Board of Directors meeting. Motion carried.

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: Philips and Ryan

ABSENT: Cavanaugh

FINANCIAL REPORT

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

Accrual Expenditures for Month	\$92,228.38
Cash Expenditures for Month.....	\$92,848.95
Accrual Revenues for Month.....	\$124,403.12
Cash Revenues for Month.....	\$185,056.10
Bank Balance—June 30, 2021.....	\$468,580.49
Accounts Receivable – June 30, 2021.....	\$73,217.96
Investments – Pinnacle Bank – June 30, 2021.....	\$114,576.29

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Building Sinking Fund – June 30, 2021-----	\$163,872.99
Vehicle Sinking Fund – June 30, 2021-----	\$110,826.46
Water Resources Fund – June 30, 2021-----	\$424,261.47
Whiskey Slough IPA Balance – June 30, 2021-----	\$3,727.63
Fort Kearny-West IPA Balance – June 30, 2021-----	\$5,313.71
South Dry Creek IPA Balance – June 30, 2021-----	\$4,395.56
Fort Kearny IPA Balance – June 30, 2021-----	\$9,283.53
Sacramento Creek IPA Balance – June 30, 2021-----	\$7,149.05
North Dry Creek IPA Balance – June 30, 2021-----	\$7,547.72
Water Jamboree – June 30, 2021-----	\$9,652.24
NR MDMA – June 30, 2021-----	\$7,636.49
Odessa IPA – June 30, 2021-----	\$19,775.59

Moved by Raffety, seconded by Bilka, to accept the June 2021 Financial Report, and submit for audit. Motion carried.

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

SPECIAL BILLS

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

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

NRCS REPORT

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

Activity and Progress Report: Kerner reported staff is working on EQIP contracts and has CSP 2021 contracts written and is working on 2022 contracts renewals. Kerner introduced staff members, Nancy Pemberton, and Jessie Knox. Kerner updated the board on covid-19 procedures.

COST SHARE REPORT

Well Abandonment – Thorburn presented five well decommissioning cost-share applications to approve. Moved by Bilka, seconded by Raffety, to approve five well decommissioning cost-share applications. Motion carried.

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

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

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Cavanaugh

GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT

Groundwater, Certified Acre Transfers & WCIP – Thorburn presented two groundwater transfer requests for Alexander Carlson. Moved by Reynolds, seconded by Grimes, to approve two groundwater transfer requests for Alexander Carlson. Motion carried.

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Cavanaugh

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.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Spring Groundwater Levels Report (Little): Nolan Little presented information on Spring 2021 Groundwater levels which was overall favorable.

NARD REPORT

NARD Report: There was no NARD report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Projects and Construction Committee: Thorburn reviewed the recommendations from the Projects and Construction Committee from the July 8, 2021, Special Board meeting.

Building Committee: Thorburn reviewed the recommendations from the Building Committee from the July 8, 2021, Special Board meeting.

Planning Committee: Thorburn reviewed the recommendations from the Planning Committee from the July 8, 2021, Special Board meeting.

STAFF REPORTS & NECESSARY ACTION

Board Directives to Staff: Thorburn mentioned the upcoming Board Tour in Kearney County.

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

MONTHLY REPORTS

Republican Basin: Nothing to report.

Platte Basin: Thorburn will advertise for construction bids for the Cottonwood PRRIP Project.

Sand Creek/Little Blue Basin: Nothing to report.

North Dry Creek: Staff has been spraying ditch bottoms for broadleaf and Canada Thistle.

Odessa IPA: Staff has been spraying ditch bottoms for broadleaf and Canada Thistle.

Sacramento Creek: Staff has been spraying ditch bottoms for broadleaf and Canada Thistle.

Fort Kearny: Staff has been spraying ditch bottoms for broadleaf and Canada Thistle.

Fort Kearny West: Staff has been spraying ditch bottoms for broadleaf and Canada Thistle.

South Dry Creek: Staff has been spraying ditch bottoms for broadleaf and Canada Thistle.

Whiskey Slough: Staff has been spraying ditch bottoms for broadleaf and Canada Thistle.

Middle Lost Creek: Staff has been spraying ditch bottoms for broadleaf and Canada Thistle.

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 introduced Dusty Way, Irrigation Operations Supervisor at CNPPID, thanked the board for the letter of support and reported Lake McConaughy is at 68% of capacity and the Dawson merger is on-going.

NEW BUSINESS

Authorize BMP Demonstrations with Local FFA Chapters: Thorburn explained the process for establishing BMP demonstration projects: recruit the first year, mobilize the 2nd year and have demonstration projects the third year. There is minimal cost to TBNRD for this project.

Moved by Raffety, seconded by Bergstrom, to authorize BMP field demonstrations project with FFA, USDA/NRCS and NDEE. Motion carried.

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Cavanaugh

Consider Approval of USDA/NRCS Memorandum of Agreement: Thorburn explained the agreement that facilitates sharing of equipment and personnel.

Moved by Garrelts, seconded by Hinrichs, to approve the Memorandum of Agreement with USDA/NRCS. Motion carried.

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Cavanaugh

Set FY 2021-2022 Cost-Share Percentages: Moved by Grimes, seconded by Larson, to set the NSWCP cost-share allocation as: 10% Erosion, 70% Water and 20% Range. Motion carried.

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Cavanaugh

Use IRS W-9 Form for Citizenship Form: Lynch explained that the Citizen Attestation Form was approved by the board several years ago. A new W-9 is available that includes the attestation form and could be used for all cost-share. Chemigation previously required an attestation form. Moved by Harris, seconded by Raffety, to replace TBNRD's Citizen Attestation form with the new W-9 form to be used for cost-share TBNRD and NSWCP cost-share and to not require a W-9 or Citizen Attestation form for Chemigation. Motion carried.

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Cavanaugh

Schedule Budget Work Session: Moved by Reynolds, seconded by Grimes, set a special board meeting to discuss the TBNRD FY 2021-2022 Budget on July 21, 2021, at 1:30 p.m. Motion carried.

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Cavanaugh

COMMENTS AND CONCERNS

There were no comments or concerns.

PERSONNEL AND LEGAL MATTERS

Moved by Garrelts, seconded by Bilka to move to executive session at 2:55 p.m. for the protection of the public to discuss legal matters. Motion carried.

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Cavanaugh

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Moved by Bilka, seconded by Raffety to move out of executive session at 3:49 p.m. for the protection of the public to discuss legal matters. Motion carried.

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Cavanaugh

NEXT BOARD MEETING

TBNRD Board of Director's Tour and Regular Board Meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 10, 2021, at 8:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. (respectively) at the Windmill Event Center, Minden, NE

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:49 p.m.

DIRECTORS PRESENT

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

OTHERS PRESENT

John Thorburn, Sasha Hahn, Scott Dicke, Nolan Little, Nate Munter, , Wayne Anderson, Nancy Pemberton, Cammie Kerner, Dusty Way, Jessie Knox, Tammy Fahrenbruch and Carie Lynch,

Respectfully Submitted:

Carie Lynch, Asst. Secretary

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 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
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ID	Motion #	Category	Subject	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Motion
	2021-07-13-01	Meeting Administration		12			Moved by Garrelts, seconded by Ryan, to excuse Cavanaugh from the April, May and June 2021 board meetings. Motion carried.
	2021-07-13-02	Meeting Administration		11		1	Moved by Larson, seconded by Reynolds, to approve the minutes for the June 3, 2021 Board of Directors meeting as amended. Motion carried.
	2021-07-13-03	Budget		10		2	Moved by Garrelts, seconded by Grimes, to approve the minutes for the June 13, 2021 Special Board of Directors meeting. Motion carried.
	2021-07-13-04	Meeting Administration		12			Moved by Raffety, seconded by Bilka, to accept the June 2021 Financial Report, and submit for audit. Motion carried.
	2021-07-13-05	Budget		12			Moved by Bilka, seconded by Bergstrom, to approve the VISA and PRD bills. Motion carried.
	2021-07-13-06	Meeting Administration		12			Moved by Bilka, seconded by Raffety, to approve five well decommissioning cost-share applications. Motion carried.
	2021-07-13-07	Meeting Administration		12			Moved by Reynolds, seconded by Larson, to approve three NSWCP cost-share applications. Motion carried.
	2021-07-13-08	Certification & Transfers	Alexander Carlson	12			Moved by Reynolds, seconded by Grimes, to approve two groundwater transfer requests for Alexander Carlson. Motion carried.
	2021-07-13-09	Projects	FFA BMP	12			Moved by Raffety, seconded by Bergstrom, to authorize BMP field demonstrations project with FFA, USDA/NRCS and NDEE. Motion carried.
	2021-07-13-10	Agreements	MOA NRCS	12			Moved by Garrelts, seconded by Hinrichs, to approve the Memorandum of Agreement with USDA/NRCS. Motion carried.
	2021-07-13-11	District Plans & Programs	Cost-Share allocation 21-22	12			Moved by Grimes, seconded by Larson, to set the NSWCP cost-share allocation as: 10% Erosion, 70% Water and 20% Range. Motion carried.
	2021-07-13-12	District Plans & Programs	W-9	12			Moved by Harris, seconded by Raffety, to replace TBNRD's Citizen Attestation form with the new W-9 form to be used

							for cost-share TBNRD and NSWCP cost-share and to not require a W-9 or Citizen Attestation form for Chemigation. Motion carried.
	2021-07-13-13	Meeting Administration		12			Moved by Reynolds, seconded by Grimes, set a special board meeting to discuss the TBNRD FY 2021-2022 Budget on July 21, 2021, at 1:30 p.m. Motion carried.
	2021-07-13-14	Meeting Administration		12			Moved by Garrelts, seconded by Bilka to move to executive session at 2:55 p.m. for the protection of the public to discuss legal matters. Motion carried.
	2021-07-13-15	Meeting Administration		12			Moved by Bilka, seconded by Raffety to move out of executive session at 3:49 p.m. for the protection of the public to discuss legal matters. Motion carried.