

MINUTES OF THE TRI-BASIN NRD BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, May 9, 2017, 7:30 p.m.
Tri-Basin Natural Resources District

CALL TO ORDER

The regular monthly board meeting of the Tri-Basin Natural Resources District (NRD) was called to order by Vice Chairman, Brad Lundeen, at 8:04 p.m. Lundeen noted Public Meeting Law is posted in the boardroom. Prior to the meeting, Garrelts took the Oath of Office.

ROLL CALL

Roll call was taken with seven directors present: Cavanaugh, Harris, Johnson, Jorgensen, Lundeen, Raffety and Reynolds. Bergstrom, Bilka, Garrelts, Hinrichs, Larson and Olsen 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

There were no absences to excuse.

MINUTES

Thorburn presented the minutes of the April 6, 2017, Board of Directors meeting. Moved by Johnson, seconded by Raffety, to approve the minutes for the April 6, 2017 Board of Directors Meeting. Motion carried.

AYE: Cavanaugh, Harris, Johnson, Jorgensen, Lundeen, Raffety and Reynolds

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Bergstrom, Bilka, Garrelts, Hinrichs, Larson and Olsen

FINANCIAL REPORT

Thorburn presented the financial report for the month of April 2017 as follows:

Accrual Expenditures for Month -----	\$63,414.01
Cash Expenditures for Month-----	\$72,438.25
Accrual Revenues for Month-----	\$114,112.14
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Cash Revenues for Month-----	\$123,604.48
Bank Balance-April 30, 2017-----	\$513,727.26
Accounts Receivable – April 30, 2017-----	\$2,727.94
Investments – Pinnacle Bank – April 30, 2017-----	\$450,326.51
Building Sinking Fund – April 30, 2017-----	\$61,700.60
Vehicle Sinking Fund – April 30, 2017-----	\$49,969.67
Water Resources Fund – April 30, 2017-----	\$290,964.66
Whiskey Slough IPA Balance – April 30, 2017-----	\$18,090.79
Fort Kearny-West IPA Balance – April 30, 2017-----	\$12,224.33
South Dry Creek IPA Balance – April 30, 2017-----	\$16,029.03
Fort Kearny IPA Balance – April 30, 2017-----	\$13,421.97
Sacramento Creek IPA Balance – April 30, 2017-----	\$21,322.07
North Dry Creek IPA Balance – April 30, 2017-----	\$15,086.21
Water Jamboree – April 30, 2017-----	\$8,232.57
NRRMDA – April 30, 2017-----	\$7,627.70
Odessa IPA – April 30, 2017-----	\$7,500.26

Moved by Raffety, seconded by Harris to accept the April 2017 financial reports and file for audit. Motion carried.

AYE: Cavanaugh, Harris, Johnson, Jorgensen, Lundeen, Raffety and Reynolds

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Bergstrom, Bilka, Garrelts, Hinrichs, Larson and Olsen

SPECIAL BILLS

Thorburn presented the VISA, attorney, HDR, Flatwater and Platte-Republican Diversion bills for approval. Moved by Cavanaugh, seconded Johnson to VISA, attorney, HDR, Flatwater and Platte-Republican Diversion bills. Motion carried.

AYE: Cavanaugh, Harris, Johnson, Jorgensen, Lundeen, Raffety and Reynolds

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Bergstrom, Bilka, Garrelts, Hinrichs, Larson and Olsen

NRCS REPORT

FSA Farm Plans: There were no farm plans for approval.

Activity and Progress Report: Prior to the meeting opening, Breece gave a report and introduced summer intern, Fiorella Rodriguez.

COST SHARE REPORT

Well Abandonment – Thorburn presented five Well Decommissioning Cost-Share applications for approval. Moved by Harris, seconded Raffety to approve five well decommissioning cost-share applications. Motion carried.

AYE: Cavanaugh, Harris, Johnson, Jorgensen, Lundeen, Raffety and Reynolds

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Bergstrom, Bilka, Garrelts, Hinrichs, Larson and Olsen

NSWCP & NRD Applications – Thorburn presented one NSWCP application and nine TBNRD applications to approve. Moved by Raffety, seconded Jorgensen to approve one NSWCP and nine TBNRD cost-share applications. Motion carried.

AYE: Cavanaugh, Harris, Johnson, Jorgensen, Lundeen, Raffety and Reynolds

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Bergstrom, Bilka, Garrelts, Hinrichs, Larson and Olsen

GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT

Groundwater & Certified Acre Transfers – Transfers and requests were reviewed prior to the meeting opening three groundwater transfer requests (Shane Westcott – 3), four irrigated acre transfer requests (Bradley S. Lundeen, Clinton Florell, Ross Booe and Hansen Land) and a special request for Clinton Florell to change the status of an irrigation well to a stock well. Bradley S. Lundeen and Kent Hansen were present to answer questions.

Moved by Cavanaugh, seconded Jorgensen to approve three groundwater transfer requests for Shane Westcott, four irrigated acre transfer requests (Bradley S. Lundeen, Clinton Florell, Ross Booe and Hansen Land) and a special request for Clinton Florell to change the status of an irrigation well to a stock well. Motion carried.

AYE: Cavanaugh, Harris, Johnson, Jorgensen, Lundeen, Raffety and Reynolds

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Bergstrom, Bilka, Garrelts, Hinrichs, Larson and Olsen

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. There was no public comment.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Repair Hill Street Driveway: Thorburn explained that the driveway by the shop building, collapsed around a manhole cover over a culvert. Insurance wouldn't cover repair, but Thorburn has asked the City of Holdrege to assist in the repair. Thorburn is getting an estimate for the repair. Prior to the meeting, Directors inspected the damage and the building. Moved by Raffety, seconded Jorgensen to repair the driveway and culvert on the TBNRD property. Motion carried.

AYE: Cavanaugh, Harris, Johnson, Jorgensen, Lundeen, Raffety and Reynolds

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Bergstrom, Bilka, Garrelts, Hinrichs, Larson and Olsen

Revise FY 2017-2018 Assessments for Fort Kearny IPA: Thorburn explained that landowners at the Ft Kearny IPA meeting recommended a reduction in the assessment per unit of benefit from .20 to .15. This recommendation was not implemented when the IPA assessments were adopted in April. Thorburn asked the board to revise the assessment for Fort Kearny. Moved by Johnson, seconded Cavanaugh to revise the Fort Kearny IPA Assessment for FY 2017-2018 from \$.20 to \$.15. Motion carried.

AYE: Cavanaugh, Harris, Johnson, Jorgensen, Lundeen, Raffety and Reynolds

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Bergstrom, Bilka, Garrelts, Hinrichs, Larson and Olsen

NARD REPORT

NARD: Reynolds reviewed recent legislation. There was discussion about the groundwater levy. Thorburn mentioned the NARD tour in June.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

STAFF REPORTS & NECESSARY ACTION

Board Directives to Staff: Little presented groundwater water data on eastern Kearney County and southern Gosper County.

Out-of-State Travel: Nothing to report.

MONTHLY REPORTS

Republican Basin (NRRMDA): Nothing to report.

Platte Basin: Stakeholder meeting will be held May 17, 2017 at 10:30 in North Platte.

South Dry Creek: Nothing to report.

Sacramento Creek: Nothing to report.

Middle Lost Creek: Nothing to report.

Fort Kearny West: Nothing to report.

Fort Kearny: Nothing to report.

North Dry Creek: Nothing to report.

Whiskey Slough: Nothing to report.

Odessa IPA: Nothing to report.

Lake Seldom: RBJV has been working on wetland restoration.

CoHyst/Platte Basin Coalition: The calibrated model has been approved for use. Duane Woodward will give a presentation to TBNRD about the model and Thorburn expects to use the model to develop a groundwater budget for the District.

Sand Creek/Little Blue Basin: Lundeen requested a joint meeting with LBNRD.

Platte-Republican Diversion & Republican Basin Augmentation Well: Thorburn and Cavanaugh met with a landowner on the Platte-Republican Diversion. This item will be discussed in executive session.

Weed Mgmt. Areas/Riparian Veg. TF: Nothing to report.

CNPPID: Ford reported Lake McConaughy is at 3255 ft.

NEW BUSINESS

Schedule Violator Hearing on July 18, 2017: Moved by Reynolds, seconded by Jorgensen to schedule crop report violator hearing for July 18, 2017 at 1:30 p.m. Motion carried.

AYE: Cavanaugh, Harris, Johnson, Jorgensen, Lundeen, Raffety and Reynolds

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Bergstrom, Bilka, Garrelts, Hinrichs, Larson and Olsen

COMMENTS AND CONCERNS

Thorburn mentioned that the June 20, 2017 Board Meeting time will need to be changed from 1:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. because of a conflicting meeting.

PERSONNEL & LEGAL MATTERS

Moved by Cavanaugh, seconded by Harris to move to executive session for the protection of the public and an individual to discuss contractual and personnel matters at 8:40 p.m. Motion carried.

AYE: Cavanaugh, Harris, Johnson, Jorgensen, Lundeen, Raffety and Reynolds

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Bergstrom, Bilka, Garrelts, Hinrichs, Larson and Olsen

Moved by Jorgensen, seconded by Harris to move out of executive session for the protection of the public and an individual to discuss contractual matters and personnel matters at 9:23 p.m. Motion carried.

AYE: Cavanaugh, Harris, Johnson, Jorgensen, Lundeen, Raffety and Reynolds

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Bergstrom, Bilka, Garrelts, Hinrichs, Larson and Olsen

NEXT BOARD MEETING

TBNRD Regular Board Meeting on Tuesday, June 20, 2017 at 7:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

DIRECTORS PRESENT

Mike Cavanaugh, Ed Harris, Phyllis Johnson, Greg Jorgensen, Brad Lundeen, Dave Raffety and Larry Reynolds.

OTHERS PRESENT

Carie Lynch, John Thorburn, Tammy Fahrenbruch, Nolan Little, Dave Ford, Fiorella Rodriguez, Kevin Breece, Kent Hansen, Brad Lundeen, and Lee Anderson.

Respectfully Submitted:

Carie Lynch, Asst. Secretary

INDEX OF BOARD DECISIONS
 TRI-BASIN NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT
 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
 May 9, 2017

ID	Motion #	Category		Aye	Nay	Abstain	
	2017-05-09-01	Meeting Administration		7			Moved by Johnson, seconded by Raffety, to approve the minutes for the April 6, 2017 Board of Directors Meeting. Motion carried.
	2017-05-09-02	Meeting Administration		7			Moved by Raffety, seconded by Harris to accept the April 2017 financial reports and file for audit. Motion carried.
	2017-05-09-03	Budget		7			Moved by Cavanaugh, seconded Johnson to VISA, attorney, HDR, Flatwater and Platte-Republican Diversion bills. Motion carried.
	2017-05-09-04	Meeting Administration		7			Moved by Harris, seconded Raffety to approve five well decommissioning cost-share applications. Motion carried.
	2017-05-09-05	Meeting Administration		7			Moved by Raffety, seconded Jorgensen to approve one NSWCP and nine TBNRD cost-share applications. Motion carried.
	2017-05-09-06	Certification & Transfers	Westcott, Lundeen, Florell Booe and Hansen	7			Moved by Cavanaugh, seconded Jorgensen to approve three groundwater transfer requests for Shane Westcott, four irrigated acre transfer requests (Bradley S. Lundeen, Clinton Florell, Ross Booe and Hansen Land) and a special request for Clinton Florell to change the status of an irrigation well to a stock well. Motion carried.
	2017-05-09-07	Budget	Fix shop building driveway	7			Moved by Raffety, seconded Jorgensen to repair the driveway and culvert on the TBNRD property. Motion carried.
	2017-05-09-08	Projects	Ft. Kearney IPA Assessment revision	7			Moved by Johnson, seconded Cavanaugh to revise the Fort Kearny IPA Assessment for FY 2017-2018 from \$.20 to \$.15. Motion carried.
	2017-05-09-09	Meeting Administration		7			Moved by Reynolds, seconded by Jorgensen to schedule crop report violator hearing for July 18, 2017 at 1:30 p.m. Motion carried.

	2017-05-09-10	Meeting Administration		7			Moved by Cavanaugh, seconded by Harris to move to executive session for the protection of the public and an individual to discuss contractual and personnel matters at 8:40 p.m. Motion carried.
	2017-05-09-11	Meeting Administration		7			Moved by Jorgensen, seconded by Harris to move out of executive session for the protection of the public and an individual to discuss contractual matters and personnel matters at 9:23 p.m. Motion carried.