

MINUTES OF THE TRI-BASIN NRD BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, September 9, 2014, 7:30 p.m.
Tri-Basin NRD

CALL TO ORDER

The regular monthly board meeting of the Tri-Basin Natural Resources District (NRD) was called to order by Chairman David Olsen, at 7:32 p.m. Olsen noted Public Meeting Law is posted in the boardroom. Thorburn opened a public hearing on the FY 2014-2015 budget prior to this meeting.

ROLL CALL

Roll call was taken with eleven directors present: Bergstrom, Garrelts, Harris, Johnson, Larson, Lundeen, Nelson, Olsen, Raffety, Reynolds and Winz. Nickel and Bilka were absent. Notice of the meeting was published in the Holdrege Citizen, Bertrand Herald, Elwood Bulletin and the Minden Courier and announced over radio stations KRVN, Lexington and KUVR, Holdrege.

EXCUSE ABSENCES

There were no absences to excuse.

MINUTES

Thorburn presented the minutes of the August 12, 2014 Board Meeting and budget hearing and August 19, 2014 Republican Basin ad hoc Committee Meeting.

Moved by Reynolds, seconded by Larson, to approve the minutes for the August 12, 2014 Regular Board of Directors Meeting and Budget Hearing. Motion carried.

AYE: Bergstrom, Garrelts, Harris, Johnson, Larson, Lundeen, Nelson, Olsen, Reynolds and Winz

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: Raffety

ABSENT: Bilka and Nickel

Moved by Winz, seconded by Larson, to approve the minutes for the August 19, 2014 Republican Basin ad hoc Committee Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Garrelts presented the financial report for the month of August 2014 as follows:

Accrual Expenditures for Month -----	\$364,150.03
Cash Expenditures for Month-----	\$367,579.01
Accrual Revenues for Month-----	\$77,287.94
Cash Revenues for Month-----	\$91,614.64
Bank Balance--August 30, 2014-----	\$305,685.87
Accounts Receivable – August 30, 2014-----	\$1,562.66
Investments – Pinnacle Bank – August 30, 2014-----	\$610,467.37
Whiskey Slough IPA Balance – August 30, 2014-----	\$18,802.16
Fort Kearny-West IPA Balance – August 30, 2014-----	\$8,931.97
South Dry Creek IPA Balance – August 30, 2014-----	\$10,093.58
Fort Kearny IPA Balance – August 30, 2014-----	\$11,480.87
North Dry Creek IPA Balance – August 30, 2014-----	\$16,189.67
Sacramento Creek IPA Balance – August 30, 2014-----	\$22,551.60
Water Jamboree – August 30, 2014-----	\$5,570.65
NRRMDA – August 30, 2014-----	\$7,621.98

Moved by Johnson, seconded by Bergstrom, to accept the August 2014 financial reports and file for audit. Motion carried.

AYE: Bergstrom, Garrelts, Harris, Johnson, Larson, Lundeen, Nelson, Olsen, Raffety, Reynolds and Winz

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Bilka and Nickel

SPECIAL BILLS

Thorburn presented the VISA bills for approval. Moved by Garrelts, seconded by Lundeen to approve the visa bills. Motion carried.

AYE: Bergstrom, Garrelts, Harris, Johnson, Larson, Lundeen, Nelson, Olsen, Raffety, Reynolds and Winz

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Bilka and Nickel

NRCS REPORT

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

Activity and Progress Report: There was no NRCS report.

COST SHARE REPORT

Well Abandonment – Thorburn presented five well decommissioning cost-share applications to approve. Moved by Winz, seconded by Harris to approve well decommissioning cost-share applications #34- #38. Motion carried.

AYE: Bergstrom, Garrelts, Harris, Johnson, Larson, Lundeen, Nelson, Olsen, Raffety, Reynolds and Winz

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Bilka and Nickel

NSWCP & NRD Applications – Thorburn presented six NSWCP cost-share applications and one amendment to approve. Moved by Reynolds, seconded by Larson to approve an NSWCP cost-share amendment. Motion carried.

AYE: Bergstrom, Garrelts, Harris, Johnson, Larson, Lundeen, Nelson, Olsen, Raffety, Reynolds and Winz

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Bilka and Nickel

Moved by Johnson, seconded by Lundeen to approve six NSWCP cost-share applications. Motion carried.

AYE: Bergstrom, Garrelts, Johnson, Larson, Lundeen, Nelson, Olsen, Raffety, Reynolds and Winz

NAY: Harris

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Bilka and Nickel

GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT

Groundwater & Certified Acre Transfers – Thorburn presented five certified irrigated acre transfer requests for Lois Gardels (2), Cargill, Inc., Hansen Land Company (2). Reed McClymont, Kirk Gardels and Allen Crawford were present to answer questions. Moved by Garrelts, seconded by Lundeen to approve five certified irrigated acre transfer requests for Lois Gardels (2), Cargill, Inc., and Hansen Land Company (2). Motion carried.

AYE: Bergstrom, Garrelts, Harris, Johnson, Larson, Lundeen, Nelson, Olsen, Raffety, Reynolds and Winz

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Bilka and Nickel

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

Approve TBNRD Budget Revisions: This item will be discussed after the hearing is closed.

Set FY 2014-2015 Levy: This item will be discussed after the hearing is closed.

Review Odessa IPA Construction Estimate: Thorburn reviewed the construction estimates from Ostgren Construction and Ace Irrigation for earthwork and culverts on S Road for the Odessa IPA. This item will be discussed in executive session.

Moved by Nelson, seconded by Johnson to approve the Odessa IPA construction estimates. Motion carried.

AYE: Bergstrom, Harris, Johnson, Larson, Lundeen, Nelson, Olsen, Raffety, Reynolds and Winz

NAY: Garrelts

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Bilka and Nickel

Select Two Representatives as Alternates for the PRRIP Land Committee: Thorburn explained the PRRIP Land Committee

Moved by Johnson, seconded by Lundeen to keep the current delegates for the PRRIP Land Committee (Larry Reynolds as delegate and Dave Raffety as Alternate and John Thorburn Joint delegate and Jim Bendfeldt as Joint alternate delegate). Motion carried.

AYE: Bergstrom, Garrelts, Harris, Johnson, Larson, Lundeen, Nelson, Olsen, Raffety, Reynolds and Winz

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Bilka and Nickel

NARD REPORT

NARD Resolutions: Thorburn reviewed resolutions for the Fall NARD Conference in September. The board decided to allow the delegates to determine how to vote.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Schedule Ad hoc Republican Basin Augmentation Project Committee Meeting: Thorburn reviewed the committee recommendation to draft and present easements options (\$2500/each) to two landowners and to hold a public meeting and provide feedback to the board. Cox prepared the easements. Thorburn mentioned a potential third landowner. This item will be discussed in executive session.

STAFF REPORTS & NECESSARY ACTION

Board Directives to Staff: There was no staff report.

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

MONTHLY REPORTS

Republican Basin (NRRMDA): The Republican Basin Compact Commission met August 28, 2014. Oral arguments for the KS vs. NE lawsuit will be made October 14, 2014 in the U.S. Supreme Court.

Platte Basin: Nothing to Report.

South Dry Creek: Cattail spraying, tree clearing and shredding was done.

Sacramento Creek: Cattail spraying, tree clearing and shredding was done.

Middle Lost Creek: Cattail spraying, tree clearing and shredding was done.

Fort Kearny West: Cattail spraying, tree clearing and shredding was done.

Fort Kearny: Cattail spraying, tree clearing and shredding was done.

North Dry Creek: Thorburn presented pictures of construction progress on the second augmentation well. Cattail spraying, tree clearing and shredding were done.

Whiskey Slough: Cattail spraying, tree clearing and shredding was done.

Odessa IPA: This item will be discussed in executive session.

Lake Seldom: Nothing to report

CoHyst/Platte Basin Coalition: Nothing to report.

Sand Creek/Little Blue Basin: Nothing to report.

CNPPID: Ford reported Lake McConaughay is at elevation 3237.5 ft. and irrigation season is officially over.

NEW BUSINESS

Review Boardroom Chairs Options: Lynch explained the prices and options of demo chairs. The budgeted price per chair is \$450.

Moved by Garrelts, seconded by Bergstrom to move to executive session at 8:37 p.m. for the protection of the public to discuss contractual matters. Motion carried.

AYE: Bergstrom, Garrelts, Harris, Johnson, Larson, Lundeen, Nelson, Olsen, Raffety, Reynolds and Winz

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Bilka and Nickel

Moved by Nelson, seconded by Larson to move out of executive session at 8:48 p.m. for the protection of the public to discuss contractual matters. Motion carried.

AYE: Bergstrom, Garrelts, Harris, Johnson, Larson, Lundeen, Nelson, Olsen, Raffety, Reynolds and Winz

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Bilka and Nickel

Moved by Reynolds, seconded by Raffety to approve purchase and order fifteen Global Softcurve directors' chairs from Proforma Business World at a price of \$427.85 each. Motion carried.

AYE: Bergstrom, Johnson, Larson, Olsen, Raffety, Reynolds and Winz

NAY: Garrelts, Lundeen, Nelson

ABSTAIN: Harris

ABSENT: Bilka and Nickel

Authorize Distribution of Proposed Easement Agreements: Moved by Bergstrom, seconded by Reynolds to recommend the board to draft and present option agreements to four landowners with a \$2500 annual payment, after agreements are reached hold a public meeting in Smithfield about the project and bring feedback from the public meeting back to the board. Motion carried.

AYE: Bergstrom, Garrelts, Harris, Johnson, Larson, Lundeen, Nelson, Olsen, Raffety, Reynolds and Winz

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Bilka and Nickel

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Approve TBNRD Budget: Moved by Larson, seconded by Lundeen to approve the revisions to the FY 2014-2015 Budget. Motion carried.

AYE: Bergstrom, Garrelts, Harris, Johnson, Larson, Lundeen, Nelson, Olsen, Raffety, Reynolds and Winz

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Bilka and Nickel

Set 2014-2015 Levy: Moved by Johnson, seconded by Lundeen to accept the levy as .034185 (property tax request - \$1,525,565.19) and to set the levy different from the previous year for FY 2014-2015. Motion carried.

AYE: Bergstrom, Garrelts, Harris, Johnson, Larson, Lundeen, Nelson, Olsen, Raffety, Reynolds and Winz

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Bilka and Nickel

PERSONNEL & LEGAL MATTERS

There were no legal or personnel issues.

COMMENTS AND CONCERNS

There were no comments or concerns.

NEXT BOARD MEETING

TBNRD Regular Board Meeting will be held 7:30 p.m., on Tuesday, October 14, 2014 at Tri-Basin NRD

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:42 p.m.

DIRECTORS PRESENT

Brian Bergstrom, Todd Garrelts, Ed Harris, Phyllis Johnson, Joe Larson, Brad Lundeen, David Nelson, Dave Olsen, Dave Raffety, Larry Reynolds and Ray Winz.

OTHERS PRESENT

Carie Lynch, John Thorburn, Nicole Salisbury, Tammy Fahrenbruch, Dave Ford, Charles Brooks, Nolan Little, Reed McClymont, Sheryl McClymont, Kirk Gardels, Allen Crawford and Jeff Cox.

Respectfully Submitted:

Carie Lynch, Asst. Secretary

INDEX OF BOARD DECISIONS
TRI-BASIN NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
September 9, 2014

ID	Motion #	Category	Subject	Aye	Nay	Abs	Motion
	2014-09-09-01	Meeting Administration		10		1	Moved by Reynolds, seconded by Larson, to approve the minutes for the August 12, 2014 Regular Board of Directors Meeting and Budget Hearing. Motion carried.
	2014-09-09-02	Meeting Administration					Moved by Winz, seconded by Larson, to approve the minutes for the August 19, 2014 Republican Basin ad hoc Committee Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.
	2014-09-09-03	Budget		11			Moved by Johnson, seconded by Bergstrom, to accept the August 2014 financial reports and file for audit. Motion carried.
	2014-09-09-04	Meeting Administration		11			Moved by Winz, seconded by Harris to approve well decommissioning cost-share applications #34- #38. Motion carried.
	2014-09-09-05	Meeting Administration		10	1		Moved by Reynolds, seconded by Larson to approve an NSWCP cost-share amendment. Motion carried.
	2014-09-09-06	Certifications & Transfers		11			Moved by Garrelts, seconded by Lundeen to approve five certified irrigated acre transfer requests for Lois Gardels (2), Cargill, Inc., and Hansen Land Company (2). Motion carried.
	2014-09-09-07	Projects		10	1		Moved by Nelson, seconded by Johnson to approve the Odessa IPA construction estimates. Motion carried.
	2014-09-09-08	Directors		11			Moved by Johnson, seconded by Lundeen to keep the current delegates for the PRRIP Land Committee (Larry Reynolds as delegate and Dave Raffety as Alternate and John Thorburn Joint delegate and

							Jim Bendfeldt as Joint alternate delegate). Motion carried.
2014-09-09-09	Meeting Administration			11			Moved by Garrelts, seconded by Bergstrom to move to executive session at 8:37 p.m. for the protection of the public to discuss contractual matters. Motion carried.
2014-09-09-10	Meeting Administration			11			Moved by Nelson, seconded by Larson to move out of executive session at 8:48 p.m. for the protection of the public to discuss contractual matters. Motion carried.
2014-09-09-11	Budget			7	3	1	Moved by Reynolds, seconded by Raffety to approve purchase and order fifteen Global Softcurve directors' chairs from Proforma Business World at a price of \$427.85 each. Motion carried.
2014-09-09-12C	River Basins	Republican Basin Augmentation Well – Landowner Easements and Info meeting		11			Moved by Bergstrom, seconded by Reynolds to recommend the board to draft and present option agreements to four landowners with a \$2500 annual payment, after agreements are reached hold a public meeting in Smithfield about the project and bring feedback from the public meeting back to the board. Motion carried.
2014-09-09-12A	Projects	Republican Basin Augmentation Well – Landowner Easements and Info meeting		11			Moved by Bergstrom, seconded by Reynolds to recommend the board to draft and present option agreements to four landowners with a \$2500 annual payment, after agreements are reached hold a public meeting in Smithfield about the project and bring feedback from the public meeting back to the board. Motion carried.

2014-09-09-12B	Agreements	Republican Basin Augmentation Well – Landowner Easements and Info meeting	11			Moved by Bergstrom, seconded by Reynolds to recommend the board to draft and present option agreements to four landowners with a \$2500 annual payment, after agreements are reached hold a public meeting in Smithfield about the project and bring feedback from the public meeting back to the board. Motion carried.
2014-09-09-13	Budget		11			Moved by Larson, seconded by Lundeen to approve the revisions to the FY 2014-2015 Budget. Motion carried.
2014-09-09-14	Budget		11			Moved by Johnson, seconded by Lundeen to accept the levy as .034185 (property tax request - \$1,525,565.19) and to set the levy different from the previous year for FY 2014-2015. Motion carried.