

MINUTES OF THE TRI-BASIN NRD BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, October 11, 2016, 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 7:35 p.m. Lundeen noted Public Meeting Law is posted in the boardroom.

ROLL CALL

Roll call was taken with seven directors present: Harris, Johnson, Larson, Lundeen, Raffety, Reynolds and Winz. Bergstrom, Bilka, Garrelts, Ryan and, Olsen were absent. Cavanaugh arrived at 7:53 p.m. 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

Garrelts will need to be excused from the August, September and October board meetings.

MINUTES

Thorburn presented the minutes of the September 13, 2016, Board of Directors meeting and Budget Hearing. Moved by Larson, seconded by Johnson, to approve the minutes for the September 13, 2016 Board of Directors Meeting and Budget Hearing. Motion carried.

AYE: Johnson, Larson, Lundeen, Raffety, Reynolds and Winz

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: Harris

ABSENT: Bergstrom, Bilka, Cavanaugh, Garrelts, Ryan and Olsen

FINANCIAL REPORT

Thorburn presented the financial report for the month of September 2016 as follows:

Accrual Expenditures for Month -----	\$87,180.10
Cash Expenditures for Month-----	\$105,999.68
Accrual Revenues for Month-----	\$467,584.07
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Cash Revenues for Month-----	\$465,850.42
Bank Balance—September 30, 2016-----	\$712,127.97
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Accounts Receivable – September 30, 2016-----	\$10,214.14
Investments – Pinnacle Bank – September 30, 2016-----	\$50,120.89
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Building Sinking Fund – September 30, 2016-----	\$61,678.83
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Vehicle Sinking Fund – September 30, 2016-----	\$49,952.04
Water Resources Fund – September 30, 2016-----	\$290,862.01
Whiskey Slough IPA Balance – September 30, 2016-----	\$18,087.64
Fort Kearny-West IPA Balance – September 30, 2016-----	\$11,896.44
South Dry Creek IPA Balance – September 30, 2016-----	\$15,282.92
Fort Kearny IPA Balance – September 30, 2016-----	\$12,838.56
Sacramento Creek IPA Balance – September 30, 2016-----	\$21,561.32
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North Dry Creek IPA Balance – September 30, 2016-----	\$16,033.98
Water Jamboree – September 30, 2016-----	\$5,613.15
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NRRMDA – September 30, 2016-----	\$7,626.38
Odessa IPA – September 30, 2016-----	\$7,500.96

Moved by Raffety, seconded by Harris to accept the September 2016 financial reports and file for audit. Motion carried.

AYE: Harris, Johnson, Larson, Lundeen, Raffety, Reynolds and Winz

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Bergstrom, Bilka, Cavanaugh, Garrelts, Ryan and Olsen

SPECIAL BILLS

Thorburn presented the VISA, attorney, LRNRD and Central Platte NRD bills for approval. Moved by Johnson, seconded Raffety to approve the visa, attorney, LRNRD and CPNRD. Motion carried.

AYE: Harris, Johnson, Larson, Lundeen, Raffety, Reynolds and Winz

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Bergstrom, Bilka, Cavanaugh, Garrelts, Ryan and Olsen

NRCS REPORT

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

Activity and Progress Report: Breece reported L. Dean Johnson (Loudean Farms) applied for a conservation plan and Buddy Steinshouer (previous District Conservationist) passed away.

COST SHARE REPORT

Well Abandonment – Thorburn presented one Well Decommissioning Cost-Share application for approval. Moved by Winz, seconded Larson to approve one well decommissioning cost-share application. Motion carried.

AYE: Harris, Johnson, Larson, Lundeen, Raffety, Reynolds and Winz

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Bergstrom, Bilka, Cavanaugh, Garrelts, Ryan and Olsen

NSWCP & NRD Applications – Thorburn presented three NSWCP applications to approve. The applications are for flowmeters. Moved by Winz, seconded Reynolds to approve three NSWCP cost-share applications. Motion carried.

AYE: Harris, Johnson, Larson, Lundeen, Raffety, Reynolds and Winz

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Bergstrom, Bilka, Cavanaugh, Garrelts, Ryan and Olsen

GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT

Groundwater & Certified Acre Transfers – Thorburn presented one irrigated acre transfer application and Well Variance (Vergene Wolfe) for approval. Eugene Trausch was present to answer questions. Moved by Raffety, seconded Larson to approve an irrigated acre transfer request and well variance for Virgene Wolfe. Motion carried.

AYE: Harris, Johnson, Larson, Lundeen, Raffety, Reynolds and Winz

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Bergstrom, Bilka, Cavanaugh, Garrelts, Ryan 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

Review Proposed Temporary Groundwater Recharge Contract with CNPPID: This item will be addressed after executive session.

Consider Authorizing Jeff Cox to Negotiate Property Purchase on behalf of TBNRD: This item will be addressed after executive session.

NARD REPORT

NARD Fall Conference: Reynolds, Thorburn and Raffety reported on the NARD Fall Conference.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Nothing to report.

STAFF REPORTS & NECESSARY ACTION

Board Directives to Staff: There was nothing to report.

Out-of-State Travel: Winz asked for information about the GMDA Winter Conference in Ft. Worth, TX and Reynolds mentioned he would like to go to the UNL Water Symposium.

MONTHLY REPORTS

Republican Basin (NRRMDA): Republican Basin Stakeholders will meet November 1, 2016.

Platte Basin: POAC will meet October 12, 2016 and Platte Basin Stakeholder's will meet mid-November.

South Dry Creek: Staff has been spraying phragmites.

Sacramento Creek: Staff has been spraying phragmites.

Middle Lost Creek: Nothing to report.

Fort Kearny West: Staff has been spraying phragmites.

Fort Kearny: Staff has been spraying phragmites.

North Dry Creek: Staff has been spraying phragmites.

Whiskey Slough: Staff has been spraying phragmites.

Odessa IPA: Staff has been spraying phragmites.

Lake Seldom: City Council approved conservation plan except grazing on east side.

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CoHyst/Platte Basin Coalition: Nothing to report.

Sand Creek/Little Blue Basin: Nothing to report.

Platte-Republican Diversion & Republican Basin Augmentation Well: Aerial spraying will be done on Turkey Creek and Plum Creek. Olsson and Associates made a progress report and will have survey crew working this week. Final report could be made the end of November 2016.

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

CNPPID: Ford reported Lake McConaughy is at elevation 3257.7' above sea level and 87% of capacity.

NEW BUSINESS

COMMENTS AND CONCERNS

There were no comments or concerns.

PERSONNEL & LEGAL MATTERS

Moved by Cavanaugh, seconded by Larson to move to executive session for the protection of the public to discuss contractual issues, potential litigation and property negotiation at 8:05 p.m. Motion carried.

AYE: Cavanaugh, Harris, Johnson, Larson, Lundeen, Raffety, Reynolds and Winz

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Bergstrom, Bilka, Garrelts, Ryan and Olsen

Moved by Winz, seconded by Harris to move out of executive session for the protection of the public to discuss contractual issues, potential litigation and property negotiation at 9:07p.m. Motion carried.

AYE: Cavanaugh, Harris, Johnson, Larson, Lundeen, Raffety, Reynolds and Winz

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Bergstrom, Bilka, Garrelts, Ryan and Olsen

Moved by Johnson, seconded Larson to allow Jeff Cox to negotiate on behalf of TBNRD to purchase the Charter property. Motion carried.

AYE: Harris, Johnson, Larson, Lundeen, Raffety, Reynolds and Winz

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Bergstrom, Bilka, Cavanaugh, Garrelts, Ryan and Olsen

Moved by Harris, seconded Winz to table excusing Garrelts from the August and September 2016 board meetings. Motion carried.

AYE: Cavanaugh, Harris, Johnson, Larson, Lundeen, Raffety, Reynolds and Winz

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Bergstrom, Bilka, Garrelts, Ryan and Olsen
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Moved by Cavanaugh, seconded Johnson to approve the CNPPID contract as presented. Motion carried.

AYE: Cavanaugh, Johnson, Larson, Lundeen and Reynolds

NAY: Harris, Raffety and Winz

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Bergstrom, Bilka, Garrelts, Ryan and Olsen

NEXT BOARD MEETING

TBNRD Regular Board Meeting on Tuesday, November 8, 2016 at 7:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:12 p.m.

DIRECTORS PRESENT

Mike Cavanaugh, Ed Harris, Phyllis Johnson, Joe Larson, Brad Lundeen, Dave Raffety, Larry Reynolds and Ray Winz.

OTHERS PRESENT

Carie Lynch, John Thorburn, Nicole Salisbury, Tammy Fahrenbruch, Dave Ford, Eugene Trausch, Nolan Little and Kevin Breece.

Respectfully Submitted:

Carie Lynch, Asst. Secretary

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ID	Motion #	Category	Subject	Aye	Nay	Abs	
	2016-10-11-01	Meeting Administration		6		1	Moved by Larson, seconded by Johnson, to approve the minutes for the September 13, 2016 Board of Directors Meeting and Budget Hearing. Motion carried.
	2016-10-11-02	Meeting Administration		8			Moved by Raffety, seconded by Harris to accept the September 2016 financial reports and file for audit. Motion carried.
	2016-10-11-03	Budget		8			Moved by Johnson, seconded Raffety to approve the visa, attorney, LRNRD and CPNRD. Motion carried.
	2016-10-11-04	Meeting Administration		8			Moved by Winz, seconded Larson to approve one well decommissioning cost-share application. Motion carried.
	2016-10-11-05	Meeting Administration		8			Moved by Winz, seconded Reynolds to approve three NSWCP cost-share applications. Motion carried.
	2016-10-11-06	Certifications & Transfers	Virgene Wolfe	8			Moved by Raffety, seconded Larson to approve an irrigated acre transfer request and well variance for Virgene Wolfe. Motion carried.
	2016-10-11-07	Meeting Administration		8			Moved by Cavanaugh, seconded by Larson to move to executive session for the protection of the public to discuss contractual issues, potential litigation and property negotiation at 8:05 p.m. Motion carried.
	2016-10-11-08	Meeting Administration		8			Moved by Winz, seconded by Harris to move out of executive session for the protection of the public to discuss contractual issues, potential litigation and property negotiation at 9:07p.m.

							Motion carried.
	2016-10-11-09	Budget	Charter Building	8			Moved by Johnson, seconded Larson to allow Jeff Cox to negotiate on behalf of TBNRD to purchase the Charter property. Motion carried.
	2016-10-11-10	Meeting Administration		8			Moved by Harris, seconded Winz to table excusing Garrelts from the August and September 2016 board meetings. Motion carried.
	2016-10-11-11	Agreements	CNPPID GW Recharge	4	3		Moved by Cavanaugh, seconded Johnson to approve the CNPPID contract as presented. Motion carried.