

**MINUTES OF THE TRI-BASIN NRD BOARD MEETING**  
**Tuesday, February 9, 2016, 1:30 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 Pro Tem Chairman Todd Garrelts, 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: Bergstrom, Bilka, Cavanaugh, Garrelts, Harris, Johnson, Larson, Raffety, Reynolds and Ryan. Winz, Lundeen and Olsen 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 January 12, 2015, Board of Directors. Moved by Larson, seconded by Ryan, to approve the minutes for the January 12, 2016 Board of Directors Meeting. Motion carried.

AYE: Bergstrom, Cavanaugh, Garrelts, Johnson, Harris, Larson, Raffety, Reynolds and Ryan

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: Bilka

ABSENT: Winz, Lundeen and Olsen

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

Bilka presented the financial report for the month of January 2016 as follows:

Accrual Expenditures for Month -----	\$150,928.49
Cash Expenditures for Month-----	\$151,473.71
Accrual Revenues for Month-----	\$426,370.75
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Cash Revenues for Month-----	\$420,688.99
Bank Balance—January 31, 2016-----	\$491,069.95
Accounts Receivable – January 31, 2016-----	\$7,136.43
Investments – Pinnacle Bank – January 31, 2016-----	\$50,087.27
Building Sinking Fund – January 31, 2016-----	\$70,004.53
Vehicle Sinking Fund – January 31, 2016-----	\$49,940.64
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Water Resources Fund – January 31, 2016-----	\$150,009.70
Whiskey Slough IPA Balance – January 31, 2016-----	\$18,307.05
Fort Kearny-West IPA Balance – January 31, 2016-----	\$10,946.71
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South Dry Creek IPA Balance – January 31, 2016-----	\$13,181.76
Fort Kearny IPA Balance – January 31, 2016-----	\$11,917.37
Sacramento Creek IPA Balance – January 31, 2016-----	\$21,970.52
Water Jamboree – January 31, 2016-----	\$5,370.49
NRRMDA – January 31, 2016-----	\$7,624.85
Odessa IPA – January 31, 2016-----	\$13,845.13

Moved by Johnson, seconded by Cavanaugh, to accept the January 2016 financial reports and file for audit. Motion carried.

AYE: Bergstrom, Bilka, Cavanaugh, Garrelts, Johnson, Harris, Larson, Raffety, Reynolds and Ryan

NAY: None  
ABSTAIN: None  
ABSENT: Winz, Lundeen and Olsen

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#### **SPECIAL BILLS**

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

AYE: Bergstrom, Bilka, Cavanaugh, Garrelts, Johnson, Harris, Larson, Raffety, Reynolds and Ryan  
NAY: None  
ABSTAIN: None  
ABSENT: Winz, Lundeen and Olsen

#### **NRCS REPORT**

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

**Activity and Progress Report:** Breece reported on staff has been reviewing SAMS/DUNS numbers and nitrogen application on CSP plans.

#### **COST SHARE REPORT**

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

AYE: Bergstrom, Bilka, Cavanaugh, Garrelts, Johnson, Harris, Larson, Raffety, Reynolds and Ryan  
NAY: None  
ABSTAIN: None  
ABSENT: Winz, Lundeen and Olsen

**NSWCP & NRD Applications** – Thorburn recommended nine NSWCP and one TBNRD cost-share application for approval. Moved by Johnson, seconded Larson to approve nine NSWCP and one TBNRD cost-share. Motion carried.

AYE: Bergstrom, Bilka, Cavanaugh, Garrelts, Johnson, Harris, Larson, Raffety, Reynolds and Ryan  
NAY: None  
ABSTAIN: None  
ABSENT: Winz, Lundeen and Olsen

#### **GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT**

**Groundwater & Certified Acre Transfers** – Thorburn presented seven certified irrigated acre transfer requests for Bradley Lundeen, BSL (2), Richard Beck (2) and GLD of Nebraska (2). Thorburn presented a correction to certified irrigated acres for Shane Sinsel.

Moved by Cavanaugh, seconded by Bilka to approve seven certified irrigated acre transfer requests for Bradley Lundeen, BSL (2), Richard Beck (2) and GLD of Nebraska (2) and a correction to certified irrigated acres for Shane Sinsel. Motion carried.

AYE: Bergstrom, Bilka, Cavanaugh, Garrelts, Johnson, Harris, Larson, Raffety, Reynolds and Ryan  
NAY: None  
ABSTAIN: None  
ABSENT: Winz, Lundeen and Olsen

**Educational Land Leases** – Moved by Larson, seconded by Ryan to approve a Board of Educational Lands and Funds Lease for David Meier. Motion carried.

AYE: Bergstrom, Bilka, Cavanaugh, Garrelts, Johnson, Harris, Larson, Raffety, Reynolds and Ryan

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Winz, Lundeen and Olsen

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#### **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. Ryan Lutkemeier spoke about his meeting with the state senators about groundwater management.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**Approve Revised Platte-Republican Diversion Project Inter-Local Agreement:** Thorburn explained that a revised Interlocal agreement was needed because the original document doesn't address voting when the delegate is absent. Moved by Reynolds, seconded by Johnson to approve a revised Platte-Republican Basin Diversion Project Interlocal Agreement with LRNRD. Motion carried.

AYE: Bergstrom, Bilka, Cavanaugh, Garrelts, Johnson, Harris, Larson, Raffety, Reynolds and Ryan

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Winz, Lundeen and Olsen

**Discuss Groundwater Quantity Management in Little Blue Basin:** Thorburn explained that LBNRD and TBNRD are working together on voluntary Integrated Management Plans for the Little Blue Basin for each district. The purpose of working together on the plan is to align rules and regulations between the districts.

#### **NARD REPORT**

**NARD Legislative Conference and Washington DC Conference:** Directors were encouraged to attend the Washington DC conference in March. Three directors are approved for travel.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

##### **STAFF REPORTS & NECESSARY ACTION**

**Board Directives to Staff:** There was nothing to report.

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

#### **MONTHLY REPORTS**

**Republican Basin (NRRMDA):** The Republican Basin IMP meeting will be held Tuesday, February 16, 2016 at TBNRD. Johnson and Winz will attend.

**Platte Basin:** Thorburn asked directors to submit stakeholder candidates.

**South Dry Creek:** Annual IPA meeting will be held March 4, 2016.

**Sacramento Creek:** Annual IPA meeting will be held March 4, 2016.

**Middle Lost Creek:** Nothing to report.

**Fort Kearny West:** Annual IPA meeting will be held March 4, 2016.

**Fort Kearny:** Annual IPA meeting will be held March 4, 2016.

**North Dry Creek:** Annual IPA meeting will be held March 4, 2016.

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**Whiskey Slough:** Annual IPA meeting will be held March 4, 2016.

**Odessa IPA:** Annual IPA meeting will be held March 4, 2016.

**Lake Seldom:** Management Plan is being updated.

**CoHyst/Platte Basin Coalition:** CoHyst Graphic User Interface workshop will be held in February. Platte Basin Coalition meets February 24, 2016.

**Sand Creek/Little Blue Basin:** This item was discussed under a previous agenda item.

**Platte-Republican Diversion:** Interlocal Board met in January and met with CNPPID about the diversion point.

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

**CNPPID:** Ford reported Lake McConaughay is at elevation 3255.3 ft. and 84% of capacity.

#### NEW BUSINESS

**Review Proposed Contract with CNPPID for Platte-Republican Diversion Works:** There is no contract to consider.

#### COMMENTS AND CONCERNS

There were no comments and concerns.

#### PERSONNEL & LEGAL MATTERS

There were no legal or personnel issues.

#### NEXT BOARD MEETING

TBNRD Regular Board Meeting at 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 8, 2016.

#### ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:10 p.m.

#### DIRECTORS PRESENT

Brian Bergstrom, Joe Bilka, Mike Cavanaugh, Todd Garrelts, Ed Harris, Phyllis Johnson, Joe Larson, Dave Raffety, Larry Reynolds and Jeff Ryan.

#### OTHERS PRESENT

Carie Lynch, John Thorburn, Nicole Salisbury, Dave Ford, Phil Olson, Shane Sinsel, Tom Carlson, Richard Beck, Tom Carlson, Kevin Breece, Ryan Lutkemeier, Joel Kuehn, Tammy Fahrenbruch, Lori Potter, and Mike Clements.

Respectfully Submitted:

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Carie Lynch, Asst. Secretary

INDEX OF BOARD DECISIONS  
 TRI-BASIN NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT  
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ID	Motion #	Category	Subject	Aye	Nay	Abs	Motion
	2016-02-09-01	Meeting Administration		10			<u>Moved by Larson, seconded by Ryan, to approve the minutes for the January 12, 2016 Board of Directors Meeting. Motion carried.</u>
	2016-02-09-02	Meeting Administration		10			<u>Moved by Johnson, seconded by Cavanaugh, to accept the January 2016 financial reports and file for audit. Motion carried.</u>
	2016-02-09-03	Budget		10			<u>Moved by Bilka, seconded Bergstrom to approve the visa and attorney bills. Motion carried.</u>
	2016-02-09-04	Meeting Administration		10			<u>Moved by Raffety, seconded Bilka to approve four well decommissioning cost-share applications. Motion carried.</u>
	2016-02-09-05	Meeting Administration		10			<u>Moved by Johnson, seconded Larson to approve nine NSWCP and one TBNRD cost-share. Motion carried.</u>
	2016-02-09-06	Certification & Transfers		10			<u>Moved by Cavanaugh, seconded by Bilka to approve seven certified irrigated acre transfer requests for Bradley Lundeen, BSL (2), Richard Beck (2) and GLD of Nebraska (2) and a correction to certified irrigated acres for Shane Sinsel. Motion carried.</u>
	2016-02-09-07	Meeting Administration		10			<u>Moved by Larson, seconded by Ryan to approve a Board of Educational Lands and Funds Lease for David Meier. Motion carried.</u>
	2016-02-09-08	Agreements	Platte-Rep Basin Diversion Project Interlocal Agreement with LRNRD	10			<u>Moved by Reynolds, seconded by Johnson to approve a revised Platte-Republican Basin Diversion Project Interlocal Agreement with LRNRD. Motion carried.</u>

