

**MINUTES OF THE TRI-BASIN NRD BOARD MEETING**  
**Thursday, June 14, 2018, 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 Chairman, Dave Olsen, at 1:30 p.m. Olsen noted Public Meeting Law is posted in the boardroom.

**ROLL CALL**

Roll call was taken with eight directors present: Bilka, Garrelts, Johnson, Jorgensen, Larson, Olsen, Raffety and Reynolds. Lundeen arrived at 1:32 p.m. Bergstrom, Cavanaugh, Harris and Hinrichs 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 May 8, 2018 Board Meeting and May 17, 2017 Executive Committee Meeting. Moved by Reynolds, seconded by Raffety, to approve the minutes for the May 8, 2018 Board of Directors Meeting. Motion carried.

AYE: Garrelts, Johnson, Jorgensen, Olsen, Raffety and Reynolds

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: Bilka and Larson

ABSENT: Bergstrom, Cavanaugh, Harris, Lundeen and Hinrichs

Moved by Bilka, seconded by Garrelts, to approve the minutes for the May 17, 2018 Executive Committee Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

Bilka presented the financial report for the month of May 2018 as follows:

Accrual Expenditures for Month -----	\$230,769.07
Cash Expenditures for Month-----	\$241,960.06
Accrual Revenues for Month-----	\$476,458.55
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Cash Revenues for Month-----	\$460,968.97
Bank Balance-April 30, 2018-----	\$878,326.63
Accounts Receivable – April 30, 2018-----	\$6,064.86
Investments – Pinnacle Bank – April 30, 2018-----	\$451,634.22
Building Sinking Fund – April 30, 2018-----	\$31,220.99
Vehicle Sinking Fund – April 30, 2018-----	\$77,548.26
Water Resources Fund – April 30, 2018-----	\$626,651.13
Whiskey Slough IPA Balance – April 30, 2018-----	\$13,581.83
Fort Kearny-West IPA Balance – April 30, 2018-----	\$13,453.58
South Dry Creek IPA Balance – April 30, 2018-----	\$16,219.09
Fort Kearny IPA Balance – April 30, 2018-----	\$13,897.70
Sacramento Creek IPA Balance – April 30, 2018-----	\$3,126.42
North Dry Creek IPA Balance – April 30, 2018-----	\$12,217.09
Water Jamboree – April 30, 2018-----	\$6,835.92
NRRMDA – April 30, 2018-----	\$7,629.99
Odessa IPA – April 30, 2018-----	\$16,163.61



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There was discussion about when the CoHyst billings would be complete. Moved by Larson, seconded by Johnson to accept the May 2018 financial reports and file for audit. Motion carried.

AYE: Bilka, Garrelts, Johnson, Jorgensen, Larson, Lundeen, Olsen, Raffety and Reynolds

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Bergstrom, Cavanaugh, Harris and Hinrichs

**SPECIAL BILLS**

Thorburn presented the VISA, NDNR, Attorney, CNPPID, JEO and PRD bills for approval. Moved by Reynolds, seconded Bilka to approve all the special bills.

AYE: Bilka, Garrelts, Johnson, Jorgensen, Larson, Lundeen, Olsen, Raffety and Reynolds

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Bergstrom, Cavanaugh, Harris and Hinrichs

**NRCS REPORT**

**FSA Farm Plans:** Scheele presented one farm plan for approval. Moved by Larson seconded Raffety to a farm plan for Sweeney Farms.

AYE: Bilka, Garrelts, Jorgensen, Larson, Lundeen, Olsen, Raffety and Reynolds

NAY: Johnson

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Bergstrom, Cavanaugh, Harris and Hinrichs

**Activity and Progress Report:** Curtis Scheele reported that staff is working on CSP contracts and the Nebraska Ag Water website is up and running. Scheele mentioned that two NRCS positions are going to be filled: District Conservationist and Technician at Minden NRCS.

**COST SHARE REPORT**

**Well Abandonment** – There were no well decommissioning cost-share applications to approve.

**NSWCP & NRD Applications** – Thorburn presented two NSWCP Cost-Share applications to approve. Moved by Garrelts, seconded Bilka to approve two NSWCP cost-share applications. Motion carried.

AYE: Bilka, Garrelts, Johnson, Jorgensen, Larson, Lundeen, Olsen, Raffety and Reynolds

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Bergstrom, Cavanaugh, Harris and Hinrichs

**GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT**

**Groundwater & Certified Acre Transfers** – Thorburn presented two certified irrigated acre transfer requests for David McClymont and Ricky Gennrich. Reed McClymont, Ricky Gennrich and Doyle Benson were present to answer questions. Moved by Garrelts, seconded Bilka to approve certified irrigated acre transfers request for David McClymont. Motion carried.

AYE: Bilka, Garrelts, Johnson, Jorgensen, Larson, Lundeen, Olsen, Raffety and Reynolds

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Bergstrom, Cavanaugh, Harris and Hinrichs

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Moved by Reynolds, seconded Larson to approve certified irrigated acre transfers request for Ricky Gennrich. Motion carried.

AYE: Bilka, Garrelts, Johnson, Jorgensen, Larson, Lundeen, Olsen, Raffety and Reynolds

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Bergstrom, Cavanaugh, Harris and Hinrichs

**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**

**AHMP Adoption Resolution (Luebbert):** Phil Luebbert, JEO Consulting, gave a presentation on the All Hazards Mitigation Plan. Moved by Reynolds, seconded Bilka to adopt Resolution #1-2018 to adopt the All Hazards Mitigation Plan as follows:

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 1-2018**

WHEREAS, the Federal Disaster Mitigation act of 2000 was signed in to law on October 30, 2000, placing new emphasis on state and local mitigation planning for natural hazards and requiring communities to adopt a hazard mitigation action plan to be eligible for pre-disaster and post-disaster federal funding for mitigation purposes; and

WHEREAS, a Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan was prepared by Tri-Basin Natural Resources District with assistance from JEO Consulting Group, Inc. of Lincoln, NE, which includes Tri-Basin Natural Resources District.

WHEREAS, the purpose of the mitigation plan was to lessen the effects of disasters by increasing the disaster resistance of the District and participating jurisdictions located within the planning boundary by identifying the hazards that affect the District and prioritize mitigation strategies to reduce potential loss of life and property damage from those hazards, and

WHEREAS, FEMA regulations require documentation that the plan has been formally adopted by the governing body of Tri-Basin Natural Resources District in the form of a resolution and further requesting approval of the plan at the Federal Level; and

NOW, THEREFORE, the governing body of the Tri-Basin Natural Resources District does herewith adopt the Tri-Basin Natural Resources District Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan Update in its entirety and request approval of the plan at the Federal Level. Motion carried.

AYE: Bilka, Garrelts, Johnson, Jorgensen, Larson, Lundeen, Olsen, Raffety and Reynolds

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Bergstrom, Cavanaugh, Harris and Hinrichs

**Eastern Kearney County Groundwater Levels:** Thorburn presented water level data for eastern Kearney County Townships. Thorburn explained that Grant Township needs to move to Phase II Groundwater Quantity Management, which requires installation of flowmeters. A public hearing will be needed. Terry Sorensen, Kevin Raun and Brian Petersen expressed concern that rules and regulations in Little Blue NRD will allow continued depletions in western Adams County, which draw down water levels in eastern Kearney county. Raun suggested forming a sub-district of the affected townships in Kearney and Adams Counties. Raffety suggested that an Improvement Project Area could be formed to cross NRD boundaries. There was discussion about delaying the hearing to allow more landowners to attend.

Moved by Garrelts, seconded Larson to hold a public hearing in September 2018 to advance Grant Township to Phase II Groundwater Quantity Management. Motion carried.

AYE: Bilka, Garrelts, Johnson, Jorgensen, Larson, Lundeen, Olsen, Raffety and Reynolds

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Bergstrom, Cavanaugh, Harris and Hinrichs

**Water Jamboree Report – Nicole Salisbury:** Nicole Salisbury, I&E Coordinator for TBNRD, gave a presentation on the annual Water Jamboree.

#### **NARD REPORT**

**NARD Report:** Reynolds commented on the NARD Basin Tour and reported that he will be attending a meeting with the EPA later today in Lincoln.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Executive Committee Meetings:** Thorburn reviewed recommendation made by the Executive Committee at the May 17, 2018 meeting. Thorburn suggested the recommendation about changing the Phase III trigger level, in the Little Blue Basin only, to two consecutive average springtime groundwater level measurements below 2016 levels to match LBNRD, be addressed with other rules changes at a later date.

Moved by Garrelts, seconded Bilka to accept the Executive Committee recommendations to approve the proposed changes to the By-Laws, Personnel Policy and Departmental Operational Responsibilities (as addendum to Personnel Policy and approve the Affidavit of No Receipt. Motion carried.

AYE: Bilka, Garrelts, Johnson, Jorgensen, Larson, Lundeen, Olsen, Raffety and Reynolds

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Bergstrom, Cavanaugh, Harris and Hinrichs

**Planning Committee:** Thorburn reviewed the committee recommendations. The committee recommended that the Conservation Water Incentive Program be added to the Budget Workshop session agenda.

**Schedule Executive Committee Budget Meeting:** The Executive Committee will meet Tuesday, July 10, 2018 at 11 a.m. to discuss the first draft of the budget.

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

**Board Directives to Staff:** There were no items to discuss.

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

#### **MONTHLY REPORTS**

**Republican Basin (NRRMDA):** The Republican Basin Stakeholders will meet in Cambridge on June 26, 2018 for the last meeting.

**Platte Basin:** The District IMP Update needs local stakeholders.

**Sand Creek/Little Blue Basin:** Easements were sent out for the recharge structures. One has been returned.

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**South Dry Creek:** Culverts were cleared and berm leveled.

**Sacramento Creek:** Ditch cleaned/rerouted and crushed concrete delivered.

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

**Fort Kearny West:** Nothing to report.

**Fort Kearny:** Nothing to report.

**North Dry Creek:** Crushed concrete delivered and ditch cleaned out.

**Whiskey Slough:** Nothing to report.

**Odessa IPA:** Nothing to report.

**Rainwater Basin Joint Venture:** Raffety reported that diversion construction at Funk Lagoons is nearly complete.

**CoHyst/Platte Basin Coalition:** Nothing to report.

**Platte-Republican Diversion & Republican Basin Augmentation Well:** Munter is working on a burn plan for the Dornhoff property for FY 2018-2019 Budget.

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

**CNPPID:** Ford reported Lake McConaughy is at elevation 3256.9 and 86% of capacity.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

**Platte IMP Update Process:** This item has already been discussed.

**Review PBC Agreement Funding Amendment:** Thorburn reviewed details of the amended agreement. TBNRD's offset requirements are lower, so funding available to TBNRD is less. Moved by Lundeen, seconded Larson to approve the Platte Basin Coalition Interlocal Funding Agreement Amendment. Motion carried.

AYE: Bilka, Garrelts, Johnson, Jorgensen, Larson, Lundeen, Olsen and Raffety

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Reynolds, Bergstrom, Cavanaugh, Harris and Hinrichs

**Update NRD Personnel Policy:** Action was taken on this item already.

**Update NRD By-Laws:** Action was taken on this item already.

#### **COMMENTS AND CONCERNS**

There were no comments and concerns.

**PERSONNEL & LEGAL MATTERS**

Moved by Bilka, seconded Johnson to move to executive session for protection of an individual to discuss a personnel issue at 3:05 p.m. Motion carried.

AYE: Bilka, Garrelts, Johnson, Jorgensen, Larson, Lundeen, Olsen, Raffety and Reynolds

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Bergstrom, Cavanaugh, Harris and Hinrichs

Moved by Garrelts, seconded Raffety to move out of executive session for protection of an individual to discuss a personnel issue at 3:28 p.m. Motion carried.

AYE: Bilka, Garrelts, Johnson, Jorgensen, Larson, Lundeen, Olsen, Raffety and Reynolds

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Bergstrom, Cavanaugh, Harris and Hinrichs

**NEXT BOARD MEETING**

TBNRD Regular Board Meeting on Tuesday, July 10, 2018 at 1:30 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

**DIRECTORS PRESENT**

Joe Bilka, Todd Garrelts, Phyllis Johnson, Greg Jorgensen, Joe Larson, Brad Lundeen, Dave Olsen, Dave Raffety and Larry Reynolds.

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Carie Lynch, John Thorburn, Nolan Little, Dave Ford, Phil Luebbert, Curtis Scheele, Terry Sorensen, Ricky Gennrich, Lori Potter, Nate Munter, Brian Petersen, Kevin Raun, Tammy Fahrenbruch, Reed McClymont, Emma Gennrich, Doyle Benson, .

Respectfully Submitted:

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Carie Lynch, Asst. Secretary

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 TRI-BASIN NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT  
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ID	Motion #	Category	Subject	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Motion
	2018-06-14-01	Meeting Administration		6		2	Moved by Reynolds, seconded by Raffety, to approve the minutes for the May 8, 2018 Board of Directors Meeting. Motion carried.
	2018-06-14-02	Meeting Administration					Moved by Bilka, seconded by Garrelts, to approve the minutes for the May 17, 2018 Executive Committee Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.
	2018-06-14-03	Meeting Administration		9			Moved by Larson, seconded by Johnson to accept the May 2018 financial reports and file for audit. Motion carried.
	2018-06-14-04	Budget		9			Moved by Reynolds, seconded Bilka to approve all the special bills.
	2018-06-14-05	Meeting Administration		8	1		Moved by Larson seconded Raffety to a farm plan for Sweeney Farms.
	2018-06-14-06	Meeting Administration		9			Moved by Garrelts, seconded Bilka to approve two NSWCP cost-share applications. Motion carried.
	2018-06-14-07	Certification & Transfers	David McClymont	9			Moved by Garrelts, seconded Bilka to approve certified irrigated acre transfers request for David McClymont. Motion carried.
	2018-06-14-08	Certification & Transfers	Ricky Gennrich	9			Moved by Reynolds, seconded Larson to approve certified irrigated acre transfers request for Ricky Gennrich. Motion carried.
	2018-06-14-09	Resolutions & Legislation	Resolution AHMP	9			Moved by Reynolds, seconded Bilka to adopt Resolution #1-2018 to adopt the All Hazards Mitigation Plan as follows: <b>RESOLUTION NUMBER 1-2018</b> <b>WHEREAS,</b> the Federal Disaster Mitigation act of 2000 was signed in to law on October 30, 2000, placing new emphasis on state and local mitigation planning for natural hazards and requiring communities to adopt a hazard mitigation action plan to be eligible for pre-disaster and post-disaster federal funding for mitigation purposes; and <b>WHEREAS,</b> a Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan was prepared by Tri-Basin Natural



						<p>Resources District with assistance from JEO Consulting Group, Inc. of Lincoln, NE, which includes Tri-Basin Natural Resources District.</p> <p><b>WHEREAS</b>, the purpose of the mitigation plan was to lessen the effects of disasters by increasing the disaster resistance of the District and participating jurisdictions located within the planning boundary by identifying the hazards that affect the District and prioritize mitigation strategies to reduce potential loss of life and property damage from those hazards, and</p> <p><b>WHEREAS</b>, FEMA regulations require documentation that the plan has been formally adopted by the governing body of Tri-Basin Natural Resources District in the form of a resolution and further requesting approval of the plan at the Federal Level; and</p> <p><b>NOW, THEREFORE</b>, the governing body of the Tri-Basin Natural Resources District does herewith adopt the Tri-Basin Natural Resources District Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan Update in its entirety and request approval of the plan at the Federal Level. Motion carried.</p>
	2018-06-14-10	District Plans & Programs	GW Quantity Grant Township	9		Moved by Garrelts, seconded Larson to hold a public hearing in September 2018 to advance Grant Township to Phase II Groundwater Quantity Management. Motion carried.
	2018-06-14-11	Directors & Personnel	By-Laws and Personnel Policy	9		Moved by Garrelts, seconded Bilka to accept the Executive Committee recommendations to approve the proposed changes to the By-Laws, Personnel Policy and Departmental Operational Responsibilities (as addendum to Personnel Policy and approve the Affidavit of No Receipt. Motion carried.
	2018-06-14-12	River Basins	Platte Basin Coalition Interlocal	8		Moved by Lundeen, seconded Larson to approve the Platte Basin Coalition Interlocal Funding Agreement Amendment. Motion carried.
	2018-06-14-13	Meeting Administration		8		Moved by Bilka, seconded Johnson to move to executive session for protection of an individual to discuss a

							personnel issue at 3:05 p.m. Motion carried.
	2018-06-14-14	Meeting Administration		8			Moved by Garrelts, seconded Raffety to move out of executive session for protection of an individual to discuss a personnel issue at 3:28 p.m. Motion carried.