

MINUTES OF THE TRI-BASIN NRD BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, July 18, 2017, 1:30 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 Chairman, Dave Olsen, at 1:32 p.m. Lundeen noted Public Meeting Law is posted in the boardroom.

ROLL CALL

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

Moved by Bilka, seconded by Johnson, to excuse Olsen from the August 2016 through June 2017 board meetings. Motion carried.

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: Olsen

ABSENT: Bergstrom and Cavanaugh

MINUTES

Thorburn presented the minutes of the June 20, 2017, Board of Directors meeting and July 7, 2017 Executive Committee Meeting. Moved by Bilka, seconded by Johnson, to approve the minutes for the June 20, 2017 Board of Directors Meeting. Motion carried.

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: Harris

ABSENT: Bergstrom and Cavanaugh

Moved by Lundeen, seconded by Bilka, to approve the minutes for the July 7, 2017 Executive Committee Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Bilka presented the financial report for the month of June 2017 as follows:

Accrual Expenditures for Month -----	\$178,775.11
Cash Expenditures for Month-----	\$345,724.94
Accrual Revenues for Month-----	\$331,031.56
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Cash Revenues for Month-----	\$533,526.23
Bank Balance—June 30, 2017-----	\$691,604.25
Accounts Receivable – June 30, 2017-----	\$23,034.17
Investments – Pinnacle Bank – June 30, 2017-----	\$450,520.85
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Building Sinking Fund – June 30, 2017-----	\$31,199.82
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Vehicle Sinking Fund – June 30, 2017-----	\$77,495.68
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Water Resources Fund – June 30, 2017-----	\$626,226.23
Whiskey Slough IPA Balance – June 30, 2017-----	\$17,040.37
Fort Kearny-West IPA Balance – June 30, 2017-----	\$12,558.73

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South Dry Creek IPA Balance – June 30, 2017-----	\$14,653.60
Fort Kearny IPA Balance – June 30, 2017-----	\$12,979.92
Sacramento Creek IPA Balance – June 30, 2017-----	\$11,905.01
North Dry Creek IPA Balance – June 30, 2017-----	\$12,845.97
Water Jamboree – June 30, 2017-----	\$5,535.27
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NRRMDA – June 30, 2017-----	\$7,628.09
Odessa IPA – June 30, 2017-----	\$7,500.24

Moved by Lundeen, seconded by Larson to accept the June 2017 financial reports and file for audit.

Motion carried.

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Bergstrom and Cavanaugh

SPECIAL BILLS

Thorburn presented the VISA, attorney, JEO and PRD bills for approval. Moved by Garrelts, seconded Bilka to approve the attorney, VISA, JEO and PRD bills. Motion carried.

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Bergstrom and Cavanaugh

NRCS REPORT

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

Activity and Progress Report: Breece reported all 35 CSPP applications were approved and staff is working on ephemeral gully program.

COST SHARE REPORT

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

NSWCP & NRD Applications – Thorburn presented two NSWCP applications, four TBNRD applications to approve. Moved by Raffety, seconded Harris to approve two NSWCP, four TBNRD applications. Motion carried.

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Bergstrom and Cavanaugh

GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT

Groundwater & Certified Acre Transfers – There were no transfers to approve.

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

Revised Water Service Agreement with CNPPID for PRD: Thorburn explained that Blankenau provided the language for the motion that mirrors LRNRD. Moved by Lundeen, seconded Johnson to approve authorizing our representative to the PRD Project, to approve the Water Service Agreement with CNPPID subject to changes suggested upon review by legal counsel and subsequently agreed to by CNPPID. Motion carried.

AYE: Bilka, Garrelts, Harris, Hinrichs, Johnson, Larson, Lundeen and Olsen

NAY: Jorgensen, Raffety and Reynolds

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Bergstrom and Cavanaugh

Moved by Reynolds, seconded Raffety to amend the preceding motion to include increasing the rate to four dollars above the 2017 rate charged in the E-65 canal diversion with a three percent yearly increase, thereafter. Motion failed.

AYE: Jorgensen, Raffety, Reynolds and Olsen

NAY: Bilka, Garrelts, Harris, Hinrichs, Johnson, Larson and Lundeen

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Bergstrom and Cavanaugh

FY 2017-2018 Budget for Public Hearing: Moved by Johnson, seconded Larson to approve the FY 2017-2018 TBNRD Budget, as revised this morning, for public hearing during the August 8, 2017 board meeting. Motion carried.

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Bergstrom and Cavanaugh

NARD REPORT

NARD: Reynolds reported on the NARD Fall Conference is at the end of September in Kearney.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Executive Committee: The Executive Committee met July 7, 2017 and made two recommendations: staff wages and a recommendation on the Water Sustainability Fund Application letter of support.

P&C Committee: The Projects and Construction Committee will meet July 31, 2017 at 2pm to discuss shop building improvements and the Sand Creek Diversion and check dams.

STAFF REPORTS & NECESSARY ACTION

Board Directives to Staff: Lynch mentioned the Phelps Memorial Foundation provided grant funding for an AED, which has been purchased and will be mounted near the front entrance of TBNRD.

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

MONTHLY REPORTS

Republican Basin (NRRMDA): Stakeholder meeting is August 15th, 2017 in Cambridge and Republican River Compact Administration meets August 22, 2017 in Burlington, CO.

Platte Basin: Annual meeting and stakeholder's meeting will be July 19, 2017.

South Dry Creek: Spraying is done.

Sacramento Creek: Spraying is done.

Middle Lost Creek: Nothing to report.

Fort Kearny West: Spraying is done.

Fort Kearny: Spraying is done.

North Dry Creek: Spraying is done.

Whiskey Slough: Spraying is done.

Odessa IPA: Spraying is done.

Lake Seldom: Dirt work is being done.

CoHyst/Platte Basin Coalition: August 7, 2017 is the next Platte Basin Coalition meeting.

Sand Creek/Little Blue Basin: There was discussion this morning about small retention dams. Moved by Bilka, seconded by Reynolds to allow staff to request proposals for a retention dam on Sand Creek. Motion carried.

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Bergstrom and Cavanaugh

Moved by Reynolds, seconded by Bilka to allow staff to gather information on injection wells. Motion carried.

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Bergstrom and Cavanaugh

Platte-Republican Diversion & Republican Basin Augmentation Well: Little mentioned staff has been working with the Bertrand Fire Department on the Republican Basin augmentation well. LRNRD and TBNRD are applying to the Water Sustainability Fund for the PRD Project.

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

CNPPID: Ford reported Lake McConaughy is at elevation 3253.7 and 81% capacity.

NEW BUSINESS

Proposed Agreement with Village of Funk: Thorburn mentioned the agreement is for 6 months with the potential for month to month renewal. The agreement is to help the village while they find a permanent water service operator. Moved by Garrelts, seconded by Johnson to approve the Water Inspection and Maintenance Agreement with the Village of Funk. Motion carried.

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Bergstrom and Cavanaugh

Consider 1% Increase in Restricted Funds Spending Authority for FY 2017-2018 (Requires 75% of board to approve): Moved by Bilka, seconded by Larson to approve a 1% increase on restricted funds spending authority for FY 2017-2018. Motion carried.

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Bergstrom and Cavanaugh

COMMENTS AND CONCERNS

There were no comments and concerns.

PERSONNEL & LEGAL MATTERS

There were no legal or personnel matters to discuss.

NEXT BOARD MEETING

TBNRD Regular Board Meeting on Tuesday, August 15, 2017 at 1:30 p.m. with Board Tour at 8:00 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:15 p.m.

DIRECTORS PRESENT

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

OTHERS PRESENT

Carie Lynch, John Thorburn, Nicole Salisbury, Nolan Little, Dave Ford, Kevin Breece, Lori Potter and Charles Brooks.

Respectfully Submitted:

Carie Lynch, Asst. Secretary

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ID	Motion #	Category	Subject	Aye	Nay	Abstain	
	2017-07-18-01	Meeting Administration		10		1	Moved by Bilka, seconded by Johnson, to excuse Olsen from the August 2016 through June 2017 board meetings. Motion carried.
	2017-07-18-02	Meeting Administration		10		1	Moved by Bilka, seconded by Johnson, to approve the minutes for the June 20, 2017 Board of Directors Meeting. Motion carried.
	2017-07-18-03	Meeting Administration					Moved by Lundeen, seconded by Bilka, to approve the minutes for the July 7, 2017 Executive Committee Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.
	2017-07-18-04	Meeting Administration		11			Moved by Lundeen, seconded by Larson to accept the June 2017 financial reports and file for audit. Motion carried.
	2017-07-18-05	Budget		11			Moved by Garrelts, seconded Bilka to approve the attorney, VISA, JEO and PRD bills. Motion carried.
	2017-07-18-06	Meeting Administration		11			Moved by Raffety, seconded Harris to approve two NSWCP, four TBNRD applications. Motion carried.
	2017-07-18-07	Projects	PRD Water Service Agreement	8	3		Moved by Lundeen, seconded Johnson to approve authorizing our representative to the PRD Project, to approve the Water Service Agreement with CNPPID subject to changes suggested upon review by legal counsel and subsequently agreed to by CNPPID. Motion carried.
	2017-07-18-08	Projects	PRD Water Service Agreement	4	7		Moved by Reynolds, seconded Raffety to amend the preceding motion to include increasing the rate to four dollars above the 2017 rate charged in the E-65 canal diversion with a three percent yearly increase, thereafter. Motion failed.
	2017-07-18-09	Budget	FY 2017-2018 Budget	11			Moved by Johnson, seconded Larson to approve the FY 2017-2018 TBNRD Budget, as revised this morning, for public hearing during the August 8, 2017 board meeting. Motion carried.

	2017-07-18-10	Projects	Sand Creek Retention dam	11			Moved by Bilka, seconded by Reynolds to allow staff to request proposals for a retention dam on Sand Creek. Motion carried.
	2017-07-18-11	Projects	Sand Creek injection wells	11			Moved by Reynolds, seconded by Bilka to allow staff to gather information on injection wells. Motion carried.
	2017-07-18-12	Agreements	Funk Water Inspection & Maintenance	11			Moved by Garrelts, seconded by Johnson to approve the Water Inspection and Maintenance Agreement with the Village of Funk. Motion carried.
	2017-07-18-13	Budget	2017-2018	11			Moved by Bilka, seconded by Larson to approve a 1% increase on restricted funds spending authority for FY 2017-2018. Motion carried.