

MINUTES OF THE TRI-BASIN NRD BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, August 14, 2018, 1:30 p.m.
Elwood Legion Hall, Elwood, NE

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. Olsen noted Public Meeting Law is posted in the boardroom. A hearing for the FY 2018-2019 Budget was opened prior to this meeting.

ROLL CALL

Roll call was taken with eleven directors present: Bergstrom, Bilka, Cavanaugh, Garrelts, Harris, Hinrichs, Johnson, Jorgensen, Larson, Lundeen, Olsen, Raffety and Reynolds. Bilka and Garrelts 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 July 10, 2018 Board of Directors Meeting and July 26, 2018 Special Board of Directors meeting and July 10, 2018 Executive Committee Meeting. Moved by Reynolds, seconded by Lundeen, to approve the minutes for the July 10, 2018 Board of Directors Meeting. Motion carried.

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Bergstrom, Bilka and Garrelts

Moved by Johnson, seconded by Reynolds, to approve the minutes for the July 26, 2018 Special Board of Directors Meeting. Motion carried.

AYE: Cavanaugh, Hinrichs, Johnson, Jorgensen, Lundeen, Raffety and Reynolds

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: Harris, Larson and Olsen

ABSENT: Bergstrom, Bilka and Garrelts

Moved by Lundeen, seconded by Olsen, to approve the minutes for the July 10, 2018 Executive Committee Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Thorburn presented the financial report for the month of July 2018 as follows:

Accrual Expenditures for Month	\$155,050.36
Cash Expenditures for Month.....	\$163,254.03
Accrual Revenues for Month.....	\$21,430.12
Cash Revenues for Month.....	\$67,903.48
Bank Balance—July 31, 2018.....	\$452,770.82
Accounts Receivable – July 31, 2018.....	\$15,337.69
Investments – Pinnacle Bank – July 31, 2018.....	\$952,916.26
Building Sinking Fund – July 31, 2018.....	\$39,783.28
Vehicle Sinking Fund – July 31, 2018.....	\$54,352.00
Water Resources Fund – July 31, 2018.....	\$494,220.45
Whiskey Slough IPA Balance – July 31, 2018.....	\$12,682.98

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Fort Kearny-West IPA Balance – July 31, 2018-----	\$13,520.39
South Dry Creek IPA Balance – July 31, 2018-----	\$10,597.03
Fort Kearny IPA Balance – July 31, 2018-----	\$13,755.69
Sacramento Creek IPA Balance – July 31, 2018-----	\$1,812.35
North Dry Creek IPA Balance – July 31, 2018-----	\$10,973.32
Water Jamboree – July 31, 2018-----	\$5,620.03
NRRCMDA – July 31, 2018-----	\$7,630.57
Odessa IPA – July 31, 2018-----	\$7,500.57

Moved by Larson, seconded by Hinrichs to accept the July 2018 financial reports and file for audit. Motion carried.

AYE: Bergstrom, Cavanaugh, Harris, Hinrichs, Johnson, Jorgensen, Larson, Lundeen, Olsen, Raffety and Reynolds

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Bilka and Garrelts

SPECIAL BILLS

Thorburn presented the VISA, attorney, EA Associates and PRD bills for approval. Moved by Bergstrom, seconded Johnson to approve the attorney, VISA, EA Associates and PRD bills. Motion carried.

AYE: Bergstrom, Cavanaugh, Harris, Hinrichs, Johnson, Jorgensen, Larson, Lundeen, Olsen, Raffety and Reynolds

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Bilka and Garrelts

NRCS REPORT

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

Activity and Progress Report: Scheele reminded producers to turn in CSP records and reported no decision has been made on District Conservationist.

COST SHARE REPORT

Well Abandonment – Thorburn recommended six well decommissioning cost-share applications to approve. Moved by Raffety, seconded Larson to approve six well decommissioning cost-share applications. Motion carried.

AYE: Bergstrom, Cavanaugh, Harris, Hinrichs, Johnson, Jorgensen, Larson, Lundeen, Olsen, Raffety and Reynolds

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Bilka and Garrelts

NSWCP & NRD Applications – Thorburn presented one NSWCP application to approve. Moved by Jorgensen, seconded Reynolds to approve one NSWCP application. Motion carried.

AYE: Bergstrom, Cavanaugh, Harris, Hinrichs, Johnson, Jorgensen, Larson, Lundeen, Olsen, Raffety and Reynolds

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Bilka and Garrelts

GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT

Groundwater & Certified Acre Transfers – Thorburn presented one irrigated acre transfer to approve. Moved by Reynolds, seconded Harris to approve an irrigated acre transfer application for B.J. Keller. Motion carried.

AYE: Bergstrom, Cavanaugh, Harris, Hinrichs, Johnson, Jorgensen, Larson, Lundeen, Olsen, Raffety and Reynolds

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Bilka and Garrelts

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

Consider approval of FY 2018-2019: This agenda item is deferred until the hearing is closed.

NARD REPORT

Select Delegate/Alternate Delegate for NARD 2018 Fall Conference: Reynolds reported the NARD Fall Conference will be held September 24th and 25th, 2018 in Kearney.

Moved by Reynolds, seconded Lundeen to designate Dave Raffety as delegate to the NARD Fall Conference 2018. Motion carried.

AYE: Bergstrom, Cavanaugh, Harris, Hinrichs, Johnson, Jorgensen, Larson, Lundeen, Olsen and Reynolds

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: Raffety

ABSENT: Bilka and Garrelts

Moved by Raffety, seconded Johnson to designate Larry Reynolds as alternate delegate to the NARD Fall Conference 2018. Motion carried.

AYE: Bergstrom, Cavanaugh, Harris, Hinrichs, Johnson, Jorgensen, Larson, Lundeen, Olsen and Raffety

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: Reynolds

ABSENT: Bilka and Garrelts

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Schedule P&C Committee Meeting: The Projects and Construction Committee will meet August 23, 2018 at 10 a.m. to discuss to discuss shop building and update on the Sand Creek Recharge Project.

STAFF REPORTS & NECESSARY ACTION

Board Directives to Staff: There were no staff reports.

Out-of-State Travel: Moved by Raffety, seconded Lundeen to approve out-of-state travel for up to two staff or directors to go to the Republican River Compact Meeting in Manhattan, KS on August 21, 2018. Motion carried.

AYE: Bergstrom, Cavanaugh, Harris, Hinrichs, Johnson, Jorgensen, Larson, Lundeen, Olsen, Raffety and Reynolds

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Bilka and Garrelts

MONTHLY REPORTS

Republican Basin (NRRMDA): This agenda item will be discussed later in the meeting.

Platte Basin: The Platte Basin IMP meeting is scheduled for September 12, 2018, 7 p.m. at TBNRD for revisions to the Platte Basin IMP. Dave Nickel has agreed to be a stakeholder. The Basin-Wide meeting will be held September 19, 2018 in North Platte.

Sand Creek/Little Blue Basin: This item will be discussed at the Projects & Construction Meeting.

North Dry Creek: Erosion around a culvert was filled in and spraying was done.

Odessa IPA: Spraying was done.

Sacramento Creek: Spraying was done.

Fort Kearny: Spraying was done.

Fort Kearny West: Spraying was done.

South Dry Creek: Spraying was done.

Whiskey Slough: Spraying was done.

Middle Lost Creek: Nothing to report.

Lake Seldom: Nothing to report.

CoHyst/Platte Basin Coalition: Nothing to report.

Rainwater Basin Joint Venture: Nothing to report.

Platte-Republican Diversion & Republican Basin Augmentation Well: Comments on the water right application will close Thursday, August 15, 2018. Several comments have already been received.

CNPPID: Ford reported Lake McConaughy is at elevation 3254 feet.

NEW BUSINESS

Consider Approval of Republican Basinwide Plan: Thorburn mentioned URNRD, MRNRD, LRNRD, NDNR and TBNRD have been working on the basin-wide plan since 2014. Carol Flaute, NDNR gave a background on how the plan was developed. Moved by Johnson, seconded by Lundeen to approve the Republican Basin Wide Plan as presented. Motion carried.

AYE: Bergstrom, Cavanaugh, Harris, Hinrichs, Johnson, Jorgensen, Larson, Lundeen, Olsen, Raffety and Reynolds

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Bilka and Garrelts

Set Hearing on Levy Different from Previous Year: Moved by Reynolds, seconded by Bergstrom to hold a hearing on September 11, 2018 to set the levy different from the previous year. Motion carried.

AYE: Bergstrom, Cavanaugh, Harris, Hinrichs, Johnson, Jorgensen, Larson, Lundeen, Olsen, Raffety and Reynolds

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Bilka and Garrelts

Consider Commenting on Glendo Reservoir Storage Capacity: Thorburn expressed concerns about Glendo Reservoir flood waters managed as irrigation water, which would reduce downstream water to Lake McConaughy. CNPPID is asking for a letter of support. Moved by Reynolds, seconded by Raffety to defer comments on Glendo Reservoir storage capacity until the results of the proposed study on reservoir management is completed. Motion carried.

AYE: Bergstrom, Cavanaugh, Harris, Hinrichs, Johnson, Jorgensen, Larson, Lundeen, Olsen, Raffety and Reynolds

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Bilka and Garrelts

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Consider approval of FY 2018-2019: Lynch explained several minor changes to the budget. Moved by Reynolds, seconded Johnson to approve the FY 2018-2019 TBNRD Budget, as revised. Motion carried.

AYE: Bergstrom, Cavanaugh, Harris, Hinrichs, Johnson, Jorgensen, Larson, Lundeen, Olsen, Raffety and Reynolds

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Bilka and Garrelts

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, September 11, 2018, 2018 at 7:30 p.m.
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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:32 p.m.

DIRECTORS PRESENT

Brian Bergstrom, Mike Cavanaugh, 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, Lori Potter, Tyler Schnitzler, Tami Reese, Lori Hagan, Amy Dutton, Scott Dicke, Curtis Scheele, Andy Bishop, Dave Beins and Carol Flaute.

Respectfully Submitted:

Carie Lynch, Asst. Secretary

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ID	Motion #	Category	Subject	Aye	Nay	Abstain	
	2018-08-14-01	Meeting Administration		10			Moved by Reynolds, seconded by Lundeen, to approve the minutes for the July 10, 2018 Board of Directors Meeting. Motion carried.
	2018-08-14-02	Meeting Administration		7		3	Moved by Johnson, seconded by Reynolds, to approve the minutes for the July 26, 2018 Special Board of Directors Meeting. Motion carried.
	2018-08-14-03	Meeting Administration					Moved by Lundeen, seconded by Olsen, to approve the minutes for the July 10, 2018 Executive Committee Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.
	2018-08-14-04	Meeting Administration		11			Moved by Larson, seconded by Hinrichs to accept the July 2018 financial reports and file for audit. Motion carried.
	2018-08-14-05	Budget		11			Moved by Bergstrom, seconded Johnson to approve the attorney, VISA, EA Associates and PRD bills. Motion carried.
	2018-08-14-06	Meeting Administration		11			Moved by Raffety, seconded Larson to approve six well decommissioning cost-share applications. Motion carried.
	2018-08-14-07	Meeting Administration		11			Moved by Jorgensen, seconded Reynolds to approve one NSWCP application. Motion carried.
	2018-08-14-08	Certification & Transfers	BJ Keller	11			Moved by Reynolds, seconded Harris to approve an irrigated acre transfer application for B.J. Keller. Motion carried.
	2018-08-14-09	Directors	NARD Delegate	10		1	Moved by Reynolds, seconded Lundeen to designate Dave Raffety as delegate to the NARD Fall Conference 2018. Motion carried.
	2018-08-14-10	Directors	NARD Delegate	10		1	Moved by Raffety, seconded Johnson to designate Larry Reynolds as alternate delegate to the NARD Fall Conference 2018. Motion carried.
	2018-08-14-11	Meeting Administration		11			Moved by Raffety, seconded Lundeen to approve out-of-state travel for up to two staff or directors to go to the Republican River Compact Meeting in Manhattan, KS on August 21, 2018. Motion carried.

	2018-08-14-12	District Plans & Programs	Approve Republican Basin Wide Plan	11			Moved by Johnson, seconded by Lundeen to approve the Republican Basin Wide Plan as presented. Motion carried.
	2018-08-14-13	Budget	2018-2019 Budget	11			Moved by Reynolds, seconded by Bergstrom to hold a hearing on September 11, 2018 to set the levy different from the previous year. Motion carried.
	2018-08-14-14	River Basins	Glendo Letter of Support	11			Moved by Reynolds, seconded by Raffety to defer comments on Glendo Reservoir storage capacity until the results of the proposed study on reservoir management is completed. Motion carried.
	2018-08-14-15	Budget	2018-2019 Budget	11			Moved by Reynolds, seconded Johnson to approve the FY 2018-2019 TBNRD Budget, as revised. Motion carried.