

MINUTES OF THE TRI-BASIN NRD BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, January 9, 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 eleven directors present: Cavanaugh, Garrelts, Harris, Hinrichs, Johnson, Jorgensen, Larson, Lundeen, Olsen, Raffety and Reynolds. Bergstrom arrived at 1:52 p.m. Bilka was 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 December 11, 2017, Board of Directors meeting, Work Session and Public Hearing and December 28, 2017 Special Board Meeting. Moved by Johnson seconded by Larson, to approve the minutes for the December 11, 2017 Board of Directors Meeting and hearing. Motion carried.

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Bergstrom and Bilka

Moved by Larson seconded by Raffety, to approve the minutes for the December 11, 2017 Board of Directors Work Session. Motion carried.

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Bergstrom and Bilka

Moved by Harris seconded by Hinrichs, to approve the minutes for the December 28, 2017 Special Board of Directors Meeting. Motion carried.

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: Garrelts

ABSENT: Bergstrom and Bilka

FINANCIAL REPORT

Thorburn presented the financial report for the month of December 2017 as follows:

Accrual Expenditures for Month -----	\$85,228.31
Cash Expenditures for Month-----	\$101,764.43
Accrual Revenues for Month-----	\$15,777.98
Cash Revenues for Month-----	\$23,063.86
Bank Balance–December 31, 2017-----	\$788,637.59
Accounts Receivable – December 31, 2017-----	\$3,320.46

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Investments – Pinnacle Bank – December 31, 2017-----	\$451,082.76
Building Sinking Fund – December 31, 2017-----	\$31,210.83
Vehicle Sinking Fund – December 31, 2017-----	\$77,523.03
Water Resources Fund – December 31, 2017-----	\$626,447.23
Whiskey Slough IPA Balance – December 31, 2017-----	\$16,946.02
Fort Kearny-West IPA Balance – December 31, 2017-----	\$12,920.61
South Dry Creek IPA Balance – December 31, 2017-----	\$15,432.13
Fort Kearny IPA Balance – December 31, 2017-----	\$13,412.43
Sacramento Creek IPA Balance – December 31, 2017-----	\$11,809.96
North Dry Creek IPA Balance – December 31, 2017-----	\$12,850.17
Water Jamboree – December 31, 2017-----	\$9,411.46
NRRCMDA – December 31, 2017-----	\$7,629.24
Odessa IPA – December 31, 2017-----	\$7,481.68

Reynolds asked that an accounting of the J-2 Re-Regulation Reservoir available funds be included on the financial statements. Moved by Raffety, seconded by Johnson to accept the December 2017 financial reports and file for audit. Motion carried.

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Bergstrom and Bilka

SPECIAL BILLS

Thorburn presented the VISA, attorney, JEO, HDR, Flatwater and PRD bills for approval. Garrelts asked for clarification of the HDR and Flatwater billing. Moved by Garrelts, seconded Cavanaugh to approve the VISA and attorney bills. Motion carried.

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Bergstrom and Bilka

Moved by Cavanaugh, seconded Lundeen to approve the JEO, HDR, Flatwater and PRD bills. Motion carried.

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Bergstrom and Bilka

NRCS REPORT

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

Activity and Progress Report: Michael Perry reported staff has been working on EQIP and CSP.

COST SHARE REPORT

Well Abandonment – Thorburn presented six well decommissioning applications to approve. Moved by Johnson, seconded Larson to approve six well decommissioning applications. Motion carried.
AYE: Cavanaugh, Garrelts, Harris, Hinrichs, Johnson, Jorgensen, Larson, Lundeen, Olsen, Raffety and Reynolds
NAY: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Bergstrom and Bilka

NSWCP & NRD Applications – Thorburn presented three NSWCP applications to approve. Moved by Garrelts, seconded Lundeen to approve three NSWCP applications. Motion carried.
AYE: Cavanaugh, Garrelts, Harris, Hinrichs, Johnson, Jorgensen, Larson, Lundeen, Olsen, Raffety and Reynolds
NAY: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Bergstrom and Bilka

GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT

Groundwater & Certified Acre Transfers – Thorburn presented one irrigated acre transfer to approve for Matthew and Vicki Peterson. Matt Peterson was present to answer questions. Moved by Reynolds, seconded Garrelts to approve an irrigated acre transfer request for Matthew and Vicki Peterson. Motion carried.
AYE: Cavanaugh, Garrelts, Harris, Hinrichs, Johnson, Jorgensen, Larson, Lundeen, Olsen, Raffety and Reynolds
NAY: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Bergstrom and Bilka

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

Schedule Board Work Session: A board work session is set for March 8, 2018 at 10 a.m. Garrelts asked that TBNRD use Crop Metrics in a demonstration project. Thorburn will add the item to the work session agenda.

NARD REPORT

NARD Report: Moved by Garrelts, seconded Bergstrom to designate Dave Raffety as delegate and Larry Reynolds as alternate delegate for the NARD Legislative Conference. Motion carried.
AYE: Bergstrom, Cavanaugh, Garrelts, Harris, Hinrichs, Johnson, Jorgensen, Larson, Lundeen and Olsen
NAY: None
ABSTAIN: Raffety and Reynolds
ABSENT: Bilka

COMMITTEE REPORTS

There were no committee reports.

STAFF REPORTS & NECESSARY ACTION

Board Directives to Staff: There was no staff report.

Out-of-State Travel: Moved by Raffety, seconded Lundeen to approve out-of-state travel for Larry Reynolds to go to the NARD Washington DC Conference on March 17-21, 2018. Motion carried.

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: Reynolds

ABSENT: Bilka

MONTHLY REPORTS

Republican Basin (NRRMDA): Republican Basin Stakeholder's planning process will need to be extended for an additional year. The next meeting is set for March 2018. Reynolds asked that Thorburn get information on wireless flowmeter readings.

Platte Basin: Joint Meeting with CNPPID will be January 18, 2018 at 9:30 a.m. and Platte Basin NRD Meeting on March 2, 2018.

South Dry Creek: Nothing to report.

Sacramento Creek: Nothing to report.

Middle Lost Creek: Nothing to report.

Fort Kearny West: Nothing to report.

Fort Kearny: Removed silt.

North Dry Creek: Nothing to report.

Whiskey Slough: Removed silt

Odessa IPA: Nothing to report.

Lake Seldom: Nothing to report.

CoHyst/Platte Basin Coalition: CoHyst meeting Wednesday, January 10, 2018 and Platte Basin Coalition meets February 7, 2018.

Sand Creek/Little Blue Basin: Rob Lutz, Olsson Engineering and Thorburn contacted landowners on potential recharge structures and IMP stakeholders meet Wednesday, January 10, 2018 at 1:30 p.m.

Platte-Republican Diversion & Republican Basin Augmentation Well: Holen well needs repairs after freeze. Platte-Republican Diversion will be discussed in executive session.

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

CNPPID: Ford reported Lake McConaughy 82% of capacity.

NEW BUSINESS

Approve Blue Basin GW Model Contract: Thorburn presented the Blue Basin Groundwater Model Contract. The total cost for TBNRD would be \$1,224.52.

Moved by Raffety, seconded by Bergstrom to approve the Groundwater Model Contract Between NDNR, LBNRD, LBBNRD, UBBNRD and TBNRD for the Blue River Basin. Motion carried.

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Bilka

Approve Water Sustainability Fund Contract for PRD: Thorburn explained a grant for \$897,000 was awarded to the Platte Republican Diversion Project for construction costs. The funds would go directly to the Platte Republican Diversion entity. Thorburn mentioned the agreement has been reviewed by our attorney. Moved by Johnson, seconded by Hinrichs to approve the Nebraska Water Sustainability Fund Grant Award Agreement #5181. Motion carried.

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Bilka

COMMENTS AND CONCERNS

Lynch mentioned the TBNRD Annual Blood Screening will be held on Friday, January 19, 2018. It's open to staff, directors and spouses.

PERSONNEL & LEGAL MATTERS

Moved by Lundeen, seconded Garrelts to move to executive session for protecting the public to discuss contractual matters at 2:21 p.m. Motion carried.

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Bilka

Moved by Reynolds, seconded Raffety to move out of executive session for protecting the public to discuss contractual matters at 2:52 p.m. Motion carried.

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Bilka

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Moved by Reynolds, seconded Raffety to direct the District's Platte-Republican High Flow Diversion Project to vote affirmatively to enter into a property purchase agreement with terms as presented with Mr. and Mrs. Malcom R. Dornhoff. Motion carried.

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: Garrelts

ABSENT: Bilka

NEXT BOARD MEETING

TBNRD Regular Board Meeting on Tuesday, February 13, 2018 at 1:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

DIRECTORS PRESENT

Brian Bergstrom, Mike Cavanaugh, 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, Dave Ford, Charles Brooks, Nolan Little, Amy Dutton, Michael Perry, Lori Hagan, Scott Dicke, Don Wohlgemuth, Matt Peterson, Tammy Fahrenbruch and Lori Potter.

Respectfully Submitted:

Carie Lynch, Asst. Secretary

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ID	Motion #	Category	Subject	Aye	Nay	Abstain	
	2018-01-09-01	Meeting Administration		11			Moved by Johnson seconded by Larson, to approve the minutes for the December 11, 2017 Board of Directors Meeting and hearing. Motion carried.
	2018-01-09-02	Meeting Administration		11			Moved by Larson seconded by Raffety, to approve the minutes for the December 11, 2017 Board of Directors Work Session. Motion carried.
	2018-01-09-03	Meeting Administration		11			Moved by Harris seconded by Hinrichs, to approve the minutes for the December 28, 2017 Special Board of Directors Meeting. Motion carried.
	2018-01-09-04	Meeting Administration		11			Moved by Raffety, seconded by Johnson to accept the December 2017 financial reports and file for audit. Motion carried.
	2018-01-09-05	Budget		11			Moved by Garrelts, seconded Cavanaugh to approve the VISA and attorney bills. Motion carried.
	2018-01-09-06	Budget		11			Moved by Cavanaugh, seconded Lundeen to approve the JEO, HDR, Flatwater and PRD bills. Motion carried.
	2018-01-09-07	Meeting Administration		11			Moved by Johnson, seconded Larson to approve six well decommissioning applications. Motion carried.
	2018-01-09-08	Meeting Administration		11			Moved by Garrelts, seconded Lundeen to approve three NSWCP applications. Motion carried.
	2018-01-09-09	Certification & Transfers	Peterson	11			Moved by Reynolds, seconded Garrelts to approve an irrigated acre transfer request for Matthew and Vicki Peterson. Motion carried.
	2018-01-09-10	Directors	NARD Delegate	10		2	Moved by Garrelts, seconded Bergstrom to designate Dave Raffety as delegate and Larry Reynolds as alternate delegate for the NARD Legislative Conference. Motion carried.
	2018-01-09-11	Meeting Administration		11		1	Moved by Raffety, seconded Lundeen to approve out-of-state travel for Larry Reynolds to go to the NARD

							Washington DC Conference on March 17-21, 2018. Motion carried.
2018-01-09-12	Agreements	Little Blue Basin Model Contract	12				Moved by Raffety, seconded by Bergstrom to approve the Groundwater Model Contract Between NDNR, LBNRD, LBBNRD, UBBNRD and TBNRD for the Blue River Basin. Motion carried.
2018-01-09-13	Projects	Water Sustainability Grant PRD	12				Moved by Johnson, seconded by Hinrichs to approve the Nebraska Water Sustainability Fund Grant Award Agreement #5181. Motion carried.
2018-01-09-14	Meeting Administration		12				Moved by Lundeen, seconded Garrelts to move to executive session for protecting the public to discuss contractual matters at 2:21 p.m. Motion carried.
2018-01-09-15	Meeting Administration		12				Moved by Reynolds, seconded Raffety to move out of executive session for protecting the public to discuss contractual matters at 2:52 p.m. Motion carried.
2018-01-09-16	Projects	Dornhoff Property PRD	11		1		Moved by Reynolds, seconded Raffety to direct the District's Platte-Republican High Flow Diversion Project to vote affirmatively to enter into a property purchase agreement with terms as presented with Mr. and Mrs. Malcom R. Dornhoff. Motion carried.