

MINUTES OF THE TRI-BASIN NRD BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, December 10, 2015, 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 David Olsen, at 1:30 p.m. Olsen noted Public Meeting Law is posted in the boardroom.

ROLL CALL

Roll call was taken with twelve directors present: Bergstrom, Bilka, Cavanaugh, Garrelts, Harris, Larson, Lundeen, Olsen, Raffety, Reynolds, Ryan and Winz. Johnson 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

Moved by Lundeen, seconded by Winz, to excuse Todd Garrelts from the October and November 2015 Board Meetings. Motion carried.

AYE: Bergstrom, Bilka, Cavanaugh, Harris, Johnson, Larson, Lundeen, Olsen, Raffety, Reynolds, Ryan and Winz

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: Garrelts

ABSENT: None

MINUTES

Thorburn presented the minutes of the November 10, 2015, Board of Directors Meeting and November 30, 2015 Planning Committee Minutes. Moved by Lundeen, seconded by Bilka, to approve the minutes for the November 10, 2015 Board of Directors Meeting. Motion carried.

AYE: Bergstrom, Bilka, Cavanaugh, Harris, Johnson, Larson, Lundeen, Olsen, Raffety, Reynolds, Ryan and Winz

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: Garrelts

ABSENT: None

Moved by Cavanaugh, seconded by Lundeen, to approve the minutes for the November 30, 2015 Planning Committee Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Bilka presented the financial report for the month of November 2015 as follows:

Accrual Expenditures for Month -----	\$103,156.27
Cash Expenditures for Month-----	\$124,052.12
Accrual Revenues for Month-----	\$23,082.10
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Cash Revenues for Month-----	\$30,945.03
Bank Balance–November 30, 2015-----	\$277,468.90
Accounts Receivable – November 30, 2015-----	\$1,108.23
Investments – Pinnacle Bank – November 30, 2015-----	\$50,079.04
Building Sinking Fund – November 30, 2015-----	\$70,001.00
Vehicle Sinking Fund – November 30, 2015-----	\$49,938.12
Water Resources Fund – November 30, 2015-----	\$150,002.14
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Whiskey Slough IPA Balance – November 30, 2015-----	\$18,306.12
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Fort Kearny-West IPA Balance – November 30, 2015-----	\$10,509.15
South Dry Creek IPA Balance – November 30, 2015-----	\$12,449.58
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Fort Kearny IPA Balance – November 30, 2015-----	\$11,371.30
North Dry Creek IPA Balance – November 30, 2015-----	\$15,643.40
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Sacramento Creek IPA Balance – November 30, 2015-----	\$21,969.40
Water Jamboree – November 30, 2015-----	\$5,555.37
NRRMDA – November 30, 2015-----	\$7,624.46
Odessa IPA – November 30, 2015-----	\$7,227.13

Moved by Larson, seconded by Harris, to accept the November 2015 financial reports and file for audit. Motion carried.

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

SPECIAL BILLS

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

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

NRCS REPORT

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

Activity and Progress Report: Breece reported staff has been finishing up CSP applications. Breece reported that Brian and Jenice Bergstrom were the first landowners in Nebraska to complete the Client Gateway application and the first in Nebraska to receive payment.

COST SHARE REPORT

Well Abandonment – Thorburn presented five well decommissioning applications for approval. Moved by Winz, seconded Bergstrom to approve five well decommissioning cost-share applications. Motion carried.

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

NSWCP & NRD Applications – Thorburn recommended six NSWCP cost-share applications for approval. Moved by Garrelts, seconded Bergstrom to approve six NSWCP cost-share. Motion carried.

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT

Groundwater & Certified Acre Transfers – Thorburn presented two certified irrigated acre transfer requests for Cedar Hill Farms, Inc. Stan Schutz was present to answer questions.

Moved by Reynolds, seconded by Larson to approve two certified irrigated acre transfer requests for Cedar Hill Farms. Motion carried.

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

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

Review RFP for Platte-Republican Diversion Engineering Services: Thorburn reviewed the Request for Proposals for the Platte-Republican Diversion project, which NDNR will need to review also. Thorburn explained that CNPPID will be responsible for the engineering and construction just past Hwy 23. Any additional construction in Gosper County will be paid by TBNRD and in Furnas County by LRNRD. Additional construction could include protection of Rockies Express pipeline, rehabilitation of existing structures, upgrade of private stream crossings and potential erosion repair issues. The Request for Proposal includes survey work, assistance for dam rehab on Lyon Property and check structures. Thorburn is asking for approval to advertise for engineering services. The deadline for proposals is February 22, 2016. Thorburn mentioned there will be a Turkey Creek landowners meeting on December 14, 2015 and invited Directors to attend.

Moved by Garrelts, seconded by Bilka to allow staff to advertise for engineering services for the Platte-Republican Diversion Project. Motion carried.

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Reynolds commented that the Platte-Republican Diversion and groundwater quantity management phase III are closely connected and that TBNRD and landowners could benefit from a joint steering committee.

Moved by Reynolds, seconded by Raffety to form a Steering Committee composed of Union Township and Turkey Creek Landowners. Motion carried.

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

NARD REPORT

NARD Report: The NARD Legislative Conference will be held in Lincoln on January 26th and 27th, 2016.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Planning Committee: Thorburn reviewed the minutes from the Planning Committee meeting with LBNRD held on November 30, 2015. Thorburn explained that saturated thickness differences were not as divergent as first thought. LBNRD's rules are based on a lower saturated thickness than reflected on their map. LBNRD requires flowmeters throughout the district. The two NRDs will be coordinating on the Little Blue Basin IMP, which could be used as a tool to coordinate groundwater management plans between the two districts.

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 Stakeholder's will meet at TBNRD on Tuesday, December 15, 2015.

Platte Basin: TBNRD will need to select a representative and alternate representative for the Platte Basin IMP process. An additional non-director from each district is needed. TBNRD can also suggest an industry representative if needed. The next meeting will be held in March 2016.

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: Nothing to report.

North Dry Creek: Gates were installed.

Whiskey Slough: Nothing to report.

Odessa IPA: Nothing to report.

Lake Seldom: Management Plan is being updated.

CoHyst/Platte Basin Coalition: Thorburn mentioned CoHyst will be completed at the end of 2016. The Platte Basin Coalition met Monday, December 7, 2016. A final NDC augmentation bill will be submitted. Coalition funding will be used for the on-going high flow diversions.

Sand Creek/Little Blue Basin: This item was discussed under another agenda item.

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

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CNPPID: Ford reported Lake McConaughay is at elevation 3255.7.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

COMMENTS AND CONCERNS

Reynolds commented that Nebraska NRD system is being widely studied because of its water management success. Dean Edson has been traveling to different states to speak about the benefits of the system. Reynolds commented that Nebraska should be proud of the NRD system and what it's accomplished.

PERSONNEL & LEGAL MATTERS

Moved by Garrelts, seconded by Winz to move to executive session for the protection of the public to discuss legal issues at 2:08 p.m. Motion carried.

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Moved by Reynolds, seconded by Larson to move out of executive session for the protection of the public to discuss legal issues at 3:10 p.m. Motion carried.

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

NEXT BOARD MEETING

TBNRD Regular Board Meeting at 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday, January 12, 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, Joe Larson, Brad Lundeen, Dave Olsen, Dave Raffety, Larry Reynolds, Jeff Ryan and Ray Winz.

OTHERS PRESENT

Carie Lynch, John Thorburn, Nicole Salisbury, Dave Ford, Kevin Breece, Terry Sorensen, Tammy Fahrenbruch, Ryan Lutkemeier, Lori Potter, Lori Hagan, Mike Winter and Stan Schutz

Respectfully Submitted:

Carie Lynch, Asst. Secretary

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	2015-11-10-02	Meeting Administration					
	2015-11-10-03	Budget					
	2015-11-10-04	Meeting Administration					
	2015-11-10-05	Meeting Administration					
	2015-11-10-06	Certifications & Transfers					
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