

**MINUTES OF THE TRI-BASIN NRD BOARD MEETING**  
**Tuesday, February 11, 2014, 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 Nickel, at 1:30 p.m. Nickel noted Public Meeting Law is posted in the boardroom.

**ROLL CALL**

Roll call was taken with eleven directors present: Bergstrom, Bilka, Harris, Johnson, Larson, Lundeen, Nelson, Nickel, Olsen, Raffety and Reynolds. Garrelts and Winz were absent. Notice of the meeting was published in the Holdrege Citizen, Bertrand Herald, Elwood Bulletin and the Minden Courier and announced over radio stations KRVN, Lexington and KUVR, Holdrege.

**EXCUSE ABSENCES**

There were no absences to excuse.

**MINUTES**

Thorburn presented the minutes of the January 14, 2014 Board Meeting and February 7, 2014 Executive Committee. Olsen commented that the Executive Committee minutes had only three committee members present instead of four.

Moved by Raffety, seconded by Bilka, to approve the minutes for the January 14, 2014 Regular Board of Directors Meeting. Motion carried.

AYE: Bergstrom, Bilka, Harris, Johnson, Larson, Lundeen, Nelson, Nickel, Olsen, Raffety and Reynolds

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Garrelts and Winz

Moved by Lundeen, seconded by Olsen to approve the minutes of the February 7, 2014 Executive Committee meeting as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

Thorburn presented the financial report for the month of January 2014 as follows:

Accrual Expenditures for Month -----	\$73,083.59
Cash Expenditures for Month-----	\$74,300.37
Accrual Revenues for Month-----	\$322,044.12
Cash Revenues for Month-----	\$338,905.32
Bank Balance—January 31, 2014-----	\$284,143.90
Accounts Receivable – January 31, 2014-----	\$78,303.70
Investments – Pinnacle Bank – January 31, 2014-----	\$609,765.39
Whiskey Slough IPA Balance – January 31, 2014-----	\$19,144.57
Fort Kearny-West IPA Balance – January 31, 2014-----	\$8,299.58
South Dry Creek IPA Balance – January 31, 2014-----	\$9,357.04
Fort Kearny IPA Balance – January 31, 2014-----	\$11,751.24
North Dry Creek IPA Balance – January 31, 2014-----	\$16,219.22
Sacramento Creek IPA Balance – January 31, 2014-----	\$23,017.24
Water Jamboree – January 31, 2014-----	\$1,743.79
NRMDA – January 31, 2014-----	\$7,687.56

Moved by Olsen, seconded by Johnson, to accept the January 2014 financial reports and file for audit. Motion carried.

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AYE: Bergstrom, Bilka, Harris, Johnson, Larson, Lundeen, Nelson, Nickel, Olsen, Raffety and Reynolds

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Garrelts and Winz

**SPECIAL BILLS**

Thorburn presented the VISA, EA Associates, and attorney bills for approval. Moved by Lundeen, seconded by Raffety to approve the visa, attorney and EA Associates bills. Motion carried.

AYE: Bergstrom, Bilka, Harris, Johnson, Larson, Lundeen, Nelson, Nickel, Olsen, Raffety and Reynolds

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Garrelts and Winz

**NRCS REPORT**

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

**Activity and Progress Report:** Breece reported staff has been working on CSP and EQIP. Breece played a presentation on the Conservation Stewardship Program.

**COST SHARE REPORT**

**Well Abandonment** – Thorburn presented four Well Decommissioning Cost-Share applications. Moved by Johnson, seconded by Lundeen to approve Well Decommissioning Cost-share applications #83 to #86. Motion carried.

AYE: Bergstrom, Bilka, Harris, Johnson, Larson, Lundeen, Nelson, Nickel, Olsen, Raffety and Reynolds

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Garrelts and Winz

**NSWCP & NRD Applications** – Thorburn presented fourteen NSWCP cost-share applications and one TBNRD Cost-share. Thorburn mentioned that NSWCP funds need to be obligated by February 28<sup>th</sup> of every year. Moved by Lundeen, seconded by Bilka to approve fourteen NSWCP Cost-share applications and one TBNRD cost-share application. Motion carried.

AYE: Bergstrom, Bilka, Harris, Johnson, Lundeen, Nelson, Nickel, Olsen, Raffety and Reynolds

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: Larson

ABSENT: Garrelts and Winz

**GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT**

**Groundwater & Certified Acre Transfers** – Thorburn presented two groundwater transfer requests for Thomsen Family Corp. and Marjorie Wendell.

Moved by Nelson, seconded by Olsen to approve groundwater transfer requests for Thomsen Family Corp. and Marjorie L. Wendell, Trustee. Motion carried.

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AYE: Bergstrom, Bilka, Harris, Johnson, Larson, Lundeen, Nelson, Nickel, Olsen, Raffety and Reynolds

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Garrelts and Winz

**Educational Land Leases** – Thorburn presented one Educational Land Lease for Ward Eckloff. Moved by Olsen, seconded by Johnson to approve an educational land lease for Ward Eckloff. Motion carried.

AYE: Bergstrom, Bilka, Harris, Johnson, Larson, Lundeen, Nelson, Nickel, Olsen, Raffety and Reynolds

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Garrelts and Winz

**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. Lee Wells commented that he wanted to set up a meeting with Thorburn to view maps of the Odessa IPA. Thorburn will set up a meeting with Wells and his attorney.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**Consider Revising Policies for NSWCP Cost-Share:** Thorburn reviewed the recommendation from the special board meeting.

Moved by Raffety, seconded by Larson to recommend to the board to set all NSWCP cost-share at 50% of actual or average costs, whichever is lower, with a maximum payout of \$5,000 per year, per landowner by approval date and to cap flowmeter and soil moisture sensor cost-share at \$750, effective on applications approved on February 11, 2014 or later and a paid on or after July 1, 2014. Motion carried.

AYE: Bergstrom, Bilka, Harris, Johnson, Larson, Lundeen, Nelson, Nickel, Olsen, Raffety and Reynolds

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Garrelts and Winz

**NARD REPORT**

**NARD Legislative Report (Reynolds):** Moved by Reynolds, seconded by Raffety to oppose LB 1074 and support all other NARD legislation. Motion carried.

AYE: Bergstrom, Bilka, Harris, Johnson, Larson, Lundeen, Nelson, Nickel, Olsen, Raffety and Reynolds

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Garrelts and Winz

**Four States Irrigation Council (Nelson):** Nelson reported on the Four States Irrigation tour in Colorado in January.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Executive Committee:** Thorburn reviewed committee recommendations. Moved by Bilka, seconded by Olsen to accept the Executive Committee's recommendation to proceed with the property and worker's compensation bidding process. Motion carried.

**AYE:** Bergstrom, Bilka, Harris, Johnson, Larson, Lundeen, Nelson, Nickel, Olsen, Raffety and Reynolds

**NAY:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

**ABSENT:** Garrelts and Winz

**STAFF REPORTS & NECESSARY ACTION**

**Board Directives to Staff:** Jon Munter started this week as Conservation Technician.

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

**MONTHLY REPORTS**

**Republican Basin (NRRMD):** NRRMDA will meeting January 19, 2014 in McCook.

**Platte Basin:** Land Committee will meet February 25, 2014 at 9 a.m.

**South Dry Creek:** Annual IPA meeting set for February 28, 2014.

**Sacramento Creek:** Annual IPA meeting set for February 28, 2014.

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

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

**Fort Kearny:** Annual IPA meeting set for February 28, 2014.

**North Dry Creek:** Annual IPA meeting set for February 28, 2014.

**Whiskey Slough:** Annual IPA meeting set for February 28, 2014.

**Odessa IPA:** Engineer is still surveying. Annual IPA meeting set for February 28, 2014.

**Lake Seldom:** Nothing to report.

**CoHyst/Platte Basin Coalition:** Conservation Practices Study is on hold until the difference between fully and over appropriated depletions can be determined.

**Sand Creek/Little Blue Basin:** This item was discussed at the special board meeting.

**CNPPID:** Ford reported Lake McConaughay is at elevation 3235.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Consider Revisions to NRD By-Laws:** Moved by Reynolds, seconded by Nelson to accept the Executive Committee's recommendation to approve by-laws changes. Motion carried.

AYE: Bergstrom, Bilka, Harris, Johnson, Larson, Lundeen, Nelson, Nickel, Olsen, Raffety and Reynolds

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Garrelts and Winz

**Consider Revisions to NRD Personnel Policy:** Moved by Bilka, seconded by Johnson to accept the Executive Committee's recommendation to approve personnel policy changes with minor corrections. Motion carried.

AYE: Bergstrom, Bilka, Harris, Johnson, Larson, Lundeen, Nelson, Nickel, Olsen, Raffety and Reynolds

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Garrelts and Winz

**Approve Contract with NDEQ:** Moved by Bilka, seconded by Olsen to approve the contract with NDEQ for water quality equipment. Motion carried.

AYE: Bergstrom, Bilka, Harris, Johnson, Larson, Lundeen, Nelson, Nickel, Olsen, Raffety and Reynolds

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Garrelts and Winz

**Review Bids for New UTV:** Moved by Nelson, seconded by Raffety to accept a bid from Landmark Implement for the John Deere UTV. Motion carried.

AYE: Bergstrom, Bilka, Harris, Johnson, Larson, Lundeen, Nelson, Nickel, Olsen, Raffety and Reynolds

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Garrelts and Winz

#### **PERSONNEL & LEGAL MATTERS**

There were no personnel or legal matters to discuss.

#### **COMMENTS AND CONCERNS**

Bilka commented that TBNRD should have plaque for Holdrege Soil sign.

#### **NEXT BOARD MEETING**

TBNRD Regular Board Meeting will be held 1:30 p.m., on Tuesday, March 11, 2014 at Tri-Basin NRD, Holdrege, NE

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:22 p.m.

#### **DIRECTORS PRESENT**

Brian Bergstrom, Joe Bilka, Ed Harris, Phyllis Johnson, Joe Larson, Brad Lundeen, David Nelson, David Nickel, David Olsen, Dave Raffety and Larry Reynolds.

#### **OTHERS PRESENT**

Carie Lynch, John Thorburn, Nicole Salisbury, Kevin Breece, Dave Ford, Lori Potter and Lee Wells,

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Respectfully Submitted:

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Carie Lynch, Asst. Secretary

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ID	Motion #	Category	Subject	Aye	Nay	Abs	Motion
	2014-02-11-01	Meeting Administration		11			Moved by Raffety, seconded by Bilka, to approve the minutes for the January 14, 2014 Regular Board of Directors Meeting. Motion carried.
	2014-02-11-02	Meeting Administration					Moved by Lundeen, seconded by Olsen to approve the minutes of the February 7, 2014 Executive Committee meeting as amended. Motion carried unanimously.
	2014-02-11-03	Meeting Administration		11			Moved by Olsen, seconded by Johnson, to accept the January 2014 financial reports and file for audit. Motion carried.
	2014-02-11-04	Budget		11			Moved by Lundeen, seconded by Raffety to approve the visa, attorney and EA Associates bills. Motion carried.
	2014-02-11-05	Meeting Administration		11			Moved by Johnson, seconded by Lundeen to approve Well Decommissioning Cost-share applications #83 to #86. Motion carried.
	2014-02-11-06	Meeting Administration		10		1	Moved by Lundeen, seconded by Bilka to approve fourteen NSWCP Cost-share applications and one TBNRD cost-share application. Motion carried.
	2014-02-11-07	Certifications & Transfers	Thomsen Family Corp, Wendell	11			Moved by Nelson, seconded by Olsen to approve groundwater transfer requests for Thomsen Family Corp. and Marjorie L. Wendell, Trustee. Motion carried.
	2014-02-11-08	Certifications & Transfers	Eckloff	11			Moved by Olsen, seconded by Johnson to approve an educational land lease for Ward Eckloff. Motion carried.
	2014-02-11-09	District Plans & Programs	NSWCP rates	11			Moved by Raffety, seconded by Larson to recommend to the board to set all NSWCP cost-share at 50% of actual or average costs, whichever is lower, with a maximum payout of \$5,000 per

							year, per landowner by approval date and to cap flowmeter and soil moisture sensor cost-share at \$750, effective on applications approved on February 11, 2014 or later and a paid on or after July 1, 2014. Motion carried.
2014-02-11-10	Resolutions & Legislation	LB 1074	11				Moved by Reynolds, seconded by Raffety to oppose LB 1074 and support all other NARD legislation. Motion carried.
2014-02-11-11	Budget	Bid Insurance	11				Moved by Bilka, seconded by Olsen to accept the Executive Committee's recommendation to proceed with the property and worker's compensation bidding process. Motion carried.
2014-02-11-12	Policies – By-Laws	By-Laws	11				Moved by Reynolds, seconded by Nelson to accept the Executive Committee's recommendation to approve by-laws changes. Motion carried.
2014-02-11-13	Personnel	Personnel Policy Update	11				Moved by Bilka, seconded by Johnson to accept the Executive Committee's recommendation to approve personnel policy changes with minor corrections. Motion carried.
2014-02-11-14	Agreements	NDEQ WQ EQ.	11				Moved by Bilka, seconded by Olsen to approve the contract with NDEQ for water quality equipment. Motion carried.
2014-02-11-15	Budget	UTV	11				Moved by Nelson, seconded by Raffety to accept a bid from Landmark Implement for the John Deere UTV. Motion carried.