

**MINUTES OF THE TRI-BASIN NRD BOARD MEETING**  
**Tuesday, March 13, 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: Bilka, Cavanaugh, Garrelts, Harris, Hinrichs, Johnson, Jorgensen, Larson, Olsen, Raffety and Reynolds. Bergstrom arrived at 1:40 p.m. and Lundeen 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 February 13, 2018, Board of Directors meeting. Moved by Bilka seconded by Garrelts, to approve the minutes for the February 13, 2018 Board of Directors Meeting. Motion carried.

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Bergstrom and Lundeen

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

Bilka presented the financial report for the month of February 2018 as follows:

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| Accrual Expenditures for Month .....                  | \$130,979.19 |
| Cash Expenditures for Month.....                      | \$476,245.70 |
| Accrual Revenues for Month.....                       | \$55,505.19  |
| Cash Revenues for Month.....                          | \$102,694.11 |
| Bank Balance—February 28, 2018.....                   | \$637,863.67 |
| Accounts Receivable – February 28, 2018.....          | \$207.25     |
| Investments – Pinnacle Bank – February 28, 2018.....  | \$451,271.25 |
| Building Sinking Fund – February 28, 2018.....        | \$31,210.83  |
| Vehicle Sinking Fund – February 28, 2018.....         | \$77,523.03  |
| Water Resources Fund – February 28, 2018.....         | \$626,447.23 |
| Whiskey Slough IPA Balance – February 28, 2018.....   | \$17,335.01  |
| Fort Kearny-West IPA Balance – February 28, 2018..... | \$13,251.36  |
| South Dry Creek IPA Balance – February 28, 2018.....  | \$15,739.54  |
| Fort Kearny IPA Balance – February 28, 2018.....      | \$13,688.51  |
| Sacramento Creek IPA Balance – February 28, 2018..... | \$11,810.53  |
| North Dry Creek IPA Balance – February 28, 2018.....  | \$13,240.63  |
| Water Jamboree – February 28, 2018.....               | \$9,516.54   |
| NR MDMA – February 28, 2018.....                      | \$7,629.61   |
| Odessa IPA – February 28, 2018.....                   | \$14,721.73  |

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

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Bergstrom and Lundeen

#### **SPECIAL BILLS**

Thorburn presented the VISA, attorney, JEO, EA Engineering, HDR, Flatwater and PRD bills for approval. Moved by Bilka, seconded Hinrichs to approve the VISA, attorney, JEO, EA Engineering, HDR, Flatwater and PRD bills. Motion carried.

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Bergstrom and Lundeen

#### **NRCS REPORT**

**FSA Farm Plans:** Breece Presented one farm plan for approval. Moved by Garrelts, seconded Cavanaugh to approve a farm plan for Ebmeier/Wilcox. Motion carried.

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

NAY: Harris and Johnson

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Bergstrom and Lundeen

**Activity and Progress Report:** Kevin Breece reported staff is writing EQIP contracts and a Volunteer Recognition Program and NRD Workgroup Meeting will be held Wednesday, March 14, 2018 at TBNRD.

#### **COST SHARE REPORT**

**Well Abandonment** – Thorburn presented six well decommissioning applications to approve. Moved by Johnson, seconded Raffety to approve six well decommissioning applications. Motion carried.

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Lundeen

**NSWCP & NRD Applications** – Thorburn presented five NSWCP and three TBNRD Conservation Tree Cost-Share applications to approve. Moved by Larson, seconded Cavanaugh to approve five NSWCP and three TBNRD applications. Motion carried.

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Lundeen

**GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT**

**Groundwater & Certified Acre Transfers** – Thorburn presented two irrigated acre transfer requests to approve for Donna Silver and Kathleen Ganz, a request for a correction to certified irrigated acres for Burwell/Wubbenhorst and a pooling agreement for Grant Schutz. John Wubbenhorst, Jim Silver, Bradley Widdowson and Randy Burwell were present to answer questions. Moved by Reynolds, seconded Cavanaugh to approve two irrigated acre transfer requests for Donna Silver and Kathleen Ganz, a correction to certified irrigated acres (using the current proof of 131.67 acres) for Burwell/Wubbenhorst and a pooling agreement for Grant Schutz. Motion carried.

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Lundeen

**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. Charles Brooks, who is retiring from TBNRD after 20 years of service, thanked the Board for their support through the years.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**Chemigation Program Update - VanEperen:** VanEperen reviewed chemigation requirements, permitting and inspection process.

**NARD REPORT**

**NARD Report:** Reynolds reported on the state budget. Reynolds asked that the NARD budget be included in the April 2018 packet.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Projects & Construction:** The committee will tour the PRD property Thursday, March 15, 2018 at 1:30.

**STAFF REPORTS & NECESSARY ACTION**

**Board Directives to Staff:** There was no staff report.

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

**MONTHLY REPORTS**

**Republican Basin (NRRMDA):** No Republican Basin Stakeholders meeting will be held this month.

**Platte Basin:** Platte Basin Stakeholders will meet March 21, 2018 in North Platte.

**South Dry Creek:** Channel cleaning will be done and bearms installed.

**Sacramento Creek:** Channel cleaning will be done and Thorburn recommended increase the assessment to \$.15/UOB. Assessments will be presented at the April meeting.

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

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

**Fort Kearny:** Nothing to report.

**North Dry Creek:** Nothing to report.

**Whiskey Slough:** Culvert will be reset.

**Odessa IPA:** Nothing to report.

**Lake Seldom:** RBJV will hold a Divots for Pivots meeting on Friday, March 16, 2018.

**CoHyst/Platte Basin Coalition:** Nothing to report.

**Sand Creek/Little Blue Basin:** Nothing to Report.

**Platte-Republican Diversion & Republican Basin Augmentation Well:** Nothing to report.

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

**CNPPID:** Ford reported Lake McConaughy is at elevation 3256.3 and 85.5% of capacity.

#### NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

#### COMMENTS AND CONCERNS

There were no comments and concerns.

#### PERSONNEL & LEGAL MATTERS

Moved by Garrelts, seconded Bilka to move to executive session for protecting the public to discuss contractual matters at 2:35 p.m. Motion carried.

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Lundeen

Moved by Raffety, seconded Bilka to move out of executive session for protecting the public to discuss contractual matters at 3:19 p.m. Motion carried.

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Lundeen

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**NEXT BOARD MEETING**

TBNRD Regular Board Meeting on Tuesday, April 5, 2018 at 1:30 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

**DIRECTORS PRESENT**

Brian Bergstrom, Joe Bilka, Mike Cavanaugh, Todd Garrelts, Ed Harris, Rob Hinrichs, Phyllis Johnson, Greg Jorgensen, Joe Larson, Dave Olsen, Dave Raffety and Larry Reynolds.

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Carie Lynch, John Thorburn, Tammy Fahrenbruch, Kevin Breece, Dave Ford, Nate Munter, Bradley Widdowson, Randy Burwell, Jim Silver, John Wubbenhorst, Diana Wubbenhorst, Charles Brooks, Nolan Little and Jeff VanEperen.

Respectfully Submitted:

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Carie Lynch, Asst. Secretary

INDEX OF BOARD DECISIONS  
 TRI-BASIN NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT  
 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
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| ID | Motion #      | Category                   | Subject                              | Aye | Nay | Abstain |   |
|----|---------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----|-----|---------|---|
|    | 2018-03-13-01 | Meeting Administration     |                                      | 11  |     |         | Moved by Bilka seconded by Garrelts, to approve the minutes for the February 13, 2018 Board of Directors Meeting. Motion carried.   |
|    | 2018-03-13-02 | Meeting Administration     |                                      | 11  |     |         | Moved by Johnson, seconded by Larson to accept the February 2018 financial reports and file for audit. Motion carried.  |
|    | 2018-03-13-03 | Budget                     |                                      | 11  |     |         | Moved by Bilka, seconded Hinrichs to approve the VISA, attorney, JEO, EA Engineering, HDR, Flatwater and PRD bills. Motion carried.   |
|    | 2018-03-13-04 | Meeting Administration     |                                      | 11  |     |         | Moved by Garrelts, seconded Cavanaugh to approve a farm plan for Ebmeier/Wilcox. Motion carried.  |
|    | 2018-03-13-05 | Meeting Administration     |                                      | 12  |     |         | Moved by Johnson, seconded Raffety to approve six well decommissioning applications. Motion carried.  |
|    | 2018-03-13-06 | Meeting Administration     |                                      | 12  |     |         | Moved by Larson, seconded Cavanaugh to approve five NSWCP and three TBNRD applications. Motion carried.   |
|    | 2018-03-13-07 | Certifications & Transfers | Silver, Ganz, Wubbenhorst and Schutz | 12  |     |         | Moved by Reynolds, seconded Cavanaugh to approve two irrigated acre transfer requests for Donna Silver and Kathleen Ganz, a correction to certified irrigated acres (using the current proof of 131.67 acres) for Burwell/Wubbenhorst and a pooling agreement for Grant Schutz. Motion carried. |
|    | 2018-03-13-08 | Meeting Administration     |                                      | 12  |     |         | Moved by Garrelts, seconded Bilka to move to executive session for protecting the public to discuss contractual matters at 2:35 p.m. Motion carried.  |
|    | 2018-03-13-09 | Certification & Transfers  |                                      | 12  |     |         | Moved by Raffety, seconded Bilka to move out of executive session for protecting the public to discuss contractual matters at 3:19 p.m. Motion carried.   |