

MINUTES OF THE TRI-BASIN NRD BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, April 14, 2015, 7:30 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 1:31 p.m. Olsen noted Public Meeting Law is posted in the boardroom.

ROLL CALL

Roll call was taken with ten directors present: Bilka, Cavanaugh, Garrelts, Harris, Johnson, Larson, Nickel, Olsen, Raffety and Winz. Bergstrom, Lundeen and Reynolds 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 March 10, 2015, Board of Directors Meeting and March 7, 2015 Planning Committee Meeting and March 7, 2015 Executive Committee meeting.

Moved by Bilka, seconded by Johnson, to approve the minutes for the March 10, 2015 Board of Directors Meeting. Motion carried.

AYE: Bilka, Cavanaugh, Harris, Johnson, Larson, Nickel, Olsen, Raffety and Winz

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: Garrelts

ABSENT: Bergstrom, Lundeen and Reynolds

Moved by Johnson, seconded by Larson, to approve the minutes for the March 7, 2015 Planning Committee Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Garrelts, seconded by Raffety, to approve the minutes for the March 7, 2015 Executive Committee Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

FINANCIAL REPORT

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

Accrual Expenditures for Month -----	\$143,503.14
Cash Expenditures for Month-----	\$143,447.53
Accrual Revenues for Month-----	\$118,087.32
Cash Revenues for Month-----	\$111,449.46
Bank Balance—March 31, 2015-----	\$295,628.00
Accounts Receivable – March 31, 2015-----	\$27,621.74
Investments – Pinnacle Bank – March 31, 2015-----	\$50,045.57
Whiskey Slough IPA Balance – March 31, 2015-----	\$18,804.49
Fort Kearny-West IPA Balance – March 31, 2015-----	\$9,641.41
South Dry Creek IPA Balance – March 31, 2015-----	\$11,629.56
Fort Kearny IPA Balance – March 31, 2015-----	\$11,481.90
North Dry Creek IPA Balance – March 31, 2015-----	\$16,579.55
Sacramento Creek IPA Balance – March 31, 2015-----	\$22,623.89
Water Jamboree – March 31, 2015-----	\$5,124.47
NRRMDA – March 31, 2015-----	\$7,622.93
Odessa IPA – March 31, 2015-----	\$4,645.32

Moved by Nickel, seconded by Garrelts, to accept the March 2015 financial reports and file for audit. Motion carried.

AYE: Bilka, Cavanaugh, Garrelts, Harris, Johnson, Larson, Nickel, Olsen, Raffety and Winz

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Bergstrom, Lundeen and Reynolds

SPECIAL BILLS

Thorburn presented the VISA bills for approval. Moved by Johnson, seconded Larson to approve the visa bills. Motion carried.

AYE: Bilka, Cavanaugh, Garrelts, Harris, Johnson, Larson, Nickel, Olsen, Raffety and Winz

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Bergstrom, Lundeen and Reynolds

NRCS REPORT

FSA Farm Plans: Breece presented eleven farm plans for approval. Moved by Raffety, seconded Bilka to approve eleven farm plans. Motion carried.

AYE: Bilka, Cavanaugh, Garrelts, Larson, Nickel, Olsen, Raffety and Winz

NAY: Harris and Johnson

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Bergstrom, Lundeen and Reynolds

Activity and Progress Report: Breece reported staff has been writing CSP and EQIP contracts but CSP rankings are not done yet. Breece mentioned that NRCS is willing to assist landowners with cover crops.

COST SHARE REPORT

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

AYE: Bilka, Cavanaugh, Garrelts, Harris, Johnson, Larson, Nickel, Olsen, Raffety and Winz

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Bergstrom, Lundeen and Reynolds

NSWCP & NRD Applications – Thorburn presented seventeen NSWCP cost-share applications, one Nebraska Bufferstrip application and fourteen TBNRD windbreaks to approve. Lynch noted that an amended cost-share approval sheet was handed out. Moved by Johnson, seconded by Winz to approve seventeen NSWCP cost-share applications, Nebraska Bufferstrip application and fourteen TBNRD cost-share applications. Motion carried.

AYE: Bilka, Cavanaugh, Garrelts, Harris, Johnson, Larson, Nickel, Olsen, Raffety and Winz

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Bergstrom, Lundeen and Reynolds

GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT

Groundwater & Certified Acre Transfers – Thorburn presented one groundwater transfer request (Thomsen Family Corp.), five certified irrigated acre transfer requests (Eugene Olson, Joe Larson, Stephen Larson (2) and Garold Larson) and two requests for a well variance (Bruce

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Shepherd and LeRoy Kuck). Mike Winter from Downey Drilling, Eugene Olson and Bruce Shepherd were present to answer questions.

Moved by Nickel, seconded by Cavanaugh to approve a groundwater transfer request for Thomsen Family Corporation, certified irrigated transfer requests for R. Eugene Olson, Joseph Larson, Stephen Larson (2) and Garold Larson and two well variance requests for Bruce Shepherd and LeRoy Kuck. Motion carried.

AYE: Bilka, Cavanaugh, Garrelts, Harris, Johnson, Nickel, Olsen and Raffety

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: Larson

ABSENT: Winz, Bergstrom, Lundeen and Reynolds

Educational Land Leases – There were no education 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

Consider Hearing for Wm. Kuehn Property: Thorburn explained that the Kuehn property would be affected by the new spillway for the proposed Sand Creek Reservoir. Thorburn explained the notification and hearing process. Thorburn recommended scheduling a hearing at the June 9, 2015 board meeting.

Moved by Johnson, seconded by Larson to schedule a hearing at the June 9, 2015 board meeting for the William Kuehn property associated with the proposed Sand Creek. Motion carried.

AYE: Bilka, Cavanaugh, Garrelts, Harris, Johnson, Larson, Nickel, Olsen and Raffety

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Winz, Bergstrom, Lundeen and Reynolds

Consider Revising NRD Rules and Regulations (After Hearing): This agenda item will be discussed after the hearing is closed.

Consider Purchase of Shredder for Tractor: Thorburn presented two bids for a shredder. Thorburn mentioned that \$3,500 was budgeted but a heavy duty shredder was required at a higher cost but will be offset by the proposed pickup purchase coming in under budget.

Moved by Winz, to purchase the John Deere shredder for \$5,950. Motion failed for lack of second.

Moved by Larson, seconded by Cavanaugh to purchase the Rhino shredder from Titan Machinery for \$5,600. Motion carried.

AYE: Bilka, Cavanaugh, Harris, Johnson, Larson, Nickel, Olsen, Raffety and Winz

NAY: Garrelts

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Bergstrom, Lundeen and Reynolds

NARD REPORT

Thorburn mentioned there will be a NARD Republican River Basin Tour June 15-17, 2015.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

There were no committee reports.

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): Thorburn mentioned he attended the Republican Basin IMP Stakeholder meeting with Winz and Johnson on March 31, 2015. Johnson complimented Thorburn on his presentation. The next meeting is scheduled for June 17, 2015 in Cambridge, NE.

Platte Basin: The Platte Basin wide IMP annual meeting will be held June 18, 2015 in North Platte.

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: Nothing to report.

Whiskey Slough: Nothing to report.

Odessa IPA: Roadwork is completed. Seeding of side banks and electrical work needs to be completed.

Lake Seldom: Nothing to report

CoHyst/Platte Basin Coalition: Nothing to report..

Sand Creek/Little Blue Basin: Watershed Management Plan meeting was held.

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

CNPPID: Ford reported Lake McConaughay is at elevation 3250.77 or 77% of capacity.

NEW BUSINESS

Proposal for TBNRD Geohydrological Study: Brandi Flyr and Dale Schlautman, EA Engineering, gave a presentation outlining a proposal for a project that would assess the hydrogeologic/hydrologic data of Tri-Basin NRD. The project would have the following objectives:

- Inventory - Identify and compile existing data and relevant studies; and identify current methods to assess hydrogeologic/hydrologic data.

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- Hydrogeologic Data Summary – Summarize and map hydrogeologic data available from external sources, including COHYST, in a format useful to the District.
- Initial Data Evaluation – Conduct initial evaluation of existing data and develop processes for future evaluation.

The initial phase of the project could cost about \$20,000. The cost of the next steps would vary, depending on resources available and project hours. Little Blue NRD's initial draft management plan is going to be ready in June 2015 and TBNRD would be able to see an example of the project output. The project could be considered as a part of FY 2015-2016 Budget.

Consider Purchasing Replacement for 2010 Ford F-150: Thorburn presented bids for a pickup to replace the 2010 Ford F150. Thorburn suggested a crew cab to allow more staff to travel in one vehicle and would be useful for HEL inspections. Moved by Nickel, seconded by Larson to accept the bid from Black Motor for the Dodge Crew Cab for \$10,351. Motion carried.

AYE: Bilka, Cavanaugh, Johnson, Larson, Nickel, Olsen, Raffety and Winz

NAY: Garrelts and Harris

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Bergstrom, Lundeen and Reynolds

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Consider Revising NRD Rules and Regulations (After Hearing): Moved by Bilka, seconded by Johnson to adopt the revised Groundwater Management Rules and Regulations. Motion carried.

AYE: Bilka, Cavanaugh, Garrelts, Harris, Johnson, Larson, Nickel, Olsen and Raffety

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Winz, Bergstrom, Lundeen and Reynolds

PERSONNEL & LEGAL MATTERS

Moved by Bilka, seconded by Winz to move to executive session for the protection of the public to discuss legal issues at 8:53 p.m. Motion carried.

AYE: Bilka, Cavanaugh, Garrelts, Harris, Johnson, Larson, Nickel, Olsen, Raffety and Winz

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Bergstrom, Lundeen and Reynolds

Moved by Johnson, seconded by Winz to move out of executive session for the protection of the public to discuss legal issues at 9:07 p.m. Motion carried.

AYE: Bilka, Cavanaugh, Garrelts, Harris, Johnson, Larson, Nickel, Olsen, Raffety and Winz

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Bergstrom, Lundeen and Reynolds

COMMENTS AND CONCERNS

There were no comments or concerns.

NEXT BOARD MEETING

TBNRD Regular Board Meeting will be held 7:30 p.m., on Tuesday, May 12, 2015 at Tri-Basin NRD

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

DIRECTORS PRESENT

Joe Bilka, Mike Cavanaugh, Todd Garrelts, Ed Harris, Phyllis Johnson, Joe Larson, David Nickel, Dave Olsen, Dave Raffety and Ray Winz.

OTHERS PRESENT

Carie Lynch, John Thorburn, Nicole Salisbury, Tammy Fahrenbruch, Dave Ford, Kevin Breece, Irvin Walbridge, Derek Walbridge, Ron Gardner, Eugene Olson, Bruce Shepherd, Jonathan Miller, Charles Brooks, Nolan Little, Brandi Flyr, Dale Schlautman and Mike Winter.

Respectfully Submitted:

Carie Lynch, Asst. Secretary

INDEX OF BOARD DECISIONS
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ID	Motion #	Category	Subject	Aye	Nay	Abs	Motion
	2015-04-14-01	Meeting Administration		9		1	Moved by Bilka, seconded by Johnson, to approve the minutes for the March 10, 2015 Board of Directors Meeting. Motion carried.
	2015-04-14-02	Meeting Administration					Moved by Johnson, seconded by Larson, to approve the minutes for the March 7, 2015 Planning Committee Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.
	2015-04-14-03	Meeting Administration					Moved by Garrelts, seconded by Raffety, to approve the minutes for the March 7, 2015 Executive Committee Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.
	2015-04-14-04	Meeting Administration		10			Moved by Nickel, seconded by Garrelts, to accept the March 2015 financial reports and file for audit. Motion carried.
	2015-04-14-05	Budget		10			Moved by Johnson, seconded Larson to approve the visa bills. Motion carried.
	2015-04-14-06			8	2		Moved by Raffety, seconded Bilka to approve eleven farm plans. Motion carried.
	2015-04-14-07			10			Moved by Winz, seconded by Larson to approve nine well decommissioning cost-share applications. Motion carried.
	2015-04-14-08	Meeting Administration		10			Moved by Johnson, seconded by Winz to approve seventeen NSWCP cost-share applications, Nebraska Bufferstrip application and fourteen TBNRD cost-share applications. Motion carried.
	2015-04-14-09			9		1	Moved by Nickel, seconded by Cavanaugh to approve a groundwater transfer request for Thomsen Family Corporation, certified irrigated transfer requests for R. Eugene Olson, Joseph Larson,

							Stephen Larson (2) and Garold Larson and two well variance requests for Bruce Shepherd and LeRoy Kuck. Motion carried.
	2015-04-14-10			10			Moved by Johnson, seconded by Larson to schedule a hearing at the June 9, 2015 board meeting for the William Kuehn property associated with the proposed Sand Creek. Motion carried.
	2015-04-14-11	Budget	Rhino Shredder	9	1		Moved by Larson, seconded by Cavanaugh to purchase the Rhino shredder from Titan Machinery for \$5,600. Motion carried.
	2015-04-14-12	Budget	New pickup	8	2		Moved by Nickel, seconded by Larson to accept the bid from Black Motor for the Dodge Crew Cab for \$10,351. Motion carried.
	2015-04-14-13			10			Moved by Bilka, seconded by Johnson to adopt the revised Groundwater Management Rules and Regulations. Motion carried.
	2015-04-14-14	Meeting Administration		10			Moved by Bilka, seconded by Winz to move to executive session for the protection of the public to discuss legal issues at 8:53 p.m. Motion carried.
	2015-04-14-15	Meeting Administration		10			Moved by Johnson, seconded by Winz to move out of executive session for the protection of the public to discuss legal issues at 9:07 p.m. Motion carried.