

MINUTES OF THE TRI-BASIN NRD BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, June 20, 2017, 7:30 p.m.
Tri-Basin Natural Resources District

CALL TO ORDER

The regular monthly board meeting of the Tri-Basin Natural Resources District (NRD) was called to order by Vice Chairman, Brad Lundeen, at 7:36 p.m. Lundeen noted Public Meeting Law is posted in the boardroom.

ROLL CALL

Roll call was taken with nine directors present: Bergstrom, Bilka, Garrelts, Hinrichs, Johnson, Jorgensen, Larson, Lundeen, Raffety and Reynolds. Larson arrived at 7:40. Cavanaugh, Harris and Olsen 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

Moved by Garrelts, seconded by Bergstrom, to excuse Bilka from the April and May 2017 Board of Directors Meeting. Motion carried.

AYE: Bergstrom, Garrelts, Hinrichs, Johnson, Jorgensen, Lundeen, Raffety and Reynolds

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: Bilka

ABSENT: Cavanaugh, Harris, Larson and Olsen

MINUTES

Thorburn presented the minutes of the May 9, 2017, Board of Directors meeting. Moved by Johnson, seconded by Jorgensen, to approve the minutes for the May 9, 2017 Board of Directors Meeting. Motion carried.

AYE: Hinrichs, Johnson, Jorgensen, Lundeen, Raffety and Reynolds

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: Bergstrom, Bilka and Garrelts

ABSENT: Cavanaugh, Harris, Larson and Olsen

FINANCIAL REPORT

Bilka presented the financial report for the month of May 2017 as follows:

Accrual Expenditures for Month -----	\$226,977.83
Cash Expenditures for Month-----	\$228,550.09
Accrual Revenues for Month-----	\$589,775.29
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Cash Revenues for Month-----	\$594,244.37
Bank Balance—May 31, 2017-----	\$879,421.54
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Accounts Receivable – May 31, 2017-----	\$3,336.70
Investments – Pinnacle Bank – May 31, 2017-----	\$450,428.30
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Building Sinking Fund – May 31, 2017-----	\$61,700.60
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Vehicle Sinking Fund – May 31, 2017-----	\$49,969.67
Water Resources Fund – May 31, 2017-----	\$290,964.66
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Whiskey Slough IPA Balance – May 31, 2017-----	\$18,091.25
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Fort Kearny-West IPA Balance – May 31, 2017-----	\$12,382.67

South Dry Creek IPA Balance – May 31, 2017-----	\$16,632.82
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Fort Kearny IPA Balance – May 31, 2017-----	\$13,732.62
Sacramento Creek IPA Balance – May 31, 2017-----	\$21,322.62
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North Dry Creek IPA Balance – May 31, 2017-----	\$15,372.26
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Water Jamboree – May 31, 2017-----	\$5,562.98
NRRMDA – May 31, 2017-----	\$7,627.90
Odessa IPA – May 31, 2017-----	\$9,853.88

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There was discussion about the net profit for the year. Moved by Johnson, seconded by Garrelts to accept the May 2017 financial reports and file for audit. Motion carried.

AYE: Bergstrom, Bilka, Garrelts, Hinrichs, Johnson, Jorgensen, Lundeen, Raffety and Reynolds

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: Larson

ABSENT: Cavanaugh, Harris and Olsen

SPECIAL BILLS

Thorburn presented the VISA, attorney, HDR and Flatwater bills for approval. Moved by Reynolds, seconded Bilka to approve the attorney, HDR and Flatwater bills. Motion carried.

AYE: Bergstrom, Bilka, Garrelts, Hinrichs, Johnson, Jorgensen, Larson, Lundeen, Raffety and Reynolds

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Cavanaugh, Harris and Olsen

Moved by Bilka, seconded Raffety to approve the VISA bills. Motion carried.

AYE: Bergstrom, Bilka, Garrelts, Hinrichs, Johnson, Jorgensen, Larson, Lundeen, Raffety and Reynolds

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Cavanaugh, Harris and Olsen

NRCS REPORT

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

Activity and Progress Report: Breece talked about gully erosion plans, cover crops, and CSPP applications.

COST SHARE REPORT

Well Abandonment – Thorburn presented one Well Decommissioning Cost-Share application for approval. Moved by Bilka, seconded Garrelts to approve one well decommissioning cost-share application. Motion carried.

AYE: Bergstrom, Bilka, Garrelts, Hinrichs, Johnson, Jorgensen, Larson, Lundeen, Raffety and Reynolds

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Cavanaugh, Harris and Olsen

NSWCP & NRD Applications – Thorburn presented two NSWCP applications, one TBNRD application and four TBNRD amendments to approve. Moved by Johnson, seconded Larson to approve two NSWCP, one TBNRD application and four TBNRD amendments. Motion carried.

AYE: Bergstrom, Bilka, Garrelts, Hinrichs, Johnson, Jorgensen, Larson, Lundeen, Raffety and Reynolds

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Cavanaugh, Harris and Olsen

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GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT

Groundwater & Certified Acre Transfers – Thorburn presented three irrigated acre transfer requests (Fort Kearny Consolidated, M&M Stock Farm - 2). Brian Kissinger and Brian Petersen were present to answer questions. Moved by Garrelts, seconded Hinrichs to approve three irrigated acre transfer requests (Fort Kearny Consolidated and M&M Stock Farm – 2). Motion carried.

AYE: Bergstrom, Bilka, Garrelts, Hinrichs, Johnson, Jorgensen, Larson, Lundeen, Raffety and Reynolds

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Cavanaugh, Harris and Olsen

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. There was no public comment.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Cancel Violator Hearing: Thorburn explained that the last crop reports was received and the violator hearing can be cancelled. Moved by Bergstrom, seconded Bilka to cancel the violator hearing scheduled July 18, 2017. Motion carried.

AYE: Bergstrom, Bilka, Garrelts, Hinrichs, Johnson, Jorgensen, Larson, Lundeen, Raffety and Reynolds

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Cavanaugh, Harris and Olsen

NARD REPORT

NARD: Reynolds reported on the NARD tour and mentioned that August is the deadline to submit a resolution for consideration at the Fall Conference.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Executive Committee: The Executive Committee will meet July 7, 2017 at 9 a.m. to discuss the first draft of the budget.

STAFF REPORTS & NECESSARY ACTION

Board Directives to Staff: Thorburn mentioned the board of director's tour will go east this year and asked for input on tour stops, meeting places and lunch. Thorburn reviewed the RFP for database re-organization. Thorburn will negotiate a price.

Out-of-State Travel: Moved by Raffety, seconded Johnson to approve out-of-state travel for Thorburn on June 6-7, 2017 to Cheyenne, WY. Motion carried.

AYE: Bergstrom, Bilka, Garrelts, Hinrichs, Johnson, Jorgensen, Larson, Lundeen, Raffety and Reynolds

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

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MONTHLY REPORTS

Republican Basin (NRRMDA): Republican River Stakeholders met today in Cambridge and the Republican River Compact Administration meets August 22, 2017 in Burlington, CO.

Platte Basin: Annual meeting and stakeholder's meeting will be July 19, 2017.

South Dry Creek: Spraying and shredding is being done.

Sacramento Creek: Spraying and shredding is being done. Ostgren cleared half mile of channel.

Middle Lost Creek: Nothing to report.

Fort Kearny West: Spraying and shredding is being done.

Fort Kearny: Spraying and shredding is being done.

North Dry Creek: Spraying and shredding is being done.

Whiskey Slough: Spraying and shredding is being done.

Odessa IPA: Spraying and shredding is being done.

Lake Seldom: Robinson Farm was purchased.

CoHyst/Platte Basin Coalition: The calibrated model should be completed and documented by September. Duane Woodward will give a presentation to TBNRD about the model. Thorburn mentioned the Platte Basin Coalition has allocated money from the Water Resources Cash Fund, a portion of which will be available to NRDs.

Sand Creek/Little Blue Basin: Thorburn mentioned a water sampling and age dating study to track groundwater movement is being considered by the City of Hastings, LBNRD and UNL. TBNRD could be a partner. Little updated the board on observation well drilling.

Platte-Republican Diversion & Republican Basin Augmentation Well: Thorburn traveled to Cheyenne, WY to give the Platte River Recovery a presentation on the Platte-Republican Diversion Project at the request of CNPPID.

A handout was discussed that details a proposal for water delivery improvements that will enable canal water diversions to wetlands. CNPPID, RBJV and USF&W are planning to submit an

application to the Water Sustainability Fund. Andy Bishop, RBJV, requested that TBNRD contribute matching funds, using funds already budgeted for diversions.

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

CNPPID: Trompke reported Lake McConaughy is at 88.3%.

NEW BUSINESS

FY 2017-2018 NRD Budget: The board retreat to discuss the FY 2017-2018 Budget will be held on July 18, 2017 at 10 a.m.

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Request from Funk for WSO: Thorburn explained that the Village of Funk needs a Water Service Operator. Pat Nott will be training to become certified. Thorburn proposed that Nott be allowed to fill the temporary position. . A fee will be charged but has not been determined. The board previously approved allowing staff to be a certified Water Service Operator to help villages and smaller towns maintain their water system. Moved by Raffety, seconded by Reynolds to allow Pat Nott to serve as a temporary Water Service Operator for the Village of Funk. Motion carried.

AYE: Bergstrom, Bilka, Garrelts, Hinrichs, Johnson, Jorgensen, Larson, Lundeen, Raffety and Reynolds

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Cavanaugh, Harris and Olsen

COMMENTS AND CONCERNS

Lundeen commented that results from the no-till study could be used in depletion calculations and that TBNRD should pursue inclusion of the data.

PERSONNEL & LEGAL MATTERS

There were no legal or personnel matters to discuss.

NEXT BOARD MEETING

TBNRD Regular Board Meeting on Tuesday, July 18, 2017 at 1:30 p.m. with Board Retreat at 10 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:42 p.m.

DIRECTORS PRESENT

Brian Bergstrom, Joe Bilka, Todd Garrelts, Rob Hinrichs, Phyllis Johnson, Greg Jorgensen, Joe Larson, Brad Lundeen, Dave Raffety and Larry Reynolds.

OTHERS PRESENT

Carie Lynch, John Thorburn, Nicole Salisbury, Nolan Little, Marcia Trompke, Brian Petersen, Kevin Breece and Brian Kissinger.

Respectfully Submitted:

Carie Lynch, Asst. Secretary

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 TRI-BASIN NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT
 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
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ID	Motion #	Category	Subject	Aye	Nay	Abstain	
	2017-06-20-01	Meeting Administration		8		1	Moved by Garrelts, seconded by Bergstrom, to excuse Bilka from the April and May 2017 Board of Directors Meeting. Motion carried.
	2017-06-20-02	Meeting Administration		6		3	Moved by Johnson, seconded by Jorgensen, to approve the minutes for the May 9, 2017 Board of Directors Meeting. Motion carried.
	2017-06-20-03	Meeting Administration		9		1	Moved by Johnson, seconded by Garrelts to accept the May 2017 financial reports and file for audit. Motion carried.
	2017-06-20-04	Budget		10			Moved by Reynolds, seconded Bilka to approve the attorney, HDR and Flatwater bills. Motion carried.
	2017-06-20-05	Budget		10			Moved by Bilka, seconded Raffety to approve the VISA bills. Motion carried.
	2017-06-20-06	Meeting Administration		10			Moved by Bilka, seconded Garrelts to approve one well decommissioning cost-share application. Motion carried.
	2017-06-20-07	Meeting Administration		10			Moved by Johnson, seconded Larson to approve two NSWCP, one TBNRD application and four TBNRD amendments. Motion carried.
	2017-06-20-08	Certification & Transfers	Ft. Kearny Consolidated & M&M Stock Farms	10			Moved by Garrelts, seconded Hinrichs to approve three irrigated acre transfer requests (Fort Kearny Consolidated and M&M Stock Farm – 2). Motion carried.
	2017-06-20-09	Meeting Administration		10			Moved by Bergstrom, seconded Bilka to cancel the violator hearing scheduled July 18, 2017. Motion carried.
	2017-06-20-10	Meeting Administration		10			Moved by Raffety, seconded Johnson to approve out-of-state travel for Thorburn on June 6-7,2017 to Cheyenne, WY. Motion carried.
	2017-06-20-11	Personnel	Water Service Operator - Pat Nott	10			Moved by Raffety, seconded by Reynolds to allow Pat Nott to serve as a temporary Water Service Operator for the Village of Funk. Motion carried.

