

MINUTES OF THE TRI-BASIN NRD BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, July 8, 2014, 6:30 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 Vice Chairman David Olsen, at 7:30 p.m. Nickel noted Public Meeting Law is posted in the boardroom.

ROLL CALL

Roll call was taken with eight directors present: Bergstrom, Garrelts, Harris, Johnson, Larson, Lundeen, Olsen and Raffety. Winz arrived at 7:34 p.m. Bilka, Nickel, Nelson and Reynolds 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 June 17, 2014 Board Meeting and June 24, 2014 Joint Meeting with CNPID. Thorburn mentioned that the minutes from the Joint Meeting with Central were not available yet and because a quorum didn't approve the regular minutes, they would appear on the next meeting agenda. Moved by Raffety, seconded by Lundeen, to approve the minutes for the June 17, 2014 Regular Board of Directors Meeting. No Quorum for approval.

AYE: Harris, Johnson, Larson, Lundeen and Raffety

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: Bergstrom, Garrelts, Harris and Olsen

ABSENT: Bilka, Nickel, Reynolds, Winz and Nelson

FINANCIAL REPORT

Garrelts presented the financial report for the month of June 2014 as follows:

Accrual Expenditures for Month -----	\$216,236.22
Cash Expenditures for Month-----	\$235,511.93
Accrual Revenues for Month-----	\$193,547.05
Cash Revenues for Month-----	\$155,675.91
Bank Balance—June 30, 2014-----	\$647,448.37
Accounts Receivable – June 30, 2014-----	\$52,856.85
Investments – Pinnacle Bank – June 30, 2014-----	\$610,266.72
Whiskey Slough IPA Balance – June 30, 2014-----	\$18,801.54
Fort Kearny-West IPA Balance – June 30, 2014-----	\$8,925.53
South Dry Creek IPA Balance – June 30, 2014-----	\$10,248.10
Fort Kearny IPA Balance – June 30, 2014-----	\$11,639.99
North Dry Creek IPA Balance – June 30, 2014-----	\$16,323.23
Sacramento Creek IPA Balance – June 30, 2014-----	\$22,751.94
Water Jamboree – June 30, 2014-----	\$5,570.56
NRRMDA – June 30, 2014-----	\$7,621.73

Moved by Larson, seconded by Lundeen, to accept the June 2014 financial reports and file for audit.

Motion carried.

AYE: Bergstrom, Garrelts, Harris, Johnson, Larson, Lundeen, Olsen, Raffety and Winz

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Bilka, Nickel, Reynolds and Nelson

SPECIAL BILLS

Thorburn presented the VISA bills for approval. Thorburn mentioned that TBNRD will be getting cash back on credit card purchases. Moved by Garrelts, seconded by Johnson to approve the visa bills. Motion carried.

AYE: Bergstrom, Garrelts, Harris, Johnson, Larson, Lundeen, Olsen, Raffety and Winz

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Bilka, Nickel, Reynolds and Nelson

NRCS REPORT

FSA Farm Plans: Breece presented one farm plan for approval for Vernon Hueftle. Moved by Garrelts, seconded by Bergstrom to approve one farm plan for Vernon Hueftle. Motion carried.

AYE: Bergstrom, Garrelts, Larson, Lundeen, Olsen, Raffety and Winz

NAY: Harris and Johnson

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Bilka, Nickel, Reynolds and Nelson

Activity and Progress Report: Breece reported on EQIP and CSP. Breece reported on pivot and crop damage after the recent storm.

COST SHARE REPORT

Well Abandonment – There were no well decommissioning cost-share applications to approve.

NSWCP & NRD Applications – There were no cost-share applications to approve.

GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT

Groundwater & Certified Acre Transfers – There were no transfers or certifications to approve.

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

Approve Extension to Agreement Between TBNRD, CNPPID and NDNR for Diverting High Flows: Thorburn presented the signed agreement and asked the board to approve the extension with CNPPID for diverting excess flows. This item was suggested at the Joint meeting with CNPPID. One half the cost of the agreement will be paid by NDNR. Moved by Garrelts, seconded by Winz to approve an extension to the Agreement between TBNRD, CNPPID & NDNR for diverting high flows. Motion carried.

AYE: Bergstrom, Garrelts, Harris, Johnson, Larson, Lundeen, Olsen, Raffety and Winz

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Bilka, Nickel, Reynolds and Nelson

Review Proposed GW Management Rules Revisions: The planning committee recommended changes to the Groundwater Management Rules & Regulations and additional wording about pooling. Blankenau had no comments about pooling but had comments on other parts of the changes. Thorburn will work with Blankenau on the recommended changes.

NARD REPORT

Thorburn mentioned there will be a 2.5% reduction in health insurance rates for this fiscal year.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Planning Committee: A meeting will be scheduled for later.

Ad hoc Sand Creek Land Committee: Thorburn mentioned the plan for the Sand Creek Dam and cost estimate are available. Thorburn will work with committee members to set a meeting date.

STAFF REPORTS & NECESSARY ACTION

Board Directives to Staff: The annual Board of Directors Tour will be west of Holdrege with a meeting and lunch in Smithfield.

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

MONTHLY REPORTS

Republican Basin (NRRMDA): Bond payments for NCORPE will be due.

Platte Basin: Nothing to report.

South Dry Creek: Weed spraying has been done.

Sacramento Creek: Weed spraying has been done.

Middle Lost Creek: Weed spraying has been done.

Fort Kearny West: Weed spraying has been done.

Fort Kearny: Weed spraying has been done.

North Dry Creek: Weed spraying has been done.

Whiskey Slough: Weed spraying has been done.

Odessa IPA: Lee Wells met with the Phelps County Board on July 8, 2014.

Lake Seldom: Nothing to report

CoHyst/Platte Basin Coalition: CoHyst work session will be held in Lincoln in August.

Sand Creek/Little Blue Basin: Three observation wells are done in SE Kearney County.

CNPPID: Ford reported Lake McConaughay is at elevation 3242.9 ft. and under 66% capacity and seven feet higher than this time last year.

NEW BUSINESS

Center Pivot Rainfall Shut-off Device – Joe Thorell: Rook Thorell, Joe Thorell and John VanZandt were present to provide information about a device that detects rainfall and automatically

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shuts a pivot off. It saves the producer from having to go to the field and shut the system down after a rain, which produces a water savings. Joe Thorell provided estimated water savings amounts. Thorburn asked the board to consider cost-sharing on the devices. The NSWCP cost-share docket includes rainfall shutoff equipment but there is no basis for average cost, so a maximum payout limit would need to be set. Thorell commented that a computer can shut off the pivot remotely but cannot detect rainfall on individual fields. The gauge will fit all makes and models of pivots. Joe Thorell asked the board to stop and see the gauge during the tour.

Apply for Grant from NDNR for Database Improvements: Thorburn explained to the board that revisions to TBNRD's databases are needed and NDNR is willing to provide a grant for the cost of the project (\$35,000). NDNR would like water use and certified acre data reporting modified.

Moved by Johnson, seconded by Larson to approve a grant application for database modification for water quantity data. Motion carried.

AYE: Bergstrom, Garrelts, Harris, Johnson, Larson, Lundeen, Olsen, Raffety and Winz

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Bilka, Nickel, Reynolds and Nelson

2014 NRD Tour: This item has already been discussed.

Schedule Review of Proposed 2014-2015 Budget: The executive committee will review the first draft of the FY 2014-2015 Budget and a special board meeting date will be set.

Consider 1% Budget Increase for FY 2014-2015: Thorburn explained in order to be able to take an additional 1% allowable increase in the budget, 75% of the board needs to vote in favor of the motion. Because 75% of the board was not in attendance, this item will be on the agenda for the budget session.

PERSONNEL & LEGAL MATTERS

Moved by Winz, seconded by Bergstrom to move to executive session for the protection of the public and an individual to discuss contract negotiations and a personnel issue at 7:21 p.m. Motion carried.

AYE: Bergstrom, Garrelts, Harris, Johnson, Larson, Lundeen, Olsen, Raffety and Winz

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Bilka, Nickel, Reynolds and Nelson

Moved by Winz, seconded by Johnson to move out of executive session for the protection of the public and an individual to discuss contract negotiations and a personnel issue at 7:33 p.m. Motion carried.

AYE: Bergstrom, Garrelts, Harris, Johnson, Larson, Lundeen, Olsen, Raffety and Winz

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Bilka, Nickel, Reynolds and Nelson

COMMENTS AND CONCERNS

There were no comments or concerns.

NEXT BOARD MEETING

TBNRD Regular Board Meeting will be held 1:30 p.m., on Tuesday, August 12, 2014 in Smithfield, NE.

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

DIRECTORS PRESENT

Brian Bergstrom, Todd Garrelts, Ed Harris, Phyllis Johnson, Joe Larson, Brad Lundeen, David Olsen, Dave Raffety and Ray Winz.

OTHERS PRESENT

Carie Lynch, John Thorburn, Kevin Breece, Dave Ford, Lori Potter, John VanZandt, Joe Thorell, Rook Thorell, Stephanie Johnson, Charles Brooks and Trevor Johnson.

Respectfully Submitted:

Carie Lynch, Asst. Secretary

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ID	Motion #	Category	Subject	Aye	Nay	Abs	Motion
	2014-07-08-01	Meeting Administration		5		5	Moved by Raffety, seconded by Lundeen, to approve the minutes for the June 17, 2014 Regular Board of Directors Meeting. No Quorum for approval.
	2014-07-08-02	Meeting Administration		9			Moved by Larson, seconded by Lundeen, to accept the June 2014 financial reports and file for audit. Motion carried.
	2014-07-08-03	Budget		9			Moved by Garrelts, seconded by Johnson to approve the visa bills. Motion carried.
	2014-07-08-04	Meeting Administration		9			Moved by Garrelts, seconded by Bergstrom to approve one farm plan for Vernon Hueftle. Motion carried.
	2014-07-08-05	Agreements	Diverting high flows	9			Moved by Garrelts, seconded by Winz to approve an extension to the Agreement between TBNRD, CNPPID & NDNR for diverting high flows. Motion carried.
	2014-07-08-06	Budget	Database Modification	9			Moved by Johnson, seconded by Larson to approve a grant application for database modification for water quantity data. Motion carried.
	2014-07-08-07	Meeting Administration		9			Moved by Winz, seconded by Bergstrom to move to executive session for the protection of the public and an individual to discuss contract negotiations and a personnel issue at 7:21 p.m. Motion carried.
	2014-07-08-08	Meeting Administration		9			Moved by Winz, seconded by Johnson to move out of executive session for the protection of the public and an individual to discuss contract negotiations and a personnel issue at 7:33 p.m. Motion carried.