

MINUTES OF THE TRI-BASIN NRD BOARD MEETING
Thursday, July 10, 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 thirteen directors present: Bergstrom, Bilka, Cavanaugh, Garrelts, Harris, Hinrichs, Johnson, Jorgensen, Larson, Lundeen, Olsen, Raffety and Reynolds. 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 June 14, 2018, Board of Directors meeting and June 7, 2018 Planning Committee.

Moved by Bilka, seconded by Johnson, to approve the minutes for the June 14, 2018 Board of Directors Meeting. Motion carried.

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: Bergstrom, Harris and Hinrichs

ABSENT: None

Moved by Lundeen, seconded by Larson, to approve the minutes for the June 7, 2018 Planning Committee. Motion carried unanimously.

FINANCIAL REPORT

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

Accrual Expenditures for Month -----	\$172,889.76
Cash Expenditures for Month-----	\$678,457.65
Accrual Revenues for Month-----	\$226,484.12
Cash Revenues for Month-----	\$339,626.45
Bank Balance—June 30, 2018-----	\$548,121.37
Accounts Receivable – June 30, 2018-----	\$62,569.44
Investments – Pinnacle Bank – June 30, 2018-----	\$952,206.67
Building Sinking Fund – June 30, 2018-----	\$39,783.28
Vehicle Sinking Fund – June 30, 2018-----	\$54,352.00
Water Resources Fund – June 30, 2018-----	\$494,220.45
Whiskey Slough IPA Balance – June 30, 2018-----	\$12,682.65
Fort Kearny-West IPA Balance – June 30, 2018-----	\$13,513.01
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South Dry Creek IPA Balance – June 30, 2018-----	\$15,243.59
Fort Kearny IPA Balance – June 30, 2018-----	\$13,755.34
Sacramento Creek IPA Balance – June 30, 2018-----	\$1,812.30
North Dry Creek IPA Balance – June 30, 2018-----	\$10,973.04
Water Jamboree – June 30, 2018-----	\$5,619.98
NRRMDA – June 30, 2018-----	\$7,630.38

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Moved by Lundeen, seconded by Larson to accept the June 2018 financial reports and file for audit.

Motion carried.

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

SPECIAL BILLS

Thorburn presented the VISA, Attorney, JEO and PRD bills for approval. Moved by Garrelts, seconded Lundeen to approve the VISA, attorney and PRD bills.

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Moved by Johnson, seconded Cavanaugh to approve the JEO bill.

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

NRCS REPORT

FSA Farm Plans: There were no farm plans to approve

Activity and Progress Report: Curtis Scheele reported that staff is working on CSP contracts. Scheele reported on recent hail damage and that no funds were available for hail damage for cover crops. The new District Conservationist should be announced soon.

COST SHARE REPORT

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

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

GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT

Groundwater & Certified Acre Transfers – There were no transfers 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.

Spring Groundwater Levels - Little: Nolan Little presented static water level data for 19 wells.

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Tree Planting Report 2018- Munter: Munter presented information on the 2018 tree planting season. Munter explained how the CSP program is coordinated with TBNRD plantings. Munter mentioned the Eastern Red Cedar Working Group is supporting Legislative Resolution 387, which is an interim study resolution that identifies areas of eastern red cedar and will develop a statewide management plan.

NARD REPORT

NARD Report: Reynolds reported on the EPA meeting with Scott Pruitt. A topic at the meeting was not including groundwater as part of Waters of the US.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

There were no committee recommendations.

STAFF REPORTS & NECESSARY ACTION

Board Directives to Staff: There were no items to discuss.

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

MONTHLY REPORTS

Republican Basin (NRRMDA): The last meeting of the Republican Basin-Wide Planning Committee was held on June 26, 2018. NDNR and the four Republican Basin NRDs are working on the final details of the plan.

Platte Basin: Annual Platte Basin-Wide Meeting will be held July 18, 2018.

Sand Creek/Little Blue Basin: Work is still being done on Sand Creek recharge reservoir easements. Thorburn and Little will be meeting with Troy Gilmore about water samples.

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: Staff cleared culvert after rain.

Odessa IPA: Nothing to report.

Lake Seldom: TBNRD is working on water supply with the City of Holdrege.

CoHyst/Platte Basin Coalition: The Platte Basin Coalition meets July 18, 2018.

Platte-Republican Diversion & Republican Basin Augmentation Well: A revised application was submitted for CNPPID's water right application for the PRD. The PRD is working on a FY 2018-2019 Budget.

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

CNPPID: Ford reported Lake McConaughy is 85% of capacity.

NEW BUSINESS

Schedule Budget Work Session: The board will hold a Budget Work Session (Special Meeting) on Thursday, July 26, 2018 at 10 a.m. to discuss the FY 2018-2019 Budget and Water Conservation Incentive Program.

COMMENTS AND CONCERNS

There were no comments and concerns.

PERSONNEL & LEGAL MATTERS

There were no personnel or legal matters.

NEXT BOARD MEETING

TBNRD Regular Board Meeting on Tuesday, August 14, 2018 at 1:30 p.m. at the Elwood Legion Hall with the Board of Directors Tour in the morning.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:12 p.m.

DIRECTORS PRESENT

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

OTHERS PRESENT

Carie Lynch, John Thorburn, Nolan Little, Dave Ford, Curtis Scheele, Lori Potter, Nate Munter, and Tammy Fahrenbruch.

Respectfully Submitted:

Carie Lynch, Asst. Secretary

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ID	Motion #	Category	Subject	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Motion
	2018-07-10-01	Meeting Administration		10		3	Moved by Bilka, seconded by Johnson, to approve the minutes for the June 14, 2018 Board of Directors Meeting. Motion carried.
	2018-07-10-02	Meeting Administration					Moved by Lundeen, seconded by Larson, to approve the minutes for the June 7, 2018 Planning Committee. Motion carried unanimously.
	2018-07-10-03	Meeting Administration		13			Moved by Lundeen, seconded by Larson to accept the June 2018 financial reports and file for audit. Motion carried.
	2018-07-10-04	Budget		13			Moved by Garrelts, seconded Lundeen to approve the VISA, attorney and PRD bills.
	2018-07-10-05	Meeting Administration		13			Moved by Johnson, seconded Cavanaugh to approve the JEO bill.