

MINUTES OF THE TRI-BASIN NRD BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, August 12, 2014, 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 David Nickel, at 1:37 p.m. Nickel noted Public Meeting Law is posted in the boardroom. Thorburn opened a public hearing on the FY 2014-2015 budget prior to this meeting.

ROLL CALL

Roll call was taken with thirteen directors present: Bergstrom, Bilka, Garrelts, Harris, Johnson, Larson, Lundeen, Nelson, Nickel, Olsen, Raffety, Reynolds and Winz. 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, June 24, 2014 Joint Meeting with CNPID, July 8, 2014 NRD Board of Directors Meeting, July 29, 2014 Board of Directors Special Board Meeting and July 15, 2014 Executive Committee Meeting.

Moved by Garrelts, seconded by Johnson, to approve the minutes for the June 17, 2014 Regular Board of Directors Meeting. Motion carried.

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: Reynolds

ABSENT: None

Moved by Raffety, seconded by Lundeen, to approve the minutes for the June 24, 2014 CNPID/TBNRD Joint Committee Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Lundeen, seconded by Bilka, to approve the minutes for the July 8, 2014 Regular Board of Directors Meeting. Motion carried.

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: Bilka, Reynolds and Winz

ABSENT: None

Moved by Lundeen, seconded by Olsen, to approve the minutes for the July 29, 2014 Special Board of Directors Meeting. Motion carried.

AYE: Bergstrom, Bilka, Garrelts, Harris, Larson, Lundeen, Nelson, Nickel, Olsen, Raffety and Reynolds

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: Johnson and Winz

ABSENT: None

Moved by Garrelts, seconded by Lundeen, to approve the minutes for the July 15, 2014 Executive Committee Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

FINANCIAL REPORT

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

Accrual Expenditures for Month -----	\$94,441.63
Cash Expenditures for Month-----	\$94,936.19
Accrual Revenues for Month-----	\$1,950.38
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Cash Revenues for Month-----	\$40,314.51
Bank Balance—July 31, 2014-----	\$581,651.24
Accounts Receivable – July 31, 2014-----	\$15,752.92
Investments – Pinnacle Bank – July 31, 2014-----	\$610,370.38
Whiskey Slough IPA Balance – July 31, 2014-----	\$18,801.86
Fort Kearny-West IPA Balance – July 31, 2014-----	\$8,931.83
South Dry Creek IPA Balance – July 31, 2014-----	\$10,093.42
Fort Kearny IPA Balance – July 31, 2014-----	\$11,480.29
North Dry Creek IPA Balance – July 31, 2014-----	\$16,189.41
Sacramento Creek IPA Balance – July 31, 2014-----	\$22,551.24
Water Jamboree – July 31, 2014-----	\$5,570.60
NRRMDA – July 31, 2014-----	\$7,621.86

Moved by Bergstrom, seconded by Nelson, to accept the July 2014 financial reports and file for audit.

Motion carried.

AYE: Bergstrom, Bilka, Garrelts, Harris, Johnson, Larson, Lundeen, Nelson, Nickel, Olsen, Raffety, Reynolds and Winz

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

SPECIAL BILLS

Thorburn presented the VISA, attorney and CNPPID bills for approval. Moved by Lundeen, seconded by Johnson to approve the visa bills and attorney bills. Motion carried.

AYE: Bergstrom, Bilka, Garrelts, Harris, Johnson, Larson, Lundeen, Nelson, Nickel, Olsen, Raffety, Reynolds and Winz

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Moved by Garrelts, seconded by Olsen to approve the CNPPID bill. Motion carried.

AYE: Bergstrom, Bilka, Garrelts, Harris, Johnson, Larson, Lundeen, Nelson, Nickel, Olsen, Raffety, Reynolds and Winz

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

NRCS REPORT

FSA Farm Plans: Breece presented four farm plans for approval for Vernon Hueftle. Moved by Bergstrom, seconded by Nelson to approve four farm plans. Motion carried.

AYE: Bergstrom, Bilka, Garrelts, Larson, Lundeen, Nelson, Nickel, Olsen, Raffety, Reynolds and Winz

NAY: Harris and Johnson

ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None
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Activity and Progress Report: Breece reported staff is working on EQIP and CSP. Cover Crop Practice funding is available for landowners with storm damage.

COST SHARE REPORT

Well Abandonment – Thorburn presented thirty-five well decommissioning cost-share applications to approve. Moved by Winz, seconded by Olsen to approve well decommissioning cost-share applications #1 - #35. Motion carried.

AYE: Bergstrom, Bilka, Garrelts, Harris, Johnson, Larson, Lundeen, Nelson, Nickel, Olsen, Raffety, Reynolds and Winz

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

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

GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT

Groundwater & Certified Acre Transfers – Thorburn presented three certified irrigated acre transfer requests for Wetlands America Trust. Alan Smith was present to answer questions. Moved by Garrelts, seconded by Olsen to approve three certified irrigated acre transfer requests for Wetlands American Trust. Motion carried.

AYE: Bergstrom, Bilka, Garrelts, Harris, Johnson, Larson, Lundeen, Nelson, Nickel, Olsen, Raffety, Reynolds and Winz

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

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.

Irvin Walbridge, Elwood, and Steve Henry, Arapahoe, commented on the proposed Republican Basin Augmentation Well project and expressed concerns about the project's effect on water levels in Union Township. Thorburn provided information about the project. Thorburn mentioned TBNRD would like to provide additional information to area landowners.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Approve TBNRD Budget: This item will be discussed after the budget hearing is closed.

Cost-Share Limit for Rainfall Shut-Off Devices: Thorburn explained that NSWCP allows cost-share on rain-fall shut-off devices, but TBNRD hasn't considered them for approval. Thorburn recommended that rain-fall shut-off devices be cost-shared at the rate of fifty percent with a maximum payout of \$750 of actual or average cost, whichever is less.

Moved by Garrelts, seconded by Raffety to approve NSWCP cost-share for rain-fall shut-off devices as a component of NC-17 with a rate of fifty percent of actual or average, whichever is less, a

maximum payout of \$750 and a limit of one approved application per landowner per year. Motion carried.

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AYE: Bergstrom, Bilka, Garrelts, Harris, Johnson, Larson, Lundeen, Nelson, Nickel, Olsen, Raffety, Reynolds and Winz

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

NARD REPORT

NARD Resolutions: Thorburn reviewed a resolution on small dam regulation and is proposing to introduce the resolution at the Fall NARD Conference in September.

Moved by Reynolds, seconded by Johnson to support advancement of the Small Dams resolution at the NARD Conference. Motion carried.

AYE: Bergstrom, Bilka, Garrelts, Harris, Johnson, Larson, Lundeen, Nelson, Nickel, Olsen, Raffety, Reynolds and Winz

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Elect NARD Delegate and Alternate for NARD Fall Conference: Moved by Garrelts, seconded by Larson to appoint Dave Raffety as Delegate and Larry Reynolds as Alternate Delegate for the NARD Fall Conference. Motion carried.

AYE: Bergstrom, Bilka, Garrelts, Harris, Johnson, Larson, Lundeen, Nelson, Nickel, Olsen, Raffety, Reynolds and Winz

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Schedule Ad hoc Republican Basin Augmentation Project Committee Meeting: Thorburn named committee members as Joe Larson, Ray Winz, Joe Bilka and Phyllis Johnson. A meeting was set for Tuesday, August 19, 2014 at 10:00 a.m.

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): The Republican Basin Compact Commission meets August 28, 2014 with a workshop on the 27th in Lincoln in the State Office Building. Oral arguments for the KS vs. NE lawsuit will be made October 14, 2014 in the U.S. Supreme Court.

Platte Basin: Little is attending the Water Action Committee Meeting today in Ogallala. Thorburn mentioned two memos in the packet from the Platte River Recovery Program concerning potential augmentation wells in northern Phelps County and effects of short duration medium flow test conducted in Spring 2013.

South Dry Creek: Cattail spraying has been done.

Sacramento Creek: Cattail spraying has been done.

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Middle Lost Creek: Cattail spraying has been done.

Fort Kearny West: Cattail spraying has been done.

Fort Kearny: Cattail spraying has been done.

North Dry Creek: Cattail spraying has been done.

Whiskey Slough: Cattail spraying has been done.

Odessa IPA: Thorburn got permits from Phelps County for the project.

Lake Seldom: Nothing to report

CoHyst/Platte Basin Coalition: Thorburn attended two-day workshop on CoHyst model. The revised model is usable but there is a problem calibrating what happens when the river is dry.

Sand Creek/Little Blue Basin: Nothing to report.

CNPPID: Ford reported Lake McConaughay is at elevation 3237.8 ft. and under 55% capacity and nine feet higher than this time last year. The irrigation committee meets on August 20, 2014.

NEW BUSINESS

Change Sept. Board Meeting time from 7:30 P.M. to 1:30 p.m.: Thorburn asked the board if they wanted an afternoon meeting in September because of the early meeting date and also mentioned that the November board meeting is scheduled for Veteran's Day, which means the office is closed. The board decided to leave the September board meeting as an evening meeting.

Moved by Reynolds, seconded by Olsen to change the November 2014 Board of Director's Meeting to Thursday, November 13, 2014 at 7:30 p.m. Motion carried.

AYE: Bergstrom, Bilka, Garrelts, Harris, Johnson, Larson, Lundeen, Nelson, Nickel, Olsen, Raffety, Reynolds and Winz

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Approve TBNRD Budget: Thorburn mentioned that some of the previously published budget figures changed slightly due to increased well decommissioning funding and higher than expected cost of diverting excess flow. Harris commented on the cost of boardroom chairs. Nickel suggested bringing several options for boardroom chairs to a board meeting prior to purchase.

Moved by Harris, to amend the following motion and reduce the cost of boardroom chairs from \$450/each to \$225/each. Motion failed for lack of second.

Moved by Reynolds, seconded by Lundeen to approve the FY 2014-2015 budget as published and hold a public hearing to approve the amended budget and set the levy different from the previous year. Motion carried.

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

NAY: Nelson

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

PERSONNEL & LEGAL MATTERS

There were no legal or personnel issues.

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, September 9, 2014 at Tri-Basin NRD

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:42 p.m.

DIRECTORS PRESENT

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

OTHERS PRESENT

Carie Lynch, John Thorburn, Nicole Salisbury, Tammy Fahrenbruch, Dave Ford, Tami Reese, Charles Brooks, Lori Potter, Ruth Nielsen, Sherrod Hanson, Alan Smith, Steve Henry and Irvin Walbridge.

Respectfully Submitted:

Carie Lynch, Asst. Secretary

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ID	Motion #	Category	Subject	Aye	Nay	Abs	Motion
	2014-08-12-01	Meeting Administration		12		1	Moved by Garrelts, seconded by Johnson, to approve the minutes for the June 17, 2014 Regular Board of Directors Meeting. Motion carried.
	2014-08-12-02	Meeting Administration					Moved by Raffety, seconded by Lundeen, to approve the minutes for the June 24, 2014 CNPPID/TBNRD Joint Committee Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.
	2014-08-12-03	Meeting Administration		10		3	Moved by Lundeen, seconded by Bilka, to approve the minutes for the July 8, 2014 Regular Board of Directors Meeting. Motion carried.
	2014-08-12-04	Meeting Administration		11		2	Moved by Lundeen, seconded by Olsen, to approve the minutes for the July 29, 2014 Special Board of Directors Meeting. Motion carried.
	2014-08-12-05	Meeting Administration					Moved by Garrelts, seconded by Lundeen, to approve the minutes for the July 15, 2014 Executive Committee Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.
	2014-08-12-06	Budget		13			Moved by Bergstrom, seconded by Nelson, to accept the July 2014 financial reports and file for audit. Motion carried.
	2014-08-12-07	Meeting Administration		13			Moved by Lundeen, seconded by Johnson to approve the visa bills and attorney bills. Motion carried.
	2014-08-12-08	Meeting Administration		13			Moved by Garrelts, seconded by Olsen to approve the CNPPID bill. Motion carried.
	2014-08-12-09	Meeting Administration		11	2		Moved by Bergstrom, seconded by Nelson to approve four farm plans. Motion carried.

2014-08-12-10	Meeting Administration		13		Moved by Winz, seconded by Olsen to approve well decommissioning cost-share applications #1 - #35. Motion carried.
2014-08-12-11	Certification & Transfers	Wetlands America	13		Moved by Garrelts, seconded by Olsen to approve three certified irrigated acre transfer requests for Wetlands American Trust. Motion carried.
2014-08-12-12	District Plans & Programs	NSWCP Rainfall shut-off device cost-share	13		Moved by Garrelts, seconded by Raffety to approve NSWCP cost-share for rain-fall shut-off devices as a component of NC-17 with a rate of fifty percent of actual or average, whichever is less, a maximum payout of \$750 and a limit of one approved application per landowner per year. Motion carried.
2014-08-12-13	Resolutions & Legislation	Small Dams resolution	13		Moved by Reynolds, seconded by Johnson to support advancement of the Small Dams resolution at the NARD Conference. Motion carried.
2014-08-12-14	Directors	Delegate	13		Moved by Garrelts, seconded by Larson to appoint Dave Raffety as Delegate and Larry Reynolds as Alternate Delegate for the NARD Fall Conference. Motion carried.
2014-08-12-15	Meeting Administration		13		Moved by Reynolds, seconded by Olsen to change the November 2014 Board of Director's Meeting to Thursday, November 13, 2014 at 7:30 p.m. Motion carried.
2014-08-12-16	Budget	Failed			Moved by Harris, to amend the following motion and reduce the cost of boardroom chairs from \$450/each to \$225/each. Motion failed for lack of second.

	2014-08-12-17	Budget		12	1		Moved by Reynolds, seconded by Lundeen to approve the FY 2014-2015 budget as published and hold a public hearing to approve the amended budget and set the levy different from the previous year. Motion carried.
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