

MINUTES OF THE TRI-BASIN NRD BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, August 9, 2016, 1:30 p.m.
Lexington Public Library

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 1:30 p.m. Lundeen noted Public Meeting Law is posted in the boardroom. Thorburn opened a FY 2016-2017 Budget Hearing prior to this meeting.

ROLL CALL

Roll call was taken with eight directors present: Bergstrom, Cavanaugh, Harris, Johnson, Larson, Lundeen, Reynolds and Ryan. Bilka, Garrelts, Raffety, Olsen and Winz 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 July 12, 2016, Board of Directors meeting, July 28, 2016 Special Board of Directors Meeting, July 7, Joint Meeting with CNPPID and July 14, 2016 Executive and Projects and Construction Committee Meetings. Moved by Johnson, seconded by Reynolds, to approve the minutes for the July 12, 2016 Board of Directors Meeting. Motion carried.

AYE: Bergstrom, Cavanaugh, Johnson, Harris, Larson, Lundeen, Reynolds and Ryan

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Bilka, Garrelts, Raffety, Winz and Olsen

Moved by Cavanaugh, seconded by Reynolds, to approve the minutes for July 28, 2016 Special Board of Directors Meeting. Motion carried.

AYE: Bergstrom, Cavanaugh, Johnson, Harris, Larson, Lundeen, Reynolds and Ryan

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Bilka, Garrelts, Raffety, Winz and Olsen

Moved by Reynolds, seconded by Ryan, to approve the minutes for the July 7, 2016 Joint Meeting with CNPPID. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Cavanaugh, seconded by Johnson, to approve the minutes for the July 14, 2016 Executive Committee Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Larson, seconded by Ryan, to approve the minutes for the July 14, 2016 Projects and Construction Committee Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Thorburn presented the financial report for the month of July 2016 as follows:

Accrual Expenditures for Month	\$121,963.91
Cash Expenditures for Month.....	\$124,907.34
Accrual Revenues for Month.....	\$30,961.96
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Cash Revenues for Month.....	\$32,134.73
Bank Balance—July 31, 2016.....	\$398,401.46
Accounts Receivable – July 31, 2016.....	\$3,056.29

Investments – Pinnacle Bank – July 31, 2016-----	\$50,112.24
Building Sinking Fund – July 31, 2016-----	\$61,670.73

Vehicle Sinking Fund – July 31, 2016-----	\$49,945.50
Water Resources Fund – July 31, 2016-----	\$290,823.85
Whiskey Slough IPA Balance – July 31, 2016-----	\$18,086.73
Fort Kearny-West IPA Balance – July 31, 2016-----	\$11,543.54
South Dry Creek IPA Balance – July 31, 2016-----	\$14,691.00
Fort Kearny IPA Balance – July 31, 2016-----	\$12,475.00
Sacramento Creek IPA Balance – July 31, 2016-----	\$21,560.24
North Dry Creek IPA Balance – July 31, 2016-----	\$16,021.31
Water Jamboree – July 31, 2016-----	\$6,523.54
NRMDA – July 31, 2016-----	\$7,625.99
Odessa IPA – July 31, 2016-----	\$7,500.58

Moved by Reynolds, seconded by Bergstrom to accept the July 2016 financial reports and file for audit. Motion carried.

AYE: Bergstrom, Cavanaugh, Johnson, Harris, Larson, Lundeen, Reynolds and Ryan

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Bilka, Garrelts, Raffety, Winz and Olsen

SPECIAL BILLS

Thorburn presented the VISA, attorney and JEO bills for approval. Moved by Bergstrom, seconded Cavanaugh to approve the visa, attorney and JEO bills. Motion carried.

AYE: Bergstrom, Cavanaugh, Johnson, Harris, Larson, Lundeen, Reynolds and Ryan

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Bilka, Garrelts, Raffety, Winz and Olsen

NRCS REPORT

FSA Farm Plans: There were no farm plans to approve.

Activity and Progress Report: Breece reported a Pathway student is working at NRCS, staff has been doing CSP field checks and EQIP contracts are being completed.

COST SHARE REPORT

Well Abandonment – The names of landowners were not listed for the Well Decommissioning Cost-Share. The applications will be included in next month's applications.

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

GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT

Groundwater & Certified Acre Transfers – There were no certified irrigated acres or groundwater 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. There was no public comment.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Consider Limiting NSWCP Cost-Share Approvals to Flowmeters and Soil Sensors until January 2017: Thorburn explained that NSWCP funding has been obligated a year in advance. Thorburn recommended approving only flowmeters and soil sensors until January 2017 and then re-evaluate. Moved by Ryan, seconded by Bergstrom to limit accepting NSWCP cost-share to flowmeters and soil sensors until January 2017 and re-evaluate the funding allocation at that time and, to give first priority to applications on hand, other than flowmeters and soil sensors, if additional applications are approved. Motion carried.

AYE: Bergstrom, Cavanaugh, Johnson, Harris, Larson, Lundeen, Reynolds and Ryan

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Bilka, Garrelts, Raffety, Winz and Olsen

Schedule Public Hearing to Set the Levy Different than the Prior Year during the September Board Meeting: Thorburn explained that every year a hearing is held to set the levy different from the previous year. Moved by Larson, seconded by Harris to schedule a hearing to set the FY 2016-2017 Levy at a different rate from the prior year. Motion carried.

AYE: Bergstrom, Cavanaugh, Johnson, Harris, Larson, Lundeen, Reynolds and Ryan

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Bilka, Garrelts, Raffety, Winz and Olsen

Approve the FY 2016-2017 Budget: This agenda item will be discussed after the hearing is closed.

NARD REPORT

NARD Fall Conference - Delegates: Thorburn mentioned that the NARD Fall Conference will be held in Kearney on September 25th-27th, 2016 at the Younes Conference Center in Kearney, NE. Moved by Bergstrom, seconded by Ryan to designate David Raffety as Delegate and Larry Reynolds as Alternate Delegate for the NARD Fall Conference. Motion carried.

AYE: Bergstrom, Cavanaugh, Johnson, Harris, Larson, Lundeen, Reynolds and Ryan

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Bilka, Garrelts, Raffety, Winz and Olsen

NARD Fall Conference – Legislative Resolutions: The board didn't have any resolutions to prepare or consider for the NARD Fall Conference.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Executive and Projects and Construction Committees: Thorburn reviewed committee recommendations. Action will be taken on committee recommendations under different agenda items.

Projects & Construction Committee: Thorburn reviewed the committee recommendations. Action was taken under different agenda items.

STAFF REPORTS & NECESSARY ACTION

Board Directives to Staff: There was nothing to report.

Out-of-State Travel: Moved by Reynolds, seconded by Larson to approve out-of-state travel for staff and directors to go to the PRRIP Land Committee Meeting in Denver, Co on August 16th and 17th, 2016. Motion carried.

AYE: Bergstrom, Cavanaugh, Johnson, Harris, Larson, Lundeen, Reynolds and Ryan

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Bilka, Garrelts, Raffety, Winz and Olsen

MONTHLY REPORTS

Republican Basin (NRRMDA): The Republican Basin Stakeholders will meet August 16, 2016 in Cambridge at 10 a.m. The annual Republican Basin IMP review meeting will be held at TBNRD on August 17th, 2017 at 1 p.m. Thorburn mentioned that NDNR has committed to helping fund the Republican Basin Diversion Project Feasibility Study.

Platte Basin: Thorburn presented a memo in response to PRRIP memo on Acquiring Water Through Irrigation Retirement. POAC met on August 2nd, 2016 to review budget for new activities. A Platte Basin Stakeholder meeting will be held on September 21, 2016 in North Platte.

South Dry Creek: Staff has done backhoe work and spraying bulrush and cattails.

Sacramento Creek: Staff has done backhoe work and spraying bulrush and cattails.

Middle Lost Creek: Nothing to report.

Fort Kearny West: Staff has done backhoe work and spraying bulrush and cattails.

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North Dry Creek: Staff has done backhoe work and spraying bulrush and cattails.

Whiskey Slough: Staff has done backhoe work and spraying bulrush and cattails.

Odessa IPA: Staff has done backhoe work and spraying bulrush and cattails.

Lake Seldom: There was nothing to report.

CoHyst/Platte Basin Coalition: CoHyst is waiting for land use maps.

Sand Creek/Little Blue Basin: This was discussed earlier.

Platte-Republican Diversion: This item was discussed earlier.

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

CNPPID: Ford reported Lake McConaughy is at elevation 3260.8' above sea level.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business to discuss.

OTHER BUSINESS

Approve the FY 2016-2017 Budget: Moved by Reynolds, seconded by Bergstrom to approve the FY 2016-2017 Budget. Motion carried.

AYE: Bergstrom, Cavanaugh, Johnson, Harris, Larson, Lundeen, Reynolds and Ryan

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Bilka, Garrelts, Raffety, Winz and Olsen

COMMENTS AND CONCERNS

Reynolds commented that he appreciated Thorburn's response to the PRRIP memo.

PERSONNEL & LEGAL MATTERS

There were no personnel or legal issues to discuss.

NEXT BOARD MEETING

TBNRD Regular Board Meeting on Tuesday, September 13, 2016.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

DIRECTORS PRESENT

Brian Bergstrom, Joe Bilka, Mike Cavanaugh, Todd Garrelts, Ed Harris, Phyllis Johnson, Joe Larson, Brad Lundeen, Dave Olsen, Dave Raffety, Larry Reynold and Jeff Ryan.

OTHERS PRESENT

Carie Lynch, John Thorburn, Lori Potter, Nicole Salisbury, Tammy Fahrenbruch, Dave Ford, Nicole Salisbury, Ruth Nielsen, Tami Reese and Charles Brooks.

Respectfully Submitted:

Carie Lynch, Asst. Secretary

INDEX OF BOARD DECISIONS
 TRI-BASIN NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT
 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
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ID	Motion #	Category	Subject	Aye	Nay	Abs	
	2016-08-09-01	Meeting Administration		8			Moved by Johnson, seconded by Reynolds, to approve the minutes for the July 12, 2016 Board of Directors Meeting. Motion carried.
	2016-08-09-02	Meeting Administration		8			Moved by Cavanaugh, seconded by Reynolds, to approve the minutes for July 28, 2016 Special Board of Directors Meeting. Motion carried.
	2016-08-09-03	Meeting Administration					Moved by Reynolds, seconded by Ryan, to approve the minutes for the July 7, 2016 Joint Meeting with CNPPID. Motion carried unanimously.
	2016-08-09-04	Meeting Administration					Moved by Cavanaugh, seconded by Johnson, to approve the minutes for the July 14, 2016 Executive Committee Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.
	2016-08-09-05	Meeting Administration					Moved by Larson, seconded by Ryan, to approve the minutes for the July 14, 2016 Projects and Construction Committee Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.
	2016-08-09-06	Meeting Administration		8			Moved by Reynolds, seconded by Bergstrom to accept the July 2016 financial reports and file for audit. Motion carried.
	2016-08-09-07	Budget		8			Moved by Bergstrom, seconded Cavanaugh to approve the visa, attorney and JEO bills. Motion carried.
	2016-08-09-08	District Plans & Programs	NSWCP Cost-Share	8			Moved by Ryan, seconded by Bergstrom to limit accepting NSWCP cost-share to flowmeters and soil sensors until January 2017 and re-evaluate the funding allocation

							at that time and, to give first priority to applications on hand, other than flowmeters and soil sensors, if additional applications are approved. Motion carried.
	2016-08-09-09	Budget		8			Moved by Larson, seconded by Harris to schedule a hearing to set the FY 2016-2017 Levy at a different rate from the prior year. Motion carried.
	2016-08-09-10	Directors	NARD Delegates	8			Moved by Bergstrom, seconded by Ryan to designate David Raffety as Delegate and Larry Reynolds as Alternate Delegate for the NARD Fall Conference. Motion carried.
	2016-08-09-11	Meeting Administration		8			Moved by Reynolds, seconded by Larson to approve out-of-state travel for staff and directors to go to the PRRIP Land Committee Meeting in Denver, Co on August 16 th and 17 th , 2016. Motion carried.
	2016-08-09-12	Budget		8			Moved by Reynolds, seconded by Bergstrom to approve the FY 2016-2017 Budget. Motion carried.