

MINUTES OF THE TRI-BASIN NRD BOARD MEETING
Thursday, April 5, 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 eleven directors present: Bilka, Cavanaugh, Garrelts, Harris, Hinrichs, Johnson, Jorgensen, Larson, Lundeen, Olsen and Reynolds. Bergstrom and Raffety 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 March 13, 2018, Board of Directors meeting, March 8, 2018 Special Board Meeting, March 2, 2018 Joint Exec. Meeting and March 15, 2018 Projects and Construction Committee Meeting. Moved by Bilka seconded by Johnson, to approve the minutes for the March 13, 2018 Board of Directors Meeting. Motion carried.

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Bergstrom and Raffety

Moved by Garrelts seconded by Johnson, to approve the minutes for the March 8, 2018 Special Board of Directors Meeting. Motion carried.

AYE: Cavanaugh, Garrelts, Harris, Johnson, Larson, Lundeen, Olsen and Reynolds

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: Bilka, Hinrichs and Jorgensen

ABSENT: Bergstrom and Raffety

Moved by Garrelts seconded by Lundeen, to approve the minutes for the March 2, 2018 Joint Exec Meeting. Motion unanimously carried.

Moved by Larson seconded by Harris, to approve the minutes for the March 15, 2018 Projects & Construction Committee Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

FINANCIAL REPORT

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

Accrual Expenditures for Month -----	\$93,659.30
Cash Expenditures for Month-----	\$105,568.87
Accrual Revenues for Month-----	\$191,825.12
Cash Revenues for Month-----	\$165,123.98
Bank Balance—March 31, 2018-----	\$697,418.78
Accounts Receivable – March 31, 2018-----	\$37,907.06
Investments – Pinnacle Bank – March 31, 2018-----	\$451,363.98
Building Sinking Fund – March 31, 2018-----	\$31,220.99
Vehicle Sinking Fund – March 31, 2018-----	\$77,548.26

Water Resources Fund – March 31, 2018----- \$626,651.13

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Whiskey Slough IPA Balance – March 31, 2018-----	\$17,335.45
Fort Kearny-West IPA Balance – March 31, 2018-----	\$13,254.86
South Dry Creek IPA Balance – March 31, 2018-----	\$15,820.13
Fort Kearny IPA Balance – March 31, 2018-----	\$13,688.86
Sacramento Creek IPA Balance – March 31, 2018-----	\$11,810.83
North Dry Creek IPA Balance – March 31, 2018-----	\$13,252.55
Water Jamboree – March 31, 2018-----	\$8,655.81
NRMDA – March 31, 2018-----	\$7,629.81
Odessa IPA – March 31, 2018-----	\$7,500.36

Moved by Harris, seconded by Lundeen to accept the March 2018 financial reports and file for audit. Motion carried.

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Bergstrom and Raffety

SPECIAL BILLS

Thorburn presented the VISA, EA Engineering, and PRD bills for approval. Thorburn mentioned that the bill from CNPPID for permitting expenses should be paid by the PRD and that the new credit card company could submit a statement prior to the next board meeting. Moved by Garrelts, seconded Bilka to approve the VISA, EA Engineering and PRD bills. Motion carried.

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Bergstrom and Raffety

Moved by Bilka, seconded Larson to allow staff to pay the VISA bills for the new credit card company before the May Board Meetings. Motion carried.

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Bergstrom and Raffety

NRCS REPORT

FSA Farm Plans: Breece presented three farm plans for approval. Moved by Reynolds, seconded Bilka to approve farm plans for S&N Farms and Abraham Kuck (2). Motion carried.

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

NAY: Harris and Johnson

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Bergstrom and Raffety

Activity and Progress Report: Kevin Breece announced he is retiring after forty years of service. He reviewed highlights of TBNRD/NRCS history during his career. Thorburn mentioned a retirement party will be held for Breece on Friday, April 27, 2018 at 1 p.m. at TBNRD. Directors and staff are welcome to attend.

COST SHARE REPORT

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

NSWCP & NRD Applications – Thorburn presented four NSWCP and seventeen TBNRD Conservation Tree Cost-Share applications and two TBNRD flowmeter applications to approve. Moved by Johnson, seconded Jorgensen to approve four NSWCP and nineteen TBNRD applications. Motion carried.

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Bergstrom and Raffety

GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT

Groundwater & Certified Acre Transfers – Thorburn presented a request for a correction to certified irrigated acres for Lynn Adam. Moved by Garrelts, seconded Cavanaugh to approve a correction to certified irrigated acres for D.E. Getty. Motion carried.

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: Bilka

ABSENT: Bergstrom and Raffety

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. Terry Sorensen spoke about coordination between LBNRD and TBNRD policy and offered to help, if needed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

2018-2019 IPA Assessment: Thorburn presented the proposed IPA assessments for 2019. Thorburn mentioned an error on the spreadsheet. There was discussion about whether to assess Ft. Kearny at .15 or .20. Moved by Garrelts, seconded Lundeen to approve the 2019 IPA assessments: Ft. Kearny - \$.20, Ft. Kearny West - \$.10, North Dry Creek - \$.05, Sacramento Creek - \$.15, South Dry Creek - \$.15, Whiskey Slough - \$.10 and Odessa IPA - \$5.66. Motion carried.

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Bergstrom and Raffety

NARD REPORT

NARD Report: Reynolds reported the NARD Washington DC Conference.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Projects & Construction Committee: There was discussion about the PRD pasture property

STAFF REPORTS & NECESSARY ACTION

Board Directives to Staff: Thorburn reported the budgeted security cameras are operational, the refrigerator might need to be replaced, funds budgeted for an office suite could be used to replace the breakroom chairs and tables and bids are being collected for a replacement for the Dodge Journey. Thorburn would like to replace the Journey with the next size larger vehicle, possibly using some of the savings from a pickup replacement earlier in the year. Thorburn will presents bids at the May board meeting.

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

MONTHLY REPORTS

Republican Basin (NRRMDA): A draft of the Basin-Wide plan has been distributed to stakeholders.

Platte Basin: Thorburn explained that TBNRD has matching funding available through the Platte Basin Coalition that need to be used in the next budget year or they will be lost.

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: Culvert purchased.

Odessa IPA: Nothing to report.

Rainwater Basin Joint Venture: Little has attended meetings to determine the process for wetland recharge enhancements on four sites.

CoHyst/Platte Basin Coalition: Nothing to report.

Sand Creek/Little Blue Basin: Engineers are finalizing the design, sites for recharge structures are identified and landowner agree to the sites.

Platte-Republican Diversion & Republican Basin Augmentation Well: Nothing to report.

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

CNPPID: Ford reported Lake McConaughy is at elevation 3256.2 and 85% of capacity.

NEW BUSINESS

Consider Letter of Support for PRRIP Extension: Thorburn explained that the Platte River Recovery Implementation Program will end in 2019 and members want to extend the program to meet water goals. Fasset, NDNR, has asked for a letter of support to be distributed to Senators and Congressmen. Moved by Bilka, seconded Johnson to send a letter of support to NDNR for an extension of the Platte River Recovery Implementation Program. Motion carried.

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Bergstrom and Raffety

Change June Board Meeting Date: Thorburn asked that the June 2018 Board of Directors Meeting be changed to a different date because of the NARD Basin Tour. Moved by Johnson, seconded Garrelts to reschedule the June Board Meeting to Thursday, June 14, 2018 at 1:30 p.m. Motion carried.

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Bergstrom and Raffety

COMMENTS AND CONCERNS

There were no comments and concerns.

PERSONNEL & LEGAL MATTERS

Moved by Garrelts, seconded Bilka to move to executive session for protecting the public to discuss contractual matters at 2:35 p.m. Motion carried.

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Bergstrom and Raffety

Moved by Bilka, seconded Larson to move out of executive session for protecting the public to discuss contractual matters at 3:45 p.m. Motion carried.

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Bergstrom and Raffety

NEXT BOARD MEETING

TBNRD Regular Board Meeting on Tuesday, May 8, 2018 at 7:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

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DIRECTORS PRESENT

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

OTHERS PRESENT

Carie Lynch, John Thorburn, Tammy Fahrenbruch, Kevin Breece, Dave Ford, Nicole Salisbury and Terry Sorensen..

Respectfully Submitted:

Carie Lynch, Asst. Secretary

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ID	Motion #	Category	Subject	Aye	Nay	Abstain	
	2018-04-05-01	Meeting Administration		11			Moved by Bilka seconded by Johnson, to approve the minutes for the March 13, 2018 Board of Directors Meeting. Motion carried.
	2018-04-05-02	Meeting Administration		8		3	Moved by Garrelts seconded by Johnson, to approve the minutes for the March 8, 2018 Special Board of Directors Meeting. Motion carried.
	2018-04-05-03	Meeting Administration					Moved by Garrelts seconded by Lundeen, to approve the minutes for the March 2, 2018 Joint Exec Meeting. Motion unanimously carried.
	2018-04-05-04	Meeting Administration					Moved by Larson seconded by Harris, to approve the minutes for the March 15, 2018 Projects & Construction Committee Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.
	2018-04-05-05	Meeting Administration		11			Moved by Harris, seconded by Lundeen to accept the March 2018 financial reports and file for audit. Motion carried.
	2018-04-05-06	Budget		11			Moved by Garrelts, seconded Bilka to approve the VISA, EA Engineering and PRD bills. Motion carried.
	2018-04-05-07	Budget		11			Moved by Bilka, seconded Larson to allow staff to pay the VISA bills for the new credit card company before the May Board Meetings. Motion carried.
	2018-04-05-08	Meeting Administration		9	2		Moved by Reynolds, seconded Bilka to approve farm plans for S&N Farms and Abraham Kuck (2). Motion carried.
	2018-04-05-09	Meeting Administration		11			Moved by Johnson, seconded Jorgensen to approve four NSWCP and nineteen TBNRD applications. Motion carried.
	2018-04-05-10	Certification & Transfers	DE Getty	11			Moved by Garrelts, seconded Cavanaugh to approve a correction to certified irrigated acres for D.E. Getty. Motion carried.
	2018-04-05-11	Projects	IPA Assessments	11			Moved by Garrelts, seconded Lundeen to approve the 2019 IPA assessments: Ft. Kearny - \$.20, Ft. Kearny West - \$.10, North Dry Creek - \$.05, Sacramento Creek - \$.15, South Dry

							Creek - \$.15, Whiskey Slough - \$.10 and Odessa IPA - \$5.66. Motion carried.
2018-04-05-12	Agreements	PRRIP Letter of Extension	11				Moved by Bilka, seconded Johnson to send a letter of support to NDNR for an extension of the Platte River Recovery Implementation Program. Motion carried.
2018-04-05-13	Meeting Administration		11				Moved by Johnson, seconded Garrelts to reschedule the June Board Meeting to Thursday, June 14, 2018 at 1:30 p.m. Motion carried.
2018-04-05-14	Meeting Administration		11				Moved by Garrelts, seconded Bilka to move to executive session for protecting the public to discuss contractual matters at 2:35 p.m. Motion carried.
2018-04-05-15	Meeting Administration		11				Moved by Bilka, seconded Larson to move out of executive session for protecting the public to discuss contractual matters at 3:45 p.m. Motion carried.