

Washoe-Storey Conservation District

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Board of Supervisors Meeting

Minutes of April 22, 2009

Present:

Jim Shaffer, WSCD Secretary
Becky Maholland, WSCD Supervisor
Austin Osborne, Storey County
Andi Kemmerer, WSCD
Suzy Johnson, WSCD Consultant
Jim Arden, WSCD Consultant
Sandi Gotta, NV Division of Conservation Districts

1. Call the Meeting to Order

- Secretary Jim Shaffer called the Washoe-Storey Conservation District Board of Supervisors Meeting to order at 4:40 p.m. It was determined that there was a quorum.
- Austin made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 25, 2009 WSCD Board meeting with appropriate changes. Becky seconded and the motion passed.
- Becky made a motion to move items 9 A and B after External Agency Reports. Austin seconded and the motion passed.

2. Public Comments:

- There were no Public Comments.

3. External Agency Reports:

- A. USDA - Natural Resources Conservation Service – District Conservationist
- There will be a local workgroup meeting on May 26, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. at the WSCD office.
 - Jim Gifford will make a new agenda and go over cost lists for NRCS programs.
 - NRCS is currently looking for funding for conservation easements and maybe helping three or four people in Washoe Valley.
- B. Division of Conservation Services – Sandi Gotta
- The Commission met, and the next meeting will be held June 10, 2009.
 - Still working on the Conservation District project DVD that is going to the Nevada legislation.
 - The \$5,000 grants from the state have been reduced to \$4,200 for the next two years.
 - The State has released a new handbook for CD supervisors, and Sandi will get one to Austin.

4. District Projects:

A. Washoe and Storey County Reviews

- Andi received four reviews from Washoe County for March. There were no reviews from Storey County.
- Pat Whitton may pay will pay WSCD review support payments in quarters.

B. Update on Selmi Drive Project.

- Ernie must draft a letter that will hold Lee Novak, land owner/developer, harmless. Ernie will also write an agreement letter for Tom Stille, who is doing landscaping for the project.
- Construction will begin in August.

C. Update by Hidden Meadows workgroup.

- [Andi to set up a meeting before the WSCD Board meeting in May.](#)

D. Update by Suzy Johnson on the Crane Ditch project.

- Perc test being performed at the end of April.
- Signed a contract with James Edwards Engineering to work with Jensen Precast to develop LID drain inserts.
- Currently testing in the actual swales as well as the current conditions in the drains.

E. Low Impact Development presentation by Suzy Johnson.

- Suzy gave a handout to the Board members as well as a short presentation outlining the negative effects of stormwater run-off and the positive effects of low impact development features.

5. Proposed District Projects:

A. Discussion and approval regarding Double Diamonds Wetlands 5 and 6.

- The \$17,000 from Ryder Homes goes to rehabilitation of Wetlands 5, 6 and 16, which are all in the same watershed. Some of the funds will also go towards grant writing.
- Suzy will send her wetlands documentation to the Board.

6. Storey County Issues:

A. Review progress made with the Storey County Master Plan.

- Parts of the Wind Energy is on hold because of questions on wind and sound.
- Dark Skies plan was passed, and Austin may ask WSCD for assistance with BMPs and erosion control.
- Austin will give a short update of the Storey County Wind Ordinance and Dark Skies at the May WSCD Board meeting.

B. Discussion and approval for the coordination of noxious weeds projects with the Carson and Dayton Conservation Districts.

- Austin made a motion to move forward with the coordination of noxious weeds projects between WSCD and the Carson and Dayton Valley Conservation Districts. Becky seconded and the motion passed.

7. Internal District Reports

A. Fiscal

1. Report – Treasurer

- Austin made a motion to approve the March Treasurer's report. Becky seconded and the motion passed.

2. Revenue including office space/rent

- WSCD is all paid up.

B. Discussion of proper protocol for representing WSCD.

- Andi sent out WSCD By-Laws to Board so they could review committee structure and make a decision on action item at the May Board meeting.

C. Discussion of appropriate communication and coordination with potential stakeholders for any given projects.

- Action item tabled for May Board meeting.

D. Conservation District Annual Work Plan 2008-2009 - Action

- [Andi will send out WSCD's proposed budget as well as proposed annual work plans for Board review before the May Board meeting.](#)

E. Look over NvACD Questionnaire and fill out s a Board.

- The Board gave their input on the NvACD Questionnaire and Andi will send the completed forms back to President Pam Griswold.

8. New Business:

A. Establish fund with board of trustees to manage contributions, grants and in-lieu fees and administrate Steamboat Creek Restoration and South Meadows Watershed Management to rehabilitate wetlands and waterways, maintain in perpetuity, eradicate whitetop, address flooding threats and maintain/fulfill USACE permits including re-establish WSCD nationwide permit. –Action

- Suzy handed out her proposed abstract for the project. Would ultimately like to work with Roger Norman to rehabilitate channel A in the wetlands.
- \$1 million in safe, slow-growth opportunities for South Meadows wetlands 5, 6 and 16.
- USACE is ready to write non-compliance letters to land owners for not clearing the perennial pepperweed and for not maintaining the channels.
- Agendize item for Suzy to answer any remaining questions the Board may have about the projects concerning how it'll work, where the money will come from and the overall structure of the project.
- Agendize Jim Arden's Hidden Meadows Proposal in association with Schlumberger Water Services and the role they will play in the overall project.

B. Request proposal / contract from Somacon (Suzy Johnson) to generate scope, collect monies, write permits, establish and administrate fund, manage projects for ten - fifteen years in conjunction with Andi Kemmerer. –Action

- Austin made a motion to put the foundation for the project into action, find fee participants that would include Jim Arden and Kevin Roukey. Becky seconded and the motion passed.

9. Staff/Consultants Items:

A. Announcements.

- Andi to talk to Kristine Hansen from the Army Corps of Engineers about In Lieu Fee, Nationwide 27 Permit and Jumbo Grade.

B. Report on activities since last meeting.

- Andi handed out her April 2009 Staff Report to the Board.

10. Supervisors Items:

A. Announcements

B. Review of activities not otherwise included in agenda items.

11. Next District Meeting:

- Austin made a motion to hold the next WSCD Board meeting on May 27, 2009 at 4:30 in the WSCD office. Becky seconded and the motion passed.
- Agenda items:
 1. Discussion of proper protocol for representing the WSCD.
 2. Low Impact Development update/presentation by Suzy Johnson.
 3. Discussion and approval for the coordination of weed projects with the Carson and Dayton Conservation Districts.
 4. Discussion of WSCD's 2009-2010 Annual Workplan.
 5. Update on Double Diamond Wetlands 5, 6 and 16 as well as have Suzy Johnson answer any remaining questions pertaining to South Meadows Watershed Management proposal.
 6. Hidden Meadows restoration proposal and presentation by Jim Arden of Schlumberger Water Services.

12. Adjourn

Becky made a motion to adjourn the WSCD Board meeting at 7:05 pm. Austin seconded and the motion passed.