

Washoe-Storey Conservation District

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Board of Supervisors Meeting

Minutes of December 16, 2009

Present:

Ernie Nielsen, WSCD Chairman
Bret Tyler, WSCD Vice-Chairman
Jim Shaffer, WSCD Secretary
Becky Maholland, WSCD Treasurer
Andi Kemmerer, WSCD
Suzy Johnson, Somacon
Jim Gifford, NRCS
Lynell Garfield, City of Reno

1. Call the Meeting to Order

- Vice-Chairman Bret Tyler called the Washoe-Storey Conservation District Board of Supervisors Meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. It was determined that there was a quorum.
- Jim Shaffer made a motion to approve the minutes from the November 18, 2009 WSCD Board meeting. Bret seconded and the motion passed.
- Jim made a motion to move items 5 A after Public Comments. Bret seconded and the motion passed.

2. Public Comments:

- Lynell Garfield from the City of Reno stated her interest in filling one of WSCD's Cities appointed vacancy on the Board.
- Andi to look up WSCD Board terms and write a letter to the Reno and Sparks city managers.

3. External Agency Reports:

- A. USDA - Natural Resources Conservation Service – District Conservationist
 - Item continued for January 2010 Board meeting.
 - Andi to ask Jim Gifford when he would be able to attend a Long Valley Creek site tour in February.
- B. Division of Conservation Services – Sandi Gotta
 - Item continued for January 2010 Board meeting.

4. District Projects:

A. Washoe and Storey County Reviews

- Received one project from Washoe County, WSCD grant support funding was cut from the Washoe County Planning budget. Andi will set up a meeting with Dan St. John and Roger Pelham to let them know that WSCD is providing them a service and will continue to do so.

B. Update by Suzy Johnson on the Crane Ditch project, Phase 2.

- WSCD and Suzy were awarded the grant for their proposal to NDEP for Phase 2 Crane Ditch funding.
- Andi and Suzy will be working on finalizing Phase 1 of the Crane Ditch Project and moving into Phase 2. Suzy will send all designs to the Board for their review before the January Board meeting.
- There will be a reimbursable funding source and a formal contract with NDEP, which will be put together in January 2010. Jean Stone with NDEP will be the contact for the project.

1. Discussion and approval for finding a contractor to perform construction of sediment forebay and LID features in Crane Ditch as per design in progress by Sage Design.

- The design will create a scope of work. No action was taken and item was continued for the January Board meeting.

C. Update by Hidden Meadows Subcommittee

- The Hidden Meadows subcommittee will set up a meeting to discuss their issues about the Washoe RTC's SE Connector Project.

5. Storey County Issues:

A. Discussion and approval for accepting updated MOU between Washoe-Storey and Dayton Valley Conservation Districts and Storey County for noxious weed abatement in Storey County's Six and Seven Mile Canyons for FY 2010.

- Item was continued for January 2010 Board meeting.

6. Internal District Issues:

A. Fiscal

1. Report – Treasurer -Action

2. Authorize payment of expenses -Action

- Bret made a motion to approve the November 2009 Treasurer's Report. Becky seconded and the motion passed.
- Andi to make adjustments to the WSCD Financial Policies and send out to the Board before the January 2010 Board meeting.

B. Status update of Nationwide 27 Permit and In-Lieu fee Program with U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

- Kristine Hansen stated that there will be an IRT meeting on Thursday December 17, at 1:00 at the USACE office in Reno. The IRT will decide if they will move forward with the In-Lieu Fee for WSCD. There will need to be a separate meeting to discuss the Steamboat Creek Project and corridor.

- Guidelines, laws, price per acre, administrative costs and maintenance agreements will be set in the prospectus that will be submitted to the IRT for review.

7. Staff/Consultants Items:

A. Announcements.

B. Report on activities since last meeting.

- Andi handed out her December 2009 Staff Report to the Board.
- Andi to talk to The Nature Conservancy to contract with them mapping noxious weeds. Andi and Becky will meet with Patti Bakker.
- The WSCD noxious weeds subcommittee needs to set a date to meet and discuss tasks to be completed in 2010.

8. Supervisors Items:

A. Announcements

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

- Andi and Bret will update the WSCD website and add The Steamboat Creek Plan.
- Jim, Ernie and Andi will meet with the appropriate representative from Washoe County to discuss review funding for 2010.
- Andi to email NNWPC to determine if there is available funding for WSCD projects.

C. Agenda items for January 2010:

1. Cities appointed position – Lynell Garfield.
2. DVCD, WSCD and Storey County weed abatement MOU for 2010.
3. Determine a contractor for Crane Ditch project
4. Adjustments to WSCD Fiscal Policy.
5. Standing items: Nationwide 27 Permit and In-Lieu fee program.

9. Next District Meeting:

- Bret made a motion to hold the next WSCD Board meeting on January 27, 2010 at 4:30 in the WSCD office. Jim seconded and the motion passed.

10. Adjourn

- Jim made a motion to adjourn the WSCD Board meeting at 6:10 pm. Becky seconded and the motion passed.