

Washoe-Storey Conservation District

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Board of Supervisors Meeting

Minutes of February 24, 2010

Present:

Ernie Nielsen, WSCD Chairman  
Jim Shaffer, WSCD Secretary  
Becky Maholland, WSCD Treasurer  
Austin Osborne, WSCD Supervisor  
Andi Kemmerer, WSCD  
Suzy Johnson, Somacon  
Jim Gifford, NRCS  
Trina Johnson, NRCS  
Jean Stone, NDEP  
Kristine Hansen, USACE  
Lynell Garfield, City of Reno  
Kreg Mebust, Sage Green Design  
Chris Robinson  
Paula Fisher  
Carola Smith

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1. Call the Meeting to Order

- Vice-chairman Bret Tyler called the Washoe-Storey Conservation District Board of Supervisors Meeting to order at 4:35 p.m. It was determined that there was a quorum.
- Jim Shaffer made a motion to approve the minutes from the January 27, 2010 WSCD Board meeting with changes. Becky Maholland seconded and the motion passed.
- Jim made a motion to move item 9 A back in the agenda to the end of New Business. 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
- Jim Gifford reported that WSCD will need to get help from NDOW with regards to relocating bighorn sheep to the Long Valley Creek area. NRCS can help with getting conservation easements and with the habitat.

- It might be best to form a watershed council to help with the bank stabilization along Long Valley Creek. Jim will email Andi some dates that Mike Odegard from NRCS would be available to discuss forming a watershed council in Storey County and possible funding pools that are available.
- B. Division of Conservation Services – Sandi Gotta
- Item tabled for the March WSCD board meeting.
4. District Projects:
- A. Update by Suzy Johnson on the Crane Ditch project, Phase 2.
- The Crane Ditch Phase 2 design is 90% complete. The required permits are filled out and ready to be sent.
  - The pre-existing Crane Ditch is not in compliance. The new channel will be trapezoidal, the pipes will discharge at 5 and 100-year flood events, the catch basins will be retro-fitted with pervious paver blocks that can be vacuumed with a vactor truck.
  - Suzy will talk to the Curti Ranch Landscape Maintenance Association to determine some language with regards to maintaining the new catch basins as well as Crane Ditch.
5. Proposed District Projects:
- A. Update by Suzy Johnson on Double Diamond Wetlands 5, 6 and 16.
1. Discussion and approval for Wetland 16 proposal in support of South Meadows Partners and Double Diamond Business Owners Association and to pursue funds in maintenance and perpetuity.
- Kristine Hansen met with the City of Reno and recommended that WSCD play an advisory role with regards to assisting South Meadows HOA and Double Diamonds BOA and bringing the area into compliance with the USACE.
  - Andi and Suzy are currently looking for stimulus funding through the Nevada Dept. of Agriculture to do some weed abatement on Wetland 16.
6. Storey County Issues:
- A. Review progress made with the Storey County Master Plan.
- The public will be looking at key components, including TRI Center and flood control. WSCD can look at the natural resource section and make appropriate changes, which Austin will bring with him to a future WSCD board meeting.
7. Internal District Issues:
- A. Fiscal
1. Report – Treasurer
- Ernie will look into finding a pro-bono accountant to help with the WSCD finances.
2. Update to FY 2009-2010 Budget
- Item tabled for March 2010 WSCD board meeting.

- 3. Review updated WSCD Fiscal Policy
    - Item tabled for March 2010 WSCD 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 WSCD might want to incorporate some typicals into the draft In-Lieu Fee Prospectus as well as include examples of boron, arsenic and mercury tolerant plants.
    - The Nationwide 27 Permit will be on hold until the In-Lieu Fee is issued and WSCD determines a 1<sup>st</sup> phase project.
  - C. Update by Hidden Meadows subcommittee.
    - Item tabled for March 2010 WSCD board meeting.
  - D. Update on Washoe and Storey County review contracts.
    - There was one review for Washoe County and none for Storey County in February 2010.
- 8. New Business:
  - A. Discussion and approval for appointing Lynell Garfield to the Cities of Reno and Sparks WSCD vacancy.
    - Item tabled for March 2010 WSCD board meeting. Andi will call the Reno City Manager to determine when this item will be on the City Council agenda.
  - B. Discussion and approval for submitting draft In-Lieu Fee Prospectus to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the Interagency Review Team.
    - Becky Maholland made a motion to submit the draft In-Lieu Fee Prospectus to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the Interagency Review Team with revisions by the end of February 2010. Jim Shaffer seconded and the motion passed.
  - C. Discussion and approval of Crane Ditch contact with NDEP.
    - Jim Shaffer made a motion to approve the Crane Ditch contract with NDEP. Becky Maholland seconded and the motion passed.
  - D. Discussion and approval for paying Andi \$20 per hour with 25% fringe rate through NDEP Crane Ditch contract.
    - Jim Shaffer made a motion to approve paying Andi \$20 per hour with 25% fringe rate through the NDEP Crane Ditch contract. Becky Maholland seconded and the motion passed.
  - E. Discussion and approval for contract between Suzy Johnson and WSCD.
    - Suzy will write up a contract for weed mapping and other fundraising activities and send to the board before the March board meeting.
    - Austin Osborne made a motion to table this item for the March WSCD board meeting, at which time the new contract can be signed. Becky Maholland seconded and the motion passed.
- 9. Staff/Consultants Items:
  - A. Announcements.
  - B. Report on activities since last meeting.
    - Andi handed out her February 2010 Staff Report to the Board.

9. 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.
- Andi to keep attending the Interlocal Stormwater Committee meetings and to offer WSCD's services if needed.

C. Agenda items for March 2010:

1. Approval for appointing Lynell Garfield to the Cities of Reno and Sparks WSCD vacancy.
2. Approval of contract between Suzy Johnson and WSCD.

10. Next District Meeting:

- Austin Osborne made a motion to hold the next WSCD Board meeting on March 24, 2010 at 4:30 in the WSCD office. Jim Shaffer seconded and the motion passed.

11. Adjourn

- Jim Shaffer made a motion to adjourn the WSCD Board meeting at 6:50 pm. Austin Osborne seconded and the motion passed.